



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... This week we have welcomed our Nursery children to school for the first time. Mrs Powell and the Early Years Practitioners have been visiting the children in their homes prior to the children starting and they are really looking forward to getting to know the children well. Now that they have started in school, they will gradually increase their time in class and we hope that they quickly settle into the classroom routines, as they start out on their Sandford Hill journey. We have been so pleased with how quickly all the children through the school have settled into their new classes. The calm atmosphere of young minds busy learning is so evident as you walk round school, it is a credit to all the children. See later in the newsletter for your opportunity to come in and see the children at work in their new classrooms with their new teachers.

Diary dates:

Thurs 22nd Sept	New class transition session 9:05 - 10:05 a.m. for parents/carers of Y1 -Y6 children only.
Thurs 22nd Sept	Calendar Photos p.m.
Fri 23rd Sept	Swimming starts for Y6 and Y4
Fri 23rd Sept	School Council trip to Houses of Parliament
Tues 27th Sept	Vikings invade Y5!
Wed 28th Sept	Family and Individual photos
Wed 28th Sept	Safeguarding training for all staff and Governors
Mon 3rd Oct	Jungle Book Production for KS1 and KS2
Thurs 6th Oct	Harvest Festival services KS1 a.m. in school, KS2 p.m. at church
Wed 19th Oct	Open Evening 3:30 - 5:30
Thurs 20th Oct	Open Evening 4:30 - 6:30
Fri 21st Oct	School closed to children - Staff training day
Mon 24th -28th Oct	Half Term

**Website diary dates
coming soon at**
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

**CLUBS START
NEXT WEEK**

Join in with our Times Table Challenge - What's 7x8, 4x9, 8x2, 6x11?

When the children know their times tables randomly by heart, then their achievement in maths is helped so much. That's why we're really keen to support the children in any way possible with their times tables learning. Please join with us in our times table challenge and support your child in learning their year group's times table of this half term. Just ask them a times table question when they're eating their breakfast, on the way to school, etc. - just keep it fun!

Year group Times Table Challenge until half term

- Year 1 - 10 times table - x10
- Year 2 - 3 times table - x3
- Year 3 - 3 times table - x3
- Year 4 - 11 times table - x11
- Year 5 - 9 times table - x9
- Year 5 - 9 times table - x9
- Year 6 - 8 times table - x8

Also, try this website:

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Who will win the Golden Ticket!

On Wednesday 21st September, one lucky child having a school dinner will be the finder of a Golden Ticket and will win a prize. Whilst we ask that children do not swap and change from dinners to sandwiches within the week, if your child would like a school dinner on the 21st Sept, then this will be one of those exceptions to the rule. See the menu at www.sandfordhill.org.uk/parents/school-dinners Don't forget, in order to pay for the dinner you will need to go to the Shop in ParentMail.



'Blogs of the week'! are definitely awarded to our Nursery parents this week for the wonderful comments made on the blogposts made by the Nursery staff. The photofilms are well worth a look to see what our newest children have been up to in their first week at school. Well done all!

'Tweet of the Week' - is the one reminding us that 15th September was the anniversary of The Battle Of Britain, during which the Spitfire played a crucial role. The spitfire plane was very fast and agile and was designed by Stokes very own Reginald Mitchell.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.6% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	N/A	Y1/1	98.3	Y4/1	97.0
F1/2	N/A	Y1/2	98.3	Y4/2	95.9
F1/3	N/A	Y2/1	100	Y5/1	99.3
F1/4	N/A	Y2/2	96.6	Y5/2	96.7
F2/1	98.7	Y3/1	98.7	Y6/1	98.5
F2/2	96.7	Y3/2	97.3	Y6/2	94.7

The Tony Hughes Award:
This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Not Awarded	Y3/1	Gabrielle Moores
FS1/2	Not Awarded	Y3/2	Olivia Oldfield
FS2/1	Lola Fowell	Y4/1	Kasey Leese
FS2/2	Dominik Wozniak	Y4/2	Luis Collier
Y1/1	Isobel Shenton	Y5/1	Sky Williams
Y1/2	Patryk Wozniak	Y5/2	Jack Buckley
Y2/1	Freya Meyrick	Y6/1	Alisha Tinsley
Y2/2	Lewis Day	Y6/2	Tinashe Zinyemba

Clubs with spaces still available				
Yrs	Club	Day	Time	Spaces
2	Making Club	Wednesday	8:15 am	9
5/6	Cricket Club	Tuesday	8:15 am	3
Y3/4	Glee Club	Tuesday	3:15-4:15 pm	9
Y5/6	Tag Rugby	Wednesday	8:15 am	1
Y5/6	High 5 Netball	Wednesday	8:15 am	9
Y3	Lego Club	Wednesday	12:30 pm	1
Y5/6	Glee Club	Wednesday	3:15-4:15 pm	11
Y3-6	Equality Club	Thursday	8:15 am	12
Y5/6	Football Club	Thursday	8:15 am	4
Y3-6	Geography	Thursday	12:30 pm	8
Y5/6	Hockey Club	Thursday	3:15-4:15 pm	5
Y3	Maths Club	Friday	8:15 am	3

Please book places at the office - first come, first served, subject to no other club allocated.

Notices:

• Harvest donations

Our Harvest services will this year be held on Thursday 6th October and so we are already planning for those, as well as the collection and delivery of our wonderful harvest boxes. Every year we manage with your help to assemble an incredible number of harvest gift boxes which are distributed to the elderly or those in need in the local community. From the letters of thanks we always receive, we know just how much this small act of kindness means to those in receipt of it. We are therefore again requesting any Harvest items this year. Non-perishable foods can be left from any time now at the school office. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

• Discovery Academy Parents' Evening

Prospective parents and carers are invited to the Discovery Academy on Thursday 29th September between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. for their Open Evening event.

News in Brief

• Good luck to the Brownies!

Have a wonderful time to Mrs. Moss and all the Brownies that are spending Saturday night in the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool, on Staffordshire's Strictly Sparkly Sleepover! We hope you manage to get some sleep and remember - Keep Sparkling!

• Transition morning

As mentioned earlier, we are delighted with how well all the children have settled into their new classes. To see for yourself, the staff and children would like to welcome the parents/carers of our **Y1 to Y6 children** into school on **Thursday 22nd September between 9:05 and 10:05 a.m.** Parents/carers of Nursery and Reception class children have an opportunity to see their staff every day before or after school.

• ParentMail update

We are really pleased with how well the introduction of ParentMail +Pay has gone since the start of term, with glitches to a minimum. As we further develop its use, you will find more communications being sent out this way. This will mean that you will always receive and have a copy of any letters, trip information, dinner money transactions and items purchased. If you are still not yet registered with ParentMail then we will be contacting in the near future to see if we can support you in getting set up. In the meantime, we have arranged three further drop in sessions on **Tuesday 20th September between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.** or **Wednesday 21st September between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.** or after the transition session on **Thursday 22nd September between 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Please let the office know if you would like to come along to any of these sessions.

Congratulations to:

- **Jimmy Rushton** who has just been awarded his hobby and communication badge at Beavers. Well done Jimmy!
- **Lucy Kelsey** who achieved her Stage 5 Kellogg's ASA swimming award. Many congratulations Lucy!
- **Bradley Slater** for achieving his 2nd Dan in junior black belt kickboxing. Well done Bradley!

And Finally

Here's something to think about when supporting your child with their times tables - "Too often we give children answers to remember, rather than problems to solve."

Quote by Roger Lewin.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

Mr Wardle