



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... Now we have reached half term, I feel we are all ready for a bit of a rest. Maybe it's the dark nights or the cold weather, but keeping warm inside seems very inviting! Even so, let's hope for a bit of better weather and even sunshine for next week, so that the children can get outside for some fresh air and exercise. Don't forget the Street Games activities available to all during next week, but also please remind the children to **Play Safe and Stay Safe – to always take care crossing the roads, to only play where it's safe and never talk to strangers.** And if it is a bit wet and you can't get out then you can always have a read with your child, play a times table game or do some research for their next topic!



Diary dates:

SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW

Fri 12 th Feb	School closed to children – staff training
Wed 24 th Feb	KS2 SATs Parents/Carers meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Mon 29 th Feb	KS1 SATs Parents/Carers meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Thurs 3 rd Mar	World Book Day -
Mon 7 th Mar	Y2 Dance Performance at Victoria Hall
Tues 22 nd Mar	Full Governors Meeting

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website. www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Year 6 SATS take place in the week beginning Monday 9th May 2016
Year 1 Phonics Screening takes place in the week beginning Monday 13th June 2016

Well done 'Bloggers of the week'!

This week, our 'Blogger of the Week award' goes to all the staff and children who posted activities that they had completed during the Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. There were some very creative activities with videos, pictures and posters, all sharing the same message to stay safe online. Linked to that, we would like to thank the parents who attended our adult E-safety workshop.

It is vital that we are all aware of what the children might be doing online, the very real dangers that exist and how to protect our children from them. For information and resources as a parent/carer, please see the **e safety page** on our website.



Act of Kindness

This week the Sentinel made an appeal to trace the boy whose act of kindness saved a robin's life.

Apparently, the owner of 'Vets for Pets' in Longton reported that a boy came into the practice on Tuesday with the poorly bird. Well, it turns out the boy was David Moores, who took it to the vets after his cousins found the bird at their grandparents' allotment. Fortunately, what looked like intestines sticking out of its tummy, turned out to be an earthworm wrapped around its wing and thanks to their assistance, the bird was fine! Well done to David and cousins Sheila and Jack, for their thoughtful and caring actions.



News in Brief

Yesterday saw the grand opening of the new Co-op shop, round the corner on Heathcote Street. As part of the Co-op's commitment to developing links and supporting the local community, eight of our children took part in the cutting the ribbon ceremony. Well done children and we look forward to working in partnership with the store in future community activities.



'Tweet of the Week'

This week Ben and Joel are chosen for their fantastic battery powered car showing off their design and science skills. Well done boys!



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.8% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	99.3%	Y1/1	97.3%	Y4/1	100%
F1/2	93.6%	Y1/2	98.0%	Y4/2	96.7%
F1/3	92.0%	Y2/1	96.0%	Y5/1	98.3%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	98.0%	Y5/2	93.6%
F2/1	93.3%	Y3/1	96.3%	Y6/1	96.7%
F2/2	94.0%	Y3/2	97.0%	Y6/2	94.3%
				Y6/3	95.0%

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	Isabelle Jones	Y3/1	Daniel Lamptey
FS1/2	Riley Weaver	Y3/2	Lilly Cartlidge
FS2/1	Addison Cowdrey	Y4/1	Ellie Yeomans
FS2/2	Jasmine Emery	Y4/2	Natalia Iwanska
Y1/1	Seth Hansbury	Y5/1	Amelia Bates
Y1/2	Kyle Barker	Y5/2	Millie Redshaw
Y2/1	Olivia Oldfield	Y6/1	Lewis Sutton
Y2/2	Archie Fowell	Y6/2	Reece Sutton
		Y6/3	Sharni Eaton

Congratulations

- Well done to our budding cake-makers on another cake sale held this week in aid of **Alzheimer's Research UK**. The team consisting of **Sheila Lomas, Isabelle Knight, Deanna Buckley, Bethany Bridgwood and Andraya Knight** managed to raise a fantastic £58.81 as well as providing for their very happy classmates! Congratulations girls, keep up the terrific fundraising and thanks also to everyone who supported the cake sale on the day!

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- Shhh, It's a secret!** During Monday morning's assembly, our Business and Enterprise Club members shared with children in Years 1 to 6, a secret about something that will be taking place two weeks after half term. Mum's, please don't ask your child(ren) what it is about, but don't be surprised if they ask for an extra bit of pocket money to bring to school. We will let them know after half term what day it should be brought in.

And Finally

As we finish today for the half term break, it seems no time at all since we were returning after Christmas. This has been a particularly hard working term for all our children and staff as we all strive to ensure that the children make good progress in their learning. At the same time we have also enjoyed many lighter moments, such as our pancake races earlier this week. I would like to thank all the parents/carers that attended our Open Evenings, either last night or tonight. We very much appreciate your time to meet with teachers as, working in partnership with you, we can achieve so much more in providing the very best school experience for your children.

Best wishes for an enjoyable half term break.

Mr. Wardle

Headteacher's Star Awards:
Congratulations are sent to the following children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Sereana Veilawa	Y3/1	Libbie Gorton
FS1/2	Dominik Wozniak	Y3/2	Caitlin Cooper
FS2/1	Owen Waters	Y4/1	Mitchell Lavery
FS2/2	Kelsie Walker	Y4/2	Isobell Martin
Y1/1	Seth Hansbury	Y5/1	Madison Lowe
Y1/2	Lewis Day	Y5/2	Maddie Hallam
Y2/1	Evie Elliott	Y6/1	Renats Reinholds
Y2/2	Jacob Wainwright	Y6/2	Chloe Hughes
		Y6/3	Benjamin Shaw

Notices:

• School Closure TOMORROW and No Clubs

Please be reminded that there will be no clubs the first week after half term, and also that the school is **closed TOMORROW, Friday 12th February** for staff training.

• World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March** and we will be celebrating this by taking part in **'The Big Book Off'**. This will involve seeing how many reading activities each class can complete during the day. Then, in the Summer Term, we have arranged a performance of 'Treasure Island' for KS2 on 18th May and 'Alice in Wonderland' for KS1 on 9th June. On these days, the children will be invited to dress up as characters from the books for the day.

• Bingo

Next community bingo night is on **Monday 7th March at 6:30 p.m.** Do put the date in your diary and come along!

Half Term Street Games at Sandford Hill Primary

A reminder for those that have returned a slip.

Mon 15th February (Sandford Hill Pupils only)

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. for Y1-3 Fun Games and Multi-sports
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. for Y4-6 Fun Games and Multi-sports

Tues 16th February (open to pupils and community)

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Ages 10+ Fun Games and Multi-sports

Wed 17th February (Sandford Hill Pupils only)

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. for Y1-3 Fun Games and Multi-sports
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. for Y4-6 Fun Games and Multi-sports

Thurs 18th February (open to pupils and community)

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Ages 10+ Fun Games and Multi-sports

Not sent in a slip? - Please do turn up and sign your child in, but remember to bring a drink with you.