

Thoughtfulness  
and Respect

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# BREAKING NEWS:

## MID YEAR SUMMARY REPORTS GO HOME TONIGHT

NO CLUBS ON THE FIRST WEEK AFTER HALF TERM  
(except Glee Club and Choir children - see later)

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## Diary dates:

19 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	HALF TERM
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	World Book Day - details below
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stoke's Gotta Sing concert - Mitchell Arts Centre
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 to Anglo Saxon Museum
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y3 to Stone Age Museum
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nursery parents Book Start session
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y1 Parent/Carer Phonics Meeting 6 p.m.
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dance 18 at Victoria Hall
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nursery and Y6 photos
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Governors' Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week

## Words of Welcome

On Tuesday evening we were pleased to welcome our Y2 parents/carers to a Y2 SATs information session. It is so important for us to **work together** to get the best outcomes for our children, as it is widely recognised the critical value that parents play in their child's education. Department for Education research demonstrates that:

- In the early years, parental involvement has a significant impact on children's knowledge growth, literacy and number skills;
- Parental involvement in a 7-16 year old child's schooling is a more powerful force than family background, size of family and level of parental education;
- Parental involvement has a significant effect on pupil achievement throughout the years of schooling;
- Educational failure is increased by lack of parental interest in schooling;
- In particular, a father's interest in a child's schooling is strongly linked to educational outcomes for the child.

We would all say we want the very best for our children, so to all parents, this half term, please try and start a routine to spend a few minutes each day reading with your child, playing halving, doubling or times tables games. Thank you.



## Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these 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	Vinnie Colclough	Y3/1	Jack Thursfield
FS1/2	Lennon Bloor	Y3/2	Finley Jackson
FS2/1	Freddie Woolliscroft	Y4/1	Isabelle Taylor
FS2/2	Caden Holmes	Y4/2	Suneyna Ashiq
Y1/1	Jayden Burton	Y5/1	Jamie Greslow
Y1/2	Dominik Wozniak	Y5/2	Sophia Kelemes
Y2/1	Harrison Barker	Y6/1	Lewis Payne
Y2/2	Sian Smith	Y6/2	Lauren Baggaley

## News in Brief

### • Perfect Pancake Day

On Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, our classes enjoyed a range of activities, from making pancakes, tossing them, tasting them with different toppings, writing instructions on how to make them and of course racing with them. Well done to all the children and thanks to Mrs Smith for organising it all.



### • Coffee Morning Invitation

Thank you to those of you that came along to our Tuesday coffee morning. It was lovely to see you and we hope you enjoyed yourself.



### • Y1 to Brampton Toy Museum

Despite a journey fraught with hold-ups, our Y1 children had a fabulous time today at the Brampton Toy Museum. The children learned all about what toys used to be like in the past and even had a go at making some hand puppets. A great day was had by all and the children behaved impeccably. Well done Y1.



## Grandparent Gardening Week

This year we are very keen to take part in 'Grandparent Gardening Week'. It aims to help schools get support from the local community to kick start their gardens into action after the winter and ours needs a lot of kick starting!. It is taking place from 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 and we would love you or anyone of your family (you don't have to be a grandparent!) that might have a bit of time to come along, lend a hand and have a bit of fun along the way. You don't even have to know about gardening - you can learn alongside the children.

Our gardening club, with your help, need to:

- Finish preparing our polytunnel;
- Dig over our vegetable beds;
- Tidy up our Science Garden.

To do this we are looking for helpers on:

- ⇒ **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3:15-4:15 p.m.** for gardening club;
- ⇒ **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March a.m./p.m. / or both** working with our site supervisor;
- ⇒ **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** afternoon including 3:15-4:15 p.m. gardening club.

Please let the front office know of anyone that is planning to join us or confirm details for you or others via the 'Grandparent Gardening' ParentMail form.





We celebrate the best classes at reading 4 times a week.

**R/Y1/Y2 Mrs Smith's - 50%**

**Y3/Y4 Miss. Harrison's - 83%**

**Y5/Y6 Mrs. Hassall's - 100%**

# Reading Champions

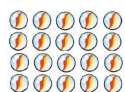
## The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a worthy child from each class.

N1	Rowan Johnson
N2	George Coulthard
F2/1	Isla Rhead
F2/2	Lia Zana
Y1/1	Oliver Davies
Y1/2	Emelia Brindley-Swire
Y2/1	Tyler Cartwright
Y2/2	Oliver Chetwynd
Y3/1	Skyla Playford
Y3/2	David Scarlet
Y4/1	Amethyst Gordon
Y4/2	Joshua Lythgoe
Y5/1	Byron Craggs
Y5/2	Kasey Leese
Y6/1	Danielle Gurney
Y6/2	Taylor Brown

### Maths Challenge 1

Dee has 20 marbles and some bags.



She puts 2 marbles in each bag.

**A) How many bags does she use?**

Sarah also has 20 marbles and some bags. She puts 5 marbles in each bag.

**B) How many fewer bags does Sarah use?**

### Y6 Parent/Carer and child workshops

Following the Y6 Parent/Carer SATS evening, we would like to invite parents/carers to English and Maths workshops along with your child. Watch out for ParentMail invites and do please sign up to come along, so that you might best support your child with their learning.

### CLUBS

Please be reminded that there are no clubs the week immediately after half term, (except for Glee Club and performing Choir members on Monday after school and full choir on Wednesday morning as usual). All other clubs start again the week beginning 5th March.



### Half term Stoke City Soccer Schools

Leaflets are still available from the Office Reception desk, to try to book your child on a week's Soccer School during half term at Stoke City. Suitable for ages 5 to 14 yrs. For more information e-mail: [community@stokecityfc.com](mailto:community@stokecityfc.com) or to book call 01782

### World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day with the children. On this day there is a big emphasis on books and developing a real love of reading. The children will be carrying out various activities, including: storytelling, role play, sharing and comparing books, and hot seating.

In addition, we invite the children to come along **dressed as a book character**. If you prefer a theme for the children, then they are:

Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2: Fairy Tales  
Y3, Y4, Y5, and Y6: Hogwarts - Harry Potter

Otherwise, any book character that the children know is great. No donation required, please just read with your child at home.



### Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Libbie Gorton** on gaining her Advanced Level Bronze British Gymnastics Proficiency Award. Fantastic Libbie!
- Well done to **Ava Challinor** on her Goldfish 1 in swimming.
- Well done also to **Lacie McGraw** who has passed her Gymnastics Proficiency Level 6.



**Blog Of The Week** this week goes to our Strawberries Nursery group for their lovely video blog of their visit to Longton Library. The children sat beautifully as the librarian read three stories. They sang nursery rhymes and marched around singing 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. The children then chose two stories to bring home.



**Tweets of the Week** Our tweet of the week and grateful thanks go to our local P.C.S.O.s for coming into both KS1 and KS2 Assemblies on Tuesday morning. They were talking to the children about 'Stranger Danger!', a very important message we hope you reinforce regularly with your child(ren).



### And Finally ...

Incredibly, another six  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks have already flown by since the Christmas break and we look forward to a half term break. On our return, as well as all the hard work that will continue in the classrooms, we will also once again be holding activities for Lent. One of the activities will be our **Penny Pots, Tuppence Tubes** and **Five Pence Fingers** - so please start saving on of those coins and we'll share more details with you soon. Thank you.

Have a safe and relaxing half term break.

Mr Wardle

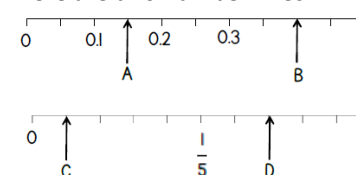
### School Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is **94.5%** which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	72.7%	Y2/2	95.5%
F1/2	88.0%	Y3/1	96.5%
F1/3	94.0%	Y3/2	93.3%
F1/4	88.0%	Y4/1	92.0%
F2/1	96.8%	Y4/2	95.3%
F2/2	96.0%	Y5/1	95.6%
Y1/1	98.0%	Y5/2	96.4%
Y1/2	96.3%	Y6/1	96.0%
Y2/1	96.0%	Y6/2	97.0%

### Maths Challenge 2

Here are two number lines.



A, B, C and D are the points on the lines.

Workout:

A)  $B - A =$

A)  $D - C =$