



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... This has been a busy week at school, as you will see below, but will it be a busy weekend for some as well? With it being Mothering Sunday, we would hope that our children would recognise the amazing job our Mums do and so make a special effort to be that extra bit helpful around the home. Taking a bit of time to look after mums, nans, aunts or carers really can help to show them just how much they are appreciated.



In Miss Harrison's class assembly this morning, the children were really fantastic at sharing their thoughts about their mums and what makes them so special. They also shared how they would give them a treat on Mother's Day, with an extra special 'Thank You'.

Diary dates:

YOUTH CLUB ON TONIGHT

- Mon 7th Mar Y2 Dance Performance at Victoria Hall
- Wed 9th Mar Junior Chef of the Year Cook Off
- Thurs 10th Mar Power League Football Play Off Final
- Tues 15th Mar Y5/6 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off – FSU and Y5/6 can buy cakes
- Thurs 17th Mar Y3/4 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off – KS1 and Y3/4 can buy cakes
- Fri 18th Mar Non-uniform day and Lenten KS1 and KS2 discos
- Wed 23rd Mar Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg Parade
- Tues 22nd Mar Full Governors Meeting
- Thurs 23rd June 'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING STATION - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.

www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Year 6 SATS w/b Mon 9th May 2016; Year 1 Phonics Screening w/b Mon 13th June 2016



Travel smart

In school we are currently working on a number of initiatives as we strive to achieve the Silver National School Travel Award.

During this process, we want to promote healthy and safe ways to travel to school. As part of this, the children were recently asked to create designs to encourage us all to travel to school safely.

Mr Alcock has asked the children to design a 'Walk To School' badge. The winning entry will then actually be turned into an enamel badge, which will be presented to all of those who walk to school. In addition to this, the children in KS2 were also asked to design a road safety poster. The winning design will be made into a full size banner, which will hang on the school roadside fencing to remind car drivers to park considerately and safely away from the school entrance. Make sure you get your designs finished and entered by the deadline next Tuesday 8th March for the both the badges and the banner. Thank you to all the children who enter.

'Tweet of the Week'

This week's tweet of the week is awarded to Joel's Mum, who tweeted us an image of Joel, as he waved one of the flags during Wednesday evenings Stoke versus Newcastle game. Thank you!

'Bloggers of the week!'

This week it goes to Mrs Morton and Mrs Welsh in the Early Years for their amazing blog posts which include a 'Thinglink' where you can click on hotspots to showcase the children's maths and reading. Fantastic work and definitely worth a good look.

World Book Day – 'The Big Book Off'

Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to come into school yesterday morning to support the children with their reading during our World Book Day. Have a look at the class blogs on the school website for some of the book activities which aimed to inspire a greater love of reading. There can be nothing more pleasurable than curling up with a really good book, no matter what age you are, so maybe you could follow up this weekend by having a read of your book, alongside your child. Also, don't forget about the £1 voucher your child brought home last week. It can be used to get a free book from participating shops.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.2% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	100%	Y1/1	97.9%	Y4/1	97.2%
F1/2	94.7%	Y1/2	96.0%	Y4/2	100%
F1/3	96.0%	Y2/1	96.7%	Y5/1	97.3%
F1/4	98.7%	Y2/2	97.3%	Y5/2	97.8%
F2/1	97.3%	Y3/1	99.3%	Y6/1	93.3%
F2/2	97.7%	Y3/2	98.0%	Y6/2	93.9%
				Y6/3	96.3%

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	Neve Bentley	Y3/1	Amie-Mae Callaghan
FS1/2	Grace Qiolevu	Y3/2	Byron Craggs
FS2/1	Jessica Miller	Y4/1	Maddison Street
FS2/2	Thomas Harvey	Y4/2	Lewis Payne
Y1/1	Leo Wilson	Y5/1	Conrad Clarke
Y1/2	River Powis	Y5/2	Jack Sutton
Y2/1	Sean Moore	Y6/1	Taylor Coulson
Y2/2	Eshaan Rahman	Y6/2	Hollie-Mae Furbur
		Y6/3	Kelsie Cooper

News in Brief

• Clean for the Queen

This afternoon a number of our children and some of their parents went out armed with litter pickers, as part of a team of helpers to 'Clean For The Queen!' The group was led by Mrs Brennan with the aim of tidying up some of local streets as part of the national campaign. The children were joined by our local PCSO and Rob Fello, our local MP. See if you can see where they 'cleaned' on your way home tonight and maybe help out, by making sure that any litter you have, always finds a bin. Or, you may really try and get into the spirit of the campaign and actually tidy up an area near you!

• Y1 to the Fire Station

On Monday and Tuesday our children in Y1 visited Longton Fire Station as part of their Science topic on materials. The children were very well behaved, and looking through their blogs, it appears that they all had a very enjoyable time.

Good Luck next week to:

- **Andraya Knight** who will be representing Sandford Hill in the Junior Chef of the Year 2016 competition. She will be cooking her winning entry on the Cooking Bus on Wednesday and we wish her the very best of luck. We know your entry tastes wonderful!
- Our **Y2 dancers** who are taking part in the South Stoke Schools Dance Show, performing a modern take on the traditional tale 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. You all looked brilliant in rehearsal, so I am sure you will be fantastic on the night.
- Our **Y5 and Y6 football team** who are off to the Power League Play-Off Final next Thursday. Just play as well as you did in the last round and I am sure you will do yourselves and the school proud.

And Finally

This week our Enterprise Club have been busy, providing small gifts for the children to purchase for their mums. At the same time they have been learning some of the basics of running a sales business. The children have worked really hard throughout this project and we are sure that the gifts, which were purchased, will be gratefully received. Enterprise Club have set themselves a target of raising £500, which is match funded by a Local Ward donation, for the purchase of a 3D printer. Well done children!

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr. Wardle

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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	Lacey Comber	Y3/1	Francesca Cummings
FS1/2	Skylar Twigg	Y3/2	Zack Dunn
FS2/1	Ashton Screen	Y4/1	Mitchell Lavery
FS2/2	Erin Duchan	Y4/2	Lena Qurban
Y1/1	Ryan Colley	Y5/1	Amelia Bates
Y1/2	Shaun Bickerton	Y5/2	William Harrison-Brien
Y2/1	Grace Wright	Y6/1	Deanna Buckley
Y2/2	Mohammed Azzan	Y6/2	Lucas Booth
		Y6/3	Naomi Lavery

Notices:

• EU Referendum Voting

In case you hadn't noticed on the diary dates list, the school has been informed that it is being used as a polling station on 23rd June for the EU Referendum. It will therefore be closed to children on that day.

• Easter Bonnets or decorated eggs

Do you have an idea yet for an Easter Bonnet? Or perhaps you could decorate an egg? Bonnets and eggs should be brought in from **Monday 21st March** and judging will be on **Wednesday 23rd March**.

• Bingo

Next community bingo night is next **Monday 7th March at 6:30 p.m.** Do come along and join in the fun!

• SATs Revision

Please can we encourage our Y6 children to continue to make use of their SATS revision booklets. Twenty minutes or so, three times a week can make a real difference children!