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# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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## Youth Club is on tonight!

**Words of Welcome.....** Have you noticed your child coming home increasingly grubby and/or sweaty? We hope so! The reason being that we have been working hard to try to ensure that all the children have an active and energetic lunchtime. That way they burn off steam, re-energise themselves for the afternoon's learning and help to keep themselves fit. Our lunchtimes are so active, they have even been recommended to other schools by Ben Mills, MD of BeeActive who said "I normally recommend Sandford Hill, as their lunch times are extremely engaging and positive for the children. They have a number of Senior Leaders out on the playgrounds every day and they have invested in lots of nets, goals, equipment, climbing frame, shelters, etc." We hope your child does enjoy their break times, but there is still more we want to introduce.

### READING CHALLENGE - % of children that read 4 times last week

FS2/1	60% ↑	Y1/1	66% ↑	Y2/1	84% ↑	Y3/1	50% ↓	Y4/1	30% ↓	Y5/1	93% ↑	Y6/1	100% ✨
FS2/2	63% ↑	Y1/2	50% ↑	Y2/2	63% ↓	Y3/2	87% ↑	Y4/2	38% ↓	Y5/2	90% ↑	Y6/2	90% ↓

### Diary dates:

<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y1 Phonics Parent/Carer Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y2 to Staffs University with Chef John
<b>w/b 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Lent week – Cake Bake and Penny Line
<b>w/b 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>'The Big Pedal' Week – Y3 to Y6</b>
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>PTFA Coffee and Cake Meeting – 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Comic Relief, Red Nose Day - Non-uniform and Discos
<b>w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Easter Bonnets and Egg Competition – judging Thursday
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Summer Term starts
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parent/Teacher Meeting - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parent/Teacher Meeting - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 SATS week
<b>12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y1 Phonics Week
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Fayre – 'At the Seaside'</b>

### Youth Club dates for Spring 2

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March Admission 50p
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Enter side door
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April Collect from hall

### Spring 2 Assembly Dates

- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March – Mr Alcock Y5/2
  - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Mrs Smith Y1/1
  - Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mr Frost Y4/1
- Parents/carers welcome to attend.



### Your School Needs You!

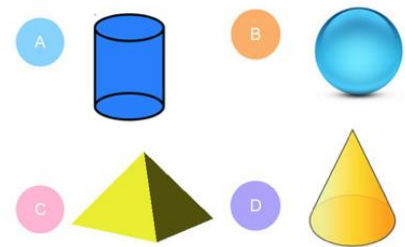
On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** we will be holding a **PTFA Coffee and Cake Meeting** for any parent, carer, family member or friend of Sandford Hill that would be interested in joining our PTFA. We will be looking to plan potential social events, the first ones being a possible Quiz Night and then the School's Summer Fayre. If you are interested, then please respond to the ParentMail or Facebook events when they go live. Hopefully see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### The Big Pedal

The week after next our KS2 children are invited to cycle to school as part of the Big Pedal:  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Y3    Tues 21<sup>st</sup> - Y4**  
**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Y5    Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y6**  
 Any children taking part must follow the rules below:

- Wear a helmet and cycle safely
- Dismount at the gate and walk their bike taking care of others
- Park their bike up near the minibuses as directed.

### Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1



Which of these shapes is a prism?

**Blog Of The Week** - This week, we award the much sought after mantle 'Blog Of The Week' to the children in Year 4 who blogged 'Digesting New Learning'. The post explained the journey our food takes through our bodies and demonstrated this through a selection of photographs. We'd really recommend you having a look at this post, although it may not be something for the faint hearted! As always, we'd very much welcome you leaving us a comment on the post too!

### 'Tweet of the Week'

Our school Twitter account (@sandford\_hill) really is a great way to keep up to date with everything which is happening around school. On Thursday evening, we tweeted: 'Red noses have now sold out. More have been ordered!'



@sandford\_hill



### School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.9% which is slightly above our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	94.7%	Y1/1	97.7%	Y4/1	98.3%
F1/2	98.7%	Y1/2	98.7%	Y4/2	92.5%
F1/3	98.7%	Y2/1	95.8%	Y5/1	97.9%
F1/4	<b>100%</b>	Y2/2	99.7%	Y5/2	98.0%
F2/1	95.3%	Y3/1	97.3%	Y6/1	97.7%
F2/2	91.7%	Y3/2	99.0%	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 in each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Jemimah Latcham	Y3/1	Ruby Foster
FS1/2	Noah Kaminski	Y3/2	Amelia Ali
FS2/1	Mconnel Byrne	Y4/1	Grace Simpson
FS2/2	Joshua Viggars	Y4/2	Byron Craggs
Y1/1	Oliver Chetwynd	Y5/1	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y1/2	Jayden Wild	Y5/2	Lauren Dugdale
Y2/1	Ella Wigley	Y6/1	Connor Wild
Y2/2	Evie Booth	Y6/2	Keira Barker

### News in Brief

#### Accelerated Reading

Our readers in Y5 and Y6 on our new accelerated reader programme continue to amaze and overwhelm us with their reading prowess. Y6 have read 6,171,844 words since November and Y5 have read 464,555 words since Tuesday last week. What's more important though, is the children are really loving reading. We'll have to buy some more books soon at this rate!

#### Comic Relief Cake Sales

Have you decided what Red Nose cakes you might bake for Comic Relief yet? If not look [here](#) for some ideas. As a reminder:

- Y5 and Y6 Lenten **Cake Sale** will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. FSU and Y5/6 can buy the cakes brought in.

- Y3 and Y4 Lenten **Cake Sale** will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March when KS1 and Y3/4 can buy the cakes.

### Congratulations

Well played to our Football team who yesterday competed in the Power League football tournament. Well done to **Jesse Addai, Josh Bickerton, Charlie Bradbury, Ryan Bridgett, Alfie Davis, Ben Ford, Ashton Harvey, Jak Kelsall, Brenny Lawton, Jack Sutton, Ryan Till, Connor Wild, Nathan Coxon and Lewis Leese-Spencer.**

Well done to our Cross Country runners who did us proud again on Tuesday at Moorside.

Congratulations to Miss Ford and family on the arrival of their baby boy, Teddy, last Thursday.

Good Luck again to Esme and Isla's dad for tomorrow, when Lincoln City plays Arsenal in the quarter final of the FA Cup. We're all rooting for you!

### And Finally

We're working hard 'behind the scenes' to give our school website a bit of a spring clean. We're really pleased to report too that, to date, our website has received a staggering 85,000 hits. At the moment, we're working on changing the look of our 'Class' pages and making these appear a little more 'child-friendly'. One of the recent updates has seen the Year 6 SAT's Page revamped. On this page, there are now lots of useful resources, such as past papers for you to download, to help you support the Y6 children with their preparation for their forthcoming SATs. **If you'd like paper copies of these resources, please just ask.** Over the next few weeks we'll continue to refresh our school website and continue to share more details as we do. [www.sandfordhill.org.uk](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk)

### 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	Isaac Pickin	Y3/1	George Hof
FS1/2	Sophie Lomas	Y3/2	Charlotte Bird
FS2/1	Vinnie Lockett	Y4/1	Lucy Monks-Neil
FS2/2	Isabella Jones	Y4/2	Rebecca Horton
Y1/1	Charlie Sheldon	Y5/1	Danielle Gurney
Y1/2	Ashton Screen	Y5/2	Louise Eaton
Y2/1	David Scarlet	Y6/1	Connor Wild
Y2/2	Thomas Kelsey	Y6/2	Paige Barker

### Notices:

#### Easter Egg Chat and Pack

Could you spare a couple of hours to help with our children's Easter gifts? Any volunteers will be warmly welcomed on Thursday 16th March at 9:00 a.m. to help bag up the treats for Easter. Please let the office know.

#### Red Noses and Comic Relief Discos

The office will have more Red Noses for sale next week. Also, there are still a few tickets remaining for the Comic Relief discos (KS1 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. / KS2 17:30 to 18:30 p.m.) on Friday 24th March.



#### Copper Alert

Have you started collecting up all your old coppers (1p & 2p) from down the back of the sofa, under the bed and in the car ready for our Penny Line competition on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March?



### Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

To make 6 pancakes you need: **100g flour, 2 eggs, 300 ml. of milk and 1tbsp. of olive oil.**



- How much flour do I need to make 12 pancakes?
- How much milk do I need to make 3 pancakes?
- How many eggs do I need to make 9 pancakes?

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

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