



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** Continuing our partnership working with our collaborative schools, this week, members of our school council, welcomed children from Stoke Minster's school council, who wanted to find out about how our council was organised and what they had achieved. Our council members told of their trip to London and the Houses of Parliament, where they learned about democracy and representing their voters. They told of all the charity work and the support in the community they had done; the assemblies they have led, including organising the Spelling Bee competition; and the questionnaires they have created, canvassing their fellow pupils about school matters. I think they surprised themselves, as well as Mr Frost who leads the School Council, on just how much they had achieved. Well done all of you.



## Diary dates:

## NO YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT

- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Mar Y5/6 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off – FSU and Y5/6 can buy cakes
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Mar Y3/4 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off – KS1 and Y3/4 can buy cakes
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Non-uniform day and Lenten KS1 and KS2 discos
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Coffee Morning
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Y6 visited by Road Safety Theatre in Education
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg Parade
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Full Governors Meeting
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June Staff Training Day – school closed to children
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created)

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

### Lenten/Sports Relief Bake Off and fund-raising

Next week sees our Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off and cake sales. Judging will be done by Mrs Browne, our cook and prizes will be awarded.

- **Tues 15<sup>th</sup> March** is the day for Y5 and 6 classes to bring in their bake off cakes. They will be sold to Foundation Stage as well as to Y5/6 children.
- **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> March** is the day for Y3 and 4 classes to bring in their bake off cakes. They will be sold to Y1 and 2 as well as to Y3/4 children.

### Lenten Games

In addition to bringing money in on the respective day above for cakes, there will be the opportunity for Y1 to 6 to have a go at a few Lenten games, thanks to the Enterprise Club. Activities will cost between 20p and 50p for the chance to win large Easter Egg prizes. Please ensure that money is only brought in on the correct day as above.

All profits will be split between Sport Relief and a local charity.

### Lenten/Sports Relief Discos

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March there will be fund-raising discos for both KS1 and KS2. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> for £1 and monies should be given to the class teacher.

- KS1 disco is from 3:20 p.m. with pick up from the classrooms at 4:00 p.m.
- KS2 will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and for safety reasons ticket numbers are restricted to 100.

Tickets will be sent out on Wednesday, so you will know if your child has a place.



**'Blog of the week'!** this week comes from our I.T. Technician who has spent time talking to the Year 5 children about computer networks and posted this reply to our blog: "Year 5 asked me some very good questions, but there was one I couldn't answer - until now. Why is a Firewall called a Firewall? – It most likely comes from the firewall in a car. In a car there is a metal "firewall" between the engine and passenger compartment designed to shield the passenger compartment from any undesirable engine by-products, including fire. A software or hardware firewall does much the same thing for computers, separating the internet (engine) from the computers (passengers).

**'Tweet of the Week'** this week is awarded to Mr Wardle who tweeted from Victoria Hall:

"Congratulations to all our fabulous dancers who performed brilliantly tonight. Very proud. Hope you all had a great time too."



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.7% which is <b>above</b> our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	93.3%	Y1/1	91.0%	Y4/1	99.0%
F1/2	85.3%	Y1/2	99.3%	Y4/2	92.3%
F1/3	92.7%	Y2/1	98.7%	Y5/1	91.3%
F1/4	98.0%	Y2/2	99.0%	Y5/2	96.7%
F2/1	90.7%	Y3/1	99.3%	Y6/1	96.7%
F2/2	94.7%	Y3/2	98.7%	Y6/2	98.7%
				Y6/3	98.8%

**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	Oliver Davies	Y3/1	Ryan Hibbert
FS1/2	Seren Churchill	Y3/2	Lucy-Mae Hall
FS2/1	Arman Hussain	Y4/1	Madison Street
FS2/2	Jamie Kelsall	Y4/2	Chloe Basnett
Y1/1	Ella Wigley	Y5/1	Eliza Goodwin
Y1/2	Evie Booth	Y5/2	Olivia Wetton
Y2/1	Troy Myatt	Y6/1	Sheila Lomas
Y2/2	Connor Sedgwick	Y6/2	Riyaz Rahman
		Y6/3	Lucie Wright

### News in Brief

#### • 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'

On Monday night, a number of our parents were provided with a real treat as they watched their children perform at the South Stoke Schools Dance Show at Victoria Hall. Their performance of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' was one of the highlights of the evening and made all the parents and the school staff very proud. Many thanks to all that supported the children and special thanks to Mrs Ford, Mrs Arnott, Miss Davies, Miss Harrison and the children on their stunning performance.

#### • Junior Chef of the Year 2016 Runner Up



This Wednesday, Sandford Hill's chosen Junior Chef, Andraya Knight, went to her regional heat held on the Cooking Bus. She made for the judges, her recipe 'Andraya's Eggy Delight' and we are delighted that she won the heat. This meant that on Thursday she had to return to see who been awarded overall winner. Andraya had another wonderful experience, accompanied by Mrs Carney and although she came runner up, she was in attendance with the Sentinel, Sky sports, Central News and she met Stoke City player, Philip Wollscheid. Many congratulations to Andraya.

#### • Power League 6-a-side Play-Off Final

Yesterday our **Y5 and Y6 football team** did themselves proud at the Power League Play-Off Final. Despite being reportedly the best footballing team there, they narrowly missed winning the competition by conceding a goal with just 2 minutes to go. Very disappointing for the team, but a tremendous effort none-the-less. Well played to **Bradley Cummings, Declan Brookes, Riyaz Rahman, Josh Bickerton, Cody Reece, Sam Price and Charlie Bradbury.**

### And Finally

All of the children that did so well in the activities above, did so because they worked hard, had great support and stuck at it. A lesson for all of us, as we face our daily challenges.

Best wishes for the weekend. **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	Jessica Wright	Y3/1	Ewan Robinson
FS1/2	Billy Dimmock	Y3/2	Tyler Thompson
FS2/1	Jesse Solani	Y4/1	Gray Bradbeer
FS2/2	Isobel Shenton	Y4/2	Charlie Bradbury
Y1/1	Freya Meyrick	Y5/1	Benjamin Harrington
Y1/2	Thomas Kelsey	Y5/2	Tyler Sheldon
Y2/1	Kaiden Cowdrey	Y6/1	Andraya Knight
Y2/2	Archie Fowell	Y6/2	Benjamin Davis
		Y6/3	Tilly Atherton

### Notices:

#### • Easter Bonnets or decorated eggs

Have you started your Easter Bonnet or decorated egg? Bonnets and eggs should be brought in from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** and judging will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

#### • Your Youth Club needs You!

Unfortunately we are unable to run the youth club this week as we are reliant on volunteers to help run it. In addition, a number of our current helpers have children in Y6, so we might soon be in need of additional helpers. Does your child come to Youth Club and might you consider helping out? If so please speak to Mr Walford for more information. Thank you.

#### • Coffee Morning

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00 a.m. all parents/carers are warmly invited to attend our coffee morning. Joining us will be the Local Housing Office, our PCSO, Rob Fello, MP and Councillor Olwen Hamer. Do please feel free to come along, have a chat and, maybe a slice of cake with your coffee!



The expert in anything was once a beginner.