



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... On Tuesday evening we welcomed our Full Governing Body to a second meeting this term. Governors were provided with information from our Geography, RE and Design & Technology leaders; they approved new and amended policies; discussed next year's budget and also the progress of our school development plan. This included one action to continue to improve our communications with parents and carers. We feel it is really important that you are aware of what your child(ren) have been learning about in school and the progress they are making. Our prime means of sharing all that is going on in school is through the school blog that can be found from our website, our twitter feed and our new Facebook page. We are absolutely delighted since we started the blog last summer, that staff have created 526 posts and there have been 2,173 comments. A fantastic way for you to be able to read, listen to and look at all that goes on in school and then enter a comment about it. We know some of you are regular visitors, but if you haven't yet seen them, then please try and look over the Easter break with your child(ren). Also we were really pleased that on our last open evening 88% of our parents/carers had a meeting with their child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support and to our Governors who do a wonderful job both challenging the leadership team and championing the continued development and needs of the pupils.

Diary dates:

Mon 11th April Summer term starts
Mon 11th April Bingo Night
Tues 12th April Y5 to Hanley Museum
Tues 12th April Cook and Eat sessions start
Tues 19th April Y1 Parents phonics workshop
Mon 6th June Staff Training Day – school closed to children
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

Spring Term Attendance

We all know that if your child is not in school, they will be missing out on their learning and so will reduce their progress. But this has been a particularly sickly term with many bugs affecting our attendance. Despite this our attendance figures are still looking extremely impressive:

For the entire Spring Term 2016 our Whole School Attendance is 96.53%, up from 95.66% this time last year.

Our **winning classes** for this term are:

FSU	N4 (Mrs Welsh) – 98.57%
KS1	Y2/2 (Miss Davies) – 98.01%
KS2	Y6/3 (Mrs Martin/Mr Walford) – 97.84%

Classes over our target of 96.5% are:

Mrs Morton – 97.12%	Mrs Welsh – 98.57%	Miss Harrison – 97.4%	Miss Davies – 98.01%	Mrs Frost – 97.66%
Mrs Mifflin – 97.21%	Mr Frost – 97.41%	Mrs Carney/Mrs Bullock – 96.76%	Mrs Martin/Mr Walford – 97.84%	

Number of children receiving badges for **100% attendance for the whole Spring Term** is **199**, (167 children in 2014/15).

Number of children receiving certificates for **100% attendance for this Spring 2 Half Term** is **295**, (242 children in 2014/15).

Whole School Attendance for **this Spring 2 Half Term** is **96.21%**, a big improvement from 94.77% in 2014/15.

Well done to all our attendance winners and to all the children that managed to soldier on through the cold winter months!

'Blog of the week'! This week it is not possible to pick one blog post from the incredible 25 blog posts made in just three days! We have had visitors into school, musical performances, Easter Egg hunts, the list goes on. Do go to our website or our new Facebook page and follow the blog links.

'Tweet of the Week' this week is for the audio recording of the beautiful singing of 'A King who rides a donkey' accompanied by an excellent musical percussion. Well done to everyone for wonderful singing.



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School Attendance Our weekly school attendance for last week was 94.3% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	99.2%	Y1/1	85.8%	Y4/1	94.0%
F1/2	95.0%	Y1/2	95.0%	Y4/2	96.7%
F1/3	88.3%	Y2/1	96.7%	Y5/1	98.3%
F1/4	95.0%	Y2/2	94.6%	Y5/2	94.0%
F2/1	91.3%	Y3/1	92.1%	Y6/1	98.8%
F2/2	94.2%	Y3/2	94.2%	Y6/2	92.9%
				Y6/3	98.4%

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	Joseph Veilawa	Y3/1	Mackenzie Hambleton
FS1/2	Sophie McGraw-Pointon	Y3/2	Lorna Walton
FS2/1	Kai Benbow	Y4/1	Lucas Hemmings
FS2/2	Skye Sharman	Y4/2	Lucy Bloor
Y1/1	Freya Meyrick	Y5/1	Paige Barker
Y1/2	Amelia Williams	Y5/2	Justin Pickerill
Y2/1	Jasmine Chahal	Y6/1	Chloe Stratford
Y2/2	Jimmy Rushton	Y6/2	Aaliyah Janes
		Y6/3	Benjamin Shaw

News in Brief

• StreetGames next week

A reminder of the StreetGames activities available next week that will be offering Fun Games and Multisports on:

Date	Tues 29 th March	Wed 30 th March	Thurs 31 st March	Fri 1 st April
Open to:	Pupils & Community	Pupils only	Pupils only	Pupils & Community
Times:	Age 8+ 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Y1-3 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Y4-6 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Age 8+ 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Y1-3 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Y4-6 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Closing date has passed to pre-book, but you may still bring your children on the day and sign them in when you arrive.

• Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs Winners

All of the children that made something for our Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg competition are winners, for simply making the time and effort to take part. Each of the entries had something different to offer and the judging must have been so incredibly hard for Mrs Smith and Mrs Drakeford. The winners, below, that they finally decided on, will have received a chocolate egg, but all the entrants were rewarded with an Easter treat. Well done to all of our entry winners!

Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg	Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg
N1	Harry Broome	Leyton Howle	N2	Belle-Elise Foy	Bobby Moore
R1	Isla Swinswood	Declan Barnes	R2	Charlie Sheldon	Brooke MacMillan
Y1/1	Jack Sargent	Mason Lomax	Y1/2	Amelia Williams	Sebbie Gillie
Y2/1	Poppy Curl	Esme Rhead	Y2/2	Lucy Thompson	Eshaan Rahman
Y3/1	Ruby Johnson	Libbie Gorton	Y3/2	Evie Wilkes-Price	Rebecca Horton
Y4/1	Lucas Hemmings	Lauren Dugdale	Y4/2	Danielle Gurney	Lewis Payne
Y5/1	Teigan Eveson	Tino Nyamyaro	Y5/2	Olivia Pointon	Nathan Coxon
Y6/1	Andraya Knight	Sheila Lomas	Y6/2	Chloe Hughes	Abigail Lancett
			Y6/3	Sharni Eaton	Joe Woolliscroft

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	James Masterson	Y3/1	Ashton Burton
FS1/2	Skyla-Beau Roberts	Y3/2	Erin Mills
FS2/1	Lily Hunt	Y4/1	Freyja Jones
FS2/2	Evie-Rose Myatt	Y4/2	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y1/1	Elouise Howle	Y5/1	Paige Barker
Y1/2	Kinga Iwanska	Y5/2	Ethan Bowen
Y2/1	Troy Myatt	Y6/1	Deanna Buckley
Y2/2	Amelia Ostrouchow	Y6/2	Callum Johnson
		Y6/3	Matthew Davies

Notices:

• Lost property clear out

A reminder that unclaimed lost property will be given to charity after the Easter break.

• Residents Association meeting

The RA has a drop-in session on 11th April at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in school. Many services will be here: our local MP, Housing, Recycling, Adult Learning, StreetGames and many more.

• Bingo

Eyes down for next Community Bingo session on Monday 11th April at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

• Cook and Eat Course

Our new 'Cook and Eat' course begins on 12th April 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. See Mrs Brennan for one of the last few free places.

• Catering Assistant wanted

Required in our school kitchen for 1 hour a day, plus some additional hours. Contact Sally Jackson on 01782 236462.

• Change for Life

Well done to the KS1 children that went to Trentham High School on Monday to take part in the 'Change for Life Festival'. The children loved all the activities that they were given to do and were a real credit to the school. Thanks again to Mrs Arnott and Governor Mr Brown for taking them.

• Swimming Awards

Well done to all our 4 swimmers who during the course of this term have achieved the following swimming awards: Beginners – **Jesse-Darryl Addai, Gray Bradbeer, Tyler Edge, Lucas Hemmings, Kaddi Kassama, Mitchell Lavery, Owen McMurdo, Chloe Basnett, Brooklyn Cartwright, Ashton Harvey and Natalia Iwanska**; Length – **Owen Astbury, Aimee Bloor, Jack Buckley, Tyler Edge, Harry Hawley, Sophia Keates, Molly McNicol, Madison Street, Charlie Bradbury, Ubaid Khan and Evie-Mae Chetwynd**; Elementary - **Ellie Yeomans, Macy Latham, Lucy Inch and Lucy Kelsey**; Bronze – **Olivia Harford and Freya Jones**. A fantastic effort – well done to all of you. Also to Year 3 who will receive their certificates next term.

• Termly Star Awards

In assembly this morning I was very pleased and proud to present the Termly Star Award to children who had been selected by their class teacher as having a positive attitude and demonstrating thoughtfulness and respect throughout the spring term. Very well done to:

Class	Teacher	Award Winner	Class	Teacher	Award Winner
FS1/1	Mrs Morton/ Mrs Moss	Tilly Hussey	Y3/1	Mrs Frost	Grace Simpson
FS1/2	Mrs Gater/Mrs Barker Mrs Welsh	Evelyn Lawton	Y3/2	Mrs Mifflin	Ethan Protaszcak
FS2/1	Miss Hodgson	Lily Hunt	Y4/1	Mr Frost	Evan Williams
FS2/2	Mrs Stillwell	Aston Murray	Y4/2	Mr Hunt	Isobell Martin
Y1/1	Mrs Adams	Keira Cooper	Y5/1	Mrs Carney/ Mrs Bullock	Lewis Moore
Y1/2	Mrs Smith	Evie Booth	Y5/2	Mr Alcock	Eloise Gray
Y2/1	Miss Harrison	Max Sutton	Y6/1	Mrs Hassall	Bethany Bridgwood
Y2/2	Miss Davies	Lucy Thompson	Y6/2	Miss Gregory	Emma Masterson
			Y6/3	Mrs Martin/ Mrs Drakeford	Tilly Atherton

And Finally

As the Easter holidays are about to begin and we all take a well-earned rest, can I please thank everyone for their support over the last, shorter, but very busy term. The support that parents/carers have provided for all the school meetings, fund-raising and home learning activities have been very much appreciated. I must also thank the continued and ever-increasing efforts of all our staff who provide the best possible learning experiences and extra-curricular activities for the children. It is a real testament to their commitment and loyalty to the school and a great credit to themselves.

Although I wish you all a restful break, I would also encourage all of the children to keep reading over the holiday break and in particular, encourage our Year 6 children to keep doing a little bit of work regularly throughout the holiday, so that they are as fully prepared as they can be for their forthcoming SATs. Let's all hope for a bit of sunny weather so that the children can all return to school on Monday 11th April with their batteries fully recharged.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr. Wardle

P.s. Please enjoy a selection of our Easter Parade photos below and over the page.



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