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Thoughtfulness
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Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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Comic Relief Discos are on tonight!

Words of Welcome..... You might have noticed recently, that myself and other senior leaders have not been greeting the children as much recently, as they arrive for school. The simple explanation for this, is that like all of the school team, we have been working tremendously hard behind the scenes, to seize every available learning opportunity, to prepare the children for their forthcoming SATs. Booster classes have been taking place both before and after school and we've been really encouraged by how positively the children have taken to these. We are all so very proud of our Y6 children and would like to say a huge "Thank-You!" for their efforts so far. With just over 20 school days left until the KS2 SATS, we would ask parents/carers to continue to support the children to in doing twenty minutes of regular English and mathematical skills practice after school. It really can make a tremendous difference to what you achieve. There are lots of resources available on our website and paper copies of any resources can also be provided. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

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

FS2/1	63% ↑	Y1/1	47% ↓	Y2/1	84% ↑	Y3/1	70% ↓	Y4/1	37% ↓	Y5/1	93% ↓	Y6/1	100% ✨
FS2/2	67% ↑	Y1/2	30% ↓	Y2/2	86% ↑	Y3/2	68% ↓	Y4/2	50% ↓	Y5/2	100% ✨	Y6/2	100% ✨

Diary dates:

w/b 3 rd April	Easter Bonnets and Egg Competition – judging Thursday
Wed 5 th April	PTFA Meeting – Quiz Night planning – All Welcome
Thurs 6 th April	Governor's Meeting
Mon 24 th April	Summer Term starts
Tues 25 th April	Parent/Teacher Meeting - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Thurs 27 th April	Parent/Teacher Meeting - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday – No school
8 th - 12 th May	Y6 SATS week
Mon 5 th June	School closed to children – staff training day
12 th - 16 th June	Y1 Phonics Week
Sat 1 st July	Summer Fayre – 'At the Seaside'

Spring 2 Assembly Dates

Thurs 30th March – Mr Frost Y4/1
Parents/carers welcome to attend.

NO YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT Comic Relief Discos instead



Our PTFA is launched!

A huge thank you to the dozen attendees at the first 'Parent, Teacher & Friends Association' Meeting. The aim of the PTFA is to support our wonderful school by organising a number of fun social activities throughout the year, whilst helping to raise some money for the children at our school. A lot of great ideas were shared, but it was decided that the first event will be a Quiz Night – more detail to follow! The next meeting is on **Wed 5th April at 5:30 p.m.** so please do see if you can come along, get to know some other parents and help them in planning the Quiz Night and more.

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

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Find the value of

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$$\star \times \star = \square$$



Blog Of The Week - It has been a really difficult decision to choose this week's 'Blog of the Week' Award, but we are very pleased to announce that it goes to our Reception children for their post 'What The Ladybird Heard', based on the book of the same name by Julia Donaldson. The children showed great detective skills to solve this literary mystery. As always, please do take a look at this and the other great blog posts and leave the children a comment, if you've not already done so!

'Tweet of the Week' - As well as tweeting we also broadcast content from our blog and YouTube channel. It was lovely to read this response from Lucie Wright, a former pupil, about a video we uploaded recently about the Y6 SATs: "Tell the Year 6 students not to worry! I did my SATs last year and they are mainly just to test what they need more help on in High School (which is so fun!) Good luck to all the Year Six's; I'm sure you will do fine and High School is AMAZING! I'm sure you'll love it ♥ From former Year 6 Lucie". **Thank you so much Lucie!**

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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.0% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	98.7%	Y1/1	93.7%	Y4/1	97.7%
F1/2	89.3%	Y1/2	96.7%	Y4/2	97.2%
F1/3	100%	Y2/1	99.4%	Y5/1	98.6%
F1/4	98.7%	Y2/2	98.7%	Y5/2	98.7%
F2/1	100%	Y3/1	96.7%	Y6/1	95.8%
F2/2	92.7%	Y3/2	98.7%	Y6/2	94.0%

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.			
Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Oliver Hambleton	Y3/1	Jasmine Wall
FS1/2	Max Bridgett	Y3/2	Salata Lekutu
FS2/1	Archie Maxwell	Y4/1	Rhys Williams
FS2/2	Anna Dziuba	Y4/2	Lilly Cartlidge
Y1/1	Isabelle Bradbury	Y5/1	Loris Myatt
Y1/2	Malachi-Logan Foreman	Y5/2	Nikola Macialek
Y2/1	Mason Lomax	Y6/1	Brennyn Lawton
Y2/2	Lotti Cooper	Y6/2	Imogen Bowers

News in Brief

• Comic Relief/Lenten Success

A massive 'Thank You' to everyone for your very generous contributions to our charity collections. The Comic Relief Red Nose sales, the Cake Sales and the disco tickets came to an impressive £991. In addition, we have our non-uniform collection and Penny Line totals which will go to the Donna Louise Trust. Totals and winning classes to be announced. Thank you so much!

• The Big Pedal

Well, due to the very mixed bag of weather this week, our Big Pedal was a very mixed success. However, children are always welcome to cycle or scooter to school, as long as they do so safely and always dismount before they get into the school grounds.

• Y2 SATs Parent/Carer Meeting

A big thank you to all the parents and carers that came to our Y2 SATs meetings on Monday. We hope you found it useful and now know how best to support your child in the run up to the Y2 SATs. Please see further information on the website.

Congratulations

- Many congratulations to **Mrs Adams** and family on the birth of their new son, Luke, born yesterday morning weighing 8lb 1oz. We send you all our very best wishes and hope that mummy and baby are doing well.
- Well done to **Felicity Wall**, who was session winner in the Junior Chef competition and met Olympic Gold medallist, Joe Clarke.
- Well done to **Lola Street** for passing her Level 5 trampolining and to **Madison Street** for passing her Level 6 trampolining.

Sports News

- This week our cross country relay runners finished 3rd overall with Tegan and Alfie making it to the Longton Team. Well done to **Tegan Day, Alfie Davis** and to the rest of the team: **Libby Barwise, Kaddi Kassama, Isobel Martin, Ryan Bridgett, Jack Sutton, Charlie Bradbury, Deelan Ibrahim, Quaid Smith, Lewis Leese-Spencer** and **Ethan Bowen**.
- Congratulations again to our Year 5 and 6 Football team who beat Werrington on Wednesday. A fantastic performance again and now they are looking forward to St Gregory's here on Monday after school. Very well done to **Nathan Coxon, Ryan Till, Jack Sutton, Ashton Harvey, Connor Wild, Joshua Bickerton, Charlie Bradbury, Ryan Bridgett, Brennyn Lawton** and **Lewis Leese-Spencer**.

And Finally

Yesterday we were treated to a heart-warming Mother's Day Assembly by our Y1/1, Mrs Smith's class. The children did brilliantly sharing their personal reasons why they loved their mums and how they were going to help them on Sunday. We are sure that all our children will look after their Mums, Nans and Special Carers on Sunday and we wish you all an enjoyable family day.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

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Headteacher's Star Awards:			
Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for hard work, attitude and/or progress:			
Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Poppy Thursfield	Y3/1	Jasmine Wall
FS1/2	Mylie Burgess	Y3/2	Amethyst Gordon
FS2/1	Mconnel Byrne	Y4/1	Dante Grocock
FS2/2	Gracie Howells	Y4/2	Keira Mason-Anderson
Y1/1	Isobel Shenton	Y5/1	Sky Williams
Y1/2	Malachi-Logan Foreman	Y5/2	Owen McMurdo
Y2/1	Amina Khan	Y6/1	William Harrison-Brien
Y2/2	Evie Booth	Y6/2	Emily Hughes

Notices:

• Parent's Evenings Bookings

A ParentMail invite was sent out on Wednesday asking you to choose your preferred time slot for meeting with your child's class teacher. If you have more than one child at Sandford Hill, please complete one form for each child and indicate that they have siblings. If you require any help, please see the office.

• Enterprise Club Secret

Well done to our Enterprise Club which has raised £210 With their secret Mother's Day sales.

• Choir

Choir is on **Monday only** next week, not Wednesday, as it will be a long day with the performance on Wednesday evening. Please could all words be learned over the weekend. Thank you.



Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

Jo is standing in a queue. There are 15 people in front of her.

There are 17 people behind her.

How many people are in the queue.

