



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... Welcome back to all of our children after their two week Easter break. It was lovely to see the children returning refreshed and eager to share their holiday stories. During the break, we have had a few new developments. Our KS2 playgrounds have had further enhancements, following consultation with our school council, in the way of: 4 new basketball hoops, a new targetboard and new hopscotch and activity trail playground markings. All of which are already being enjoyed by the children. In addition, we have now managed to complete the equipping of new height adjustable interactive display touchscreens into all our KS1 and 2 classrooms.

We are all looking forward to a busy and rewarding term, with lots of exciting learning activities, clubs and sporting events planned. I would encourage all of the children to work hard, give of their best and make the most of the Sandford Hill experience. Let's once again have a really successful term!

Diary dates:

Tues 19 th April	Y1 Parents phonics workshop – 9:00 a.m.
Tues 19 th April	Big Pedal Y3
Tues 19 th April	1 st Cook and Eat Family session
Wed 20 th April	Big Pedal Y4
Thurs 21 st April	Big Pedal Y5
Fri 22 nd April	Big Pedal Y6
Mon 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Tues 3 rd May	Y5 Bikeability – day; Y4 Bikeability after school
Wed 4 th May	Y5 Bikeability – day; Y4 Bikeability after school
Mon 9 th May	Community Bingo – 6:30 p.m.
9 th – 12 th May	SATs Week
13 th May	Y6 to WaterWorld p.m.
Mon 6 th June	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Thurs 23 rd June	'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING STATION - school closed to children

Class Assemblies

Y3/1 – Mrs Frost – Thurs 21st April
Y3/2 – Mrs Mifflin – Thurs 5th May

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Year 1 Phonics Screening w/b Mon 13th June 2016

KS2 Big Pedal days!

In assembly this morning, we invited our KS2 children to cycle to school on particular days next week. This is part of the 'Big Pedal', a National event with over ½ million children taking part across the country.

Please see the diary dates above as to which year are cycling on which days.

Guidelines for children cycling to school:

- Always cycle safely taking great care near pedestrians and on the roads;
- Be seen and safe – wear a high-vis jacket and helmet if you have them;
- Dismount your bike **before** entering the school grounds;
- Walk your bike up to the minibus parking area for safe storage for the day.



Clubs

Next week our clubs start and it is a real credit to our staff that we have such a wide range of clubs for this term. Although a number of the clubs are oversubscribed, we have managed to provide all the children with at least one club to attend.

Your child should now have brought home a letter stating which club(s) he/she has been allocated and the day/time. Please ensure that your child attends their allocated club each week. Thank you for your continued support.

'Blog of the week'! Our first one for the Summer Term is awarded to the children in Year 2 for their post which used the app 'Puppet Pals' to share some of their learning about The Great Fire Of London. If you've not seen it yet, why not have a quick look now - we think you'll be impressed.

'Tweet of the Week' is awarded to our local Co-op store who shared this tweet with us: 'It was great to have Sandford Hill School learning about fresh food in store today!' This followed the visit of our Reception children who walked to the Co-op earlier in the week.



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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	Bobby Moore	Y3/1	Isabel Shaw
FS1/2	Dominik Wozniak	Y3/2	Eddie Lomax
FS2/1	Owen Waters	Y4/1	Ben Ford
FS2/2	Lily-Mae Gratton	Y4/2	Ruby Booth
Y1/1	Lily Mae Davies	Y5/1	Carla Cooper
Y1/2	Shaun Bickerton	Y5/2	John Jeffries
Y2/1	Finnley Playford	Y6/1	Cody Reece
Y2/2	Samuela Tuilevuka	Y6/2	Gracey Harry
		Y6/3	Matthew Davies

News in Brief

• Y5 visit to Hanley Museum

This Tuesday our Y5 classes enjoyed some Greek experiences. They visited Hanley Museum where they saw Greek pottery that was 2500 years old, as well as replicas created by Josiah Wedgwood. Back at school they then made some Greek food, including Tzatziki and Greek salad, with the ingredients very kindly donated by Tesco. A great day much appreciated by all.

• Reception class visit to the Co-op

On Wednesday morning our Reception classes paid a visit to our new Co-op store as part of their healthy eating topic. They bought healthy fruit and vegetables, talking about where they come from. See some pictures of their visit on the school blog: <http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org/2016/04/13/trip-to-the-co-op/>

Swimming Awards

There must have been a recent flurry of swimming tests as we need to say a very well done to:

- **Jasmine Chahal** for achieving her Angelfish;
- **Callum Hambleton** for achieving his Stanley 1 award;
- **George Hof** for achieving his ASA 3;
- **Yvie Jones** for achieving her ASA 2;
- **Ellie Yeomans** for achieving her Angelfish 2 swimming award;
- **Isabelle Yeomans** for achieving her Stanley 6 swimming award.

And Finally

The year 1966 will always be a special year, known by all for the year when England won the World Cup – 50 years ago. It is also special, however, for a very important member of our staff. We have therefore high-jacked this space on the newsletter this week to send our own very best wishes on this special occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his support and encouragement and wish him a very relaxing and enjoyable celebratory weekend.

Best wishes for the weekend from
All the children, staff and Governors at Sandford Hill

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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	Poppy Johal	Y3/1	Alex Sinclair
FS1/2	Emelia Brindley-Swire	Y3/2	Romy Swinswood
FS2/1	Arman Hussain	Y4/1	Ben Ford
FS2/2	Brooke Macmillan	Y4/2	Cayne Powis
Y1/1	Brodie Berrisford	Y5/1	Felicity Wall
Y1/2	Mason Lavick	Y5/2	Alisha Tinsley
Y2/1	Kaiden Cowdrey	Y6/1	Isabelle Knight
Y2/2	Isabelle Taylor	Y6/2	Georgia Comber
		Y6/3	Jessica Booth

Notices:

• Parking letter

On Wednesday your child will have brought home a letter from many different agencies regarding safe parking/waiting around the school when dropping of and collecting children. We really appreciate your support with this, which will be particularly important next week when the KS2 children are invited to cycle to school.

• Queen's Birthday School Lunch Menu

On Thursday next week, the kitchen will be serving a special menu in recognition of the Queen's Birthday. It will be: assorted sandwiches, filled open rolls, cheese pastries and mini pizza; fairy cakes, jelly and filled scones.

• Catering Assistant still wanted!

We still require a catering assistant in our school kitchen for 1 hour a day, plus some additional hours. Please contact Sally Jackson on 01782 236462 if you are interested.