BREAKING NEWS:

NO CLUBS FIRST WEEK BACK

Except Y5 Science Workshop

Bookings for next term will go live tonight.

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Diary dates:

Mon 16th April Summer Term starts

Tues 17th April Y1/2 to Fire Station

Thurs 19th April Y5 visit to Ancient Greeks at Hanley Museum

Fri 20th April Book Fair - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Mon 23rd April CLUBS START

Mon 23rd April Y5 Science Workshop Event at 6th Form College

Tues 24th April Book Fair - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Wed 25th April Book Fair - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Thurs 26th April Y1/1 to Fire Station

30th - 4th May - NO CLUBS (except Glee) due to OPEN EVENINGS

Tues 1st May Open Evening 1 - Crèche available

Wed 2nd May PTFA Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Thurs 3rd May Open Evening 2 - Crèche available Mon 7th May School closed - May Bank Holiday

Thurs 17th May Governors' Meeting 14th - 18th May SATS Week 26th May - 3rd June Half Term Break

Mon 4th June SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - Staff Training Day

Sat 30th June Summer Fayre

Welcome

This week has been a typically hectic last week of term, especially with all our Lenten Activities taking place. A massive thank you for all your contributions and for supporting your child with their entries. We are still counting the coin collections so we will have to let you know the grand total in the new term.

Easter Bake-off - Raised £122.70 Thank you to all the children that made some really fantastic cakes for our Easter Bake-Off. It was nearly impossible to pick our winners as they were all so good. Below are those finally selected, but please see the last page for a selection of the cakes produced

Year	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Winner	River Powis	Jimmy Rushton	Romannie Jones	Jack Buckley
Design	Super iced biscuits	Vegetable Patch!	Hatchling chick cake	Marshmallow sheep

Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs Winners

A very well done to all of the children who brought in an Easter Bonnet or a Decorated Egg. All of them will receive a certificate, for simply taking part. Well done to all of our entry winners listed below! See some pictures of the winners on the back page.

Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg	Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg
N	Evie Wray	Jack Emberson	N	Stanley Robinson	Harry Cartwright
R1	Poppy Thursfield	Grace Hallam	R2	Coby Davies	Isla Booth
Y1/1	Darcey Callaghan	Jamie Oldfield	Y1/2	Sophie McGraw-Pointon	Bobby Moore
Y2/1	Jessica Miller	Isla Swinswood	Y2/2	Isobel Shenton	Isabelle Yeomans
Y3/1	Cane Kidd	Kinga Iwanska	Y3/2	Callum Davies	Finley Jackson
Y4/1	Amelia Ostrouchow	Tianna Barnes	Y4/2	Esme Rhead	Olivia Oldfield
Y5/1	Evie Wilkes-Price	Erin Mills	Y5/2	Ruby Johnson	Francesca Cummings
Y6/1	Sky Williams	Ruby Booth	Y6/2	Libby Barwise	Ellie Yeomans















Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these 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	Sonny Wallis	Y3/1	Lotti Cooper
FS1/2	Lowry Blair	Y3/2	Keira Cooper
FS2/1	Bentley Dyer	Y4/1	Charlotte Bennett
FS2/2	Adrian Pelc	Y4/2	Troy Myatt
Y1/1	Darcey Callaghan	Y5/1	Lorna Walton
Y1/2	Archie Maxwell	Y5/2	Ryan Hibbert
Y2/1	Modou Kassama	Y6/1	Chloe Basnett
Y2/2	Maisy-Lee Barker	Y6/2	Tyler Edge

Lenten Week Winners

Raffle Winners - £305.40 raised

Easter Egg Hamper - won by Rebecca Bloor (Y3/1)

£25 Tesco voucher - won by Bentley Dyer (F2/1)

1Kg Easter Egg - won by Arman Hussain (Y2/1)

Happy Easter Egg - won by Alfie White (Y3/1)

Coin Class Winners - Still counting!!

- The winners of the most number of coins to follow
- The winners of the highest total value of coins to follow

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Reading Challenge

We celebrate the best classes at reading 4 times a week.

R/Y1/Y2 Miss Heath's - 42%

Y3/Y4 Mr. Frost's - 90%

Y5/Y6 Mrs. Hassall's - 100%

Reading Champions

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

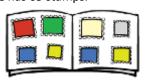
This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a worthy child from each class.

N1	Lacey-Mae Cooper		
N2	Khloe Alcock		
F2/1	Luke Hawkins		
F2/2	Florence Burgess		
Y1/1	Joseph Veilawa		
Y1/2	Belle-Elise Foy		
Y2/1	Isla Swinswood		
Y2/2	Skye Sharman		
Y3/1	Jack Thursfield		
Y3/2	Aaron Smith		
Y4/1	Amelia Ali		
Y4/2	George Hof		
Y5/1	Byron Craggs		
Y5/2	Ashton Burton		
Y6/1	Natalia Iwanska		
Y6/2	Sophia Keates		

Maths Challenge 1

Jenny collects stamps.

She has 65 stamps.



Jenny has 31 more stamps than Alfie.

Alfie gives 19 of his stamps away.

How many stamps does Alfie have left?

News in Brief

• Y6 Open Evening

This week our Y6 teachers held their Open Evenings in order to take advantage of the Easter break for ongoing preparation for SATs. Very many thanks to the near 100% pf parents/carers that attended their appointment. We hope you found it useful and will continue to support your child over the Easter break.

• Y2 Parent/Carer English Workshop

Thank you to all the parents/carers that came to our Y2 English workshop. It is so valuable for you to learn alongside the children to see what they are doing, and the children love it too!

NOTICES

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• Friends of Sandford Hill PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd May** at **9:00 a.m.** when we will be planning the Summer Fayre. If you are able to attend, then please do come along. We would love to see you.

Clubs

Tonight you should receive a ParentMail form to complete the clubs your child(ren) would like to attend in the Summer Term. Please ensure that this is completed before they return for the Summer Term as this will enable us to organise for the majority of the clubs to start on the second week back after Easter. As there are various events next term which might cause disruption to clubs, e.g. Open evenings and SATS week, please make sure you check your child's club record card and the newsletter for when their clubs are running.

• Nursery to Y5 Open Evenings

Thank you to the parents/carers of the 312 children that have already booked their Open Evenings for either **Tuesday 1st May** - Nursery to Y5 classes; or **Thursday 3rd May** - Reception to Y5 classes.

A crèche will be available on both evenings from 3:20 p.m.

Sporting News

• Cross Country City Finals

On Tuesday three of our children, Kaddi Kaddijatou, Libby Barwise and Rosa Aziz, went to Haywood Academy, having been chosen from hundreds of children to represent Longton in the City Finals. The girls all raced fantastically and finished a very respectable, 17th, 34th and 43rd respectively. Well done girls, you have done exceptionally well and made us proud.

• Swimming awards

This term our Y3 and Y5 children have been having weekly swimming lessons at Fenton Manor and have proudly received the following certificates:

<u>Beginners Certificate</u>: Jessica Bowler, David Scarlett, Kyan Pervaz, Kyla Austin, Brodie Berrisford, Caitlin Harrison, Ethan Budd, Lewis Day, Alfie-John Griffiths, Alfie White, Ashton Palmer, Eli Hallam, Mason Lavick, Jane Kidd, Jack Thursfield,

Lotti Cooper, Corey Regan-Moore, Famidah Islam, Lucy Monks-Neil, Oliver Buckley, and Lewis Myatt

Length Certificate: Elouise Howle, Callum Williams, Alfie Howells, Seth Hansbury, Leo Wilson, Ella Wigley, Shaun Bickerton, Kinga Iwanska, Libbie Gorton, Emily Lancett, James Crabb, Ruby Johnson, Rebecca Horton and Samuel Veilawa

<u>Elementary Certificate</u>: Jack Sargeant, Julia Dziuba, Kinga Iwanska, Sophia Kelemes, Amie-Mae Callaghan, Jacob Burston and Lilly Cartlidge.

<u>ASA Challenge Silver</u>: Lauchlan Sullivan - a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to all our swimmers. It is such a vital, life-saving skill to learn, so we are immensely proud of you all. Well done!

We have to also give a huge thank you to **Mr. Brown** and **Mr. Madden** for their absolutely brilliant support in shuttling the children to and from the sports centre every Friday. Without their tireless assistance we would really struggle to offer the amount of swimming that we do for the children. We hope you both know just how much we appreciate your help.

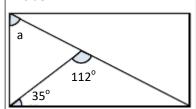
School Attendance Our school attendance for this week is 97.2% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%

F1/1	93.3%	Y2/2	94.0%
F1/2	96.7%	Y3/1	94.4%
F1/3	100%	Y3/2	98.3%
F1/4	98.3%	Y4/1	99.2%
F2/1	98.4%	Y4/2	98.8%
F2/2	97.5%	Y5/1	98.4%
Y1/1	99.2%	Y5/2	98.2%
Y1/2	94.6%	Y6/1	100%
Y2/1	94.2%	Y6/2	96.7%

Maths Challenge 2

Here is a rectangle.

Some lines have been drawn inside.



Work out the size of the angle marked with an a.

Explain your reasoning.

Blog Of The Week this week goes to our fabulous Nursery for their exciting Easter egg Hunt. The children had a really a fun afternoon following the Easter bunny's clues. We hope you asked your child what the surprise the Easter bunny left behind for the children. Do have a look at the video on the blog of what the children got up to.



Tweet of the Week today goes to our fabulous catering team who work tirelessly in the kitchen to provide our children with healthy nutritious meals and the occasional treat. Yesterday's was lovely Easter bunny shortcake and Easter cupcakes. Thank you ladies!



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 impressive:

For the entire Spring Term 2018 our Whole School Attendance is 95.53%, down from 96.82% this time last year.

Our winning classes for this term are: FSU R2 (Miss Hodgson) – 97.01%

KS1 Y1/1 (Mrs Smith) – **96.26**%

KS2 Y3/2 (Miss Harrison) – **97.11**%

Classes over our target of 96.5% are only:

Miss Harrison's class with 97.11% and Miss Hodgson's class with 97.01%

But the following were all so close, above 96%, but below 96.5%: Mrs Smith's, Mrs Stillwell's, Miss Heath/Mrs Allen's, Miss Gregory's, Mr Hunt's and Mr Alcock's classes.

155 children have received badges for 100% attendance for the whole Spring Term (210 children in 2016/17).

274 children have received certificates for 100% attendance for this Spring 2 Half Term (291 children in 2016/17).

Our Whole School Attendance for this Spring 2 Half Term is 95.42%, down from 96.93% in 2016/17.

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

Termly Star Awards

In assemblies this week I have been very pleased and proud to present the Termly Star Awards 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	Evie Wray	Y3/1	Mrs Frost	Jack Thursfield
FS1/2	Mrs Gater/Mrs Powell Mrs Welsh	Jack Emberson	Y3/2	Miss Harrison	Ruby Landon
FS2/1	Mrs Adams/Mrs Powell	Sebastian Harbon	Y4/1	Mr Frost	Freya Espley
FS2/2	Miss Hodgson	Summer Wright	Y4/2	Mr Hunt	Autumn Powis
Y1/1	Mrs Smith	Georgia Brownsword	Y5/1	Mrs Carney/ Miss Gerrard	Zack Dunn
Y1/2	Mrs Stillwell	Harry Broome	Y5/2	Mr Alcock	Mackenzie Hambleton
Y2/1	Miss Heath/ Mrs Allen	Adena Perry	Y6/1	Mrs Hassall	Danielle Gurney
Y2/2	Miss Gregory	Tristan Draper	Y6/2	Mrs Bullock/ Mrs Martin	Madison Street

And Finally ...

As we reach the end of another term and the Easter holidays are about to begin, can I please thank everyone for their support over the last, 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 would also like to thank the continued efforts of all our staff, who provide the best possible learning experiences, extra-curricular activities and pastoral care for all the children. By working together for the children of Sandford Hill Primary, we manage to achieve some pretty amazing things.

I would like to wish you all a restful break, but I would also ask that you continue to encourage all of the children to keep reading and throw the occasional mental maths problem at them over the holiday break. I would also ask our Year 6 parents/carers to keep encouraging their 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 16th April with their batteries fully recharged.

