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Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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No Youth Club tonight – Have a Happy Easter!

Words of Welcome..... Last night we welcomed our Governors to this half term's meeting and they were very impressed with all that had gone on this term in school. They were very pleased to see all the progress made in the children's maths reasoning, which has been a priority since September, as well as hearing about how much more the children are enjoying their maths. They were also delighted to hear about the impact the reading challenge is having. In Y5 and Y6, the Accelerated Reader programme, where the children read books and then do quizzes on them, is making a real difference with the children reading so much more. In fact, since November, Y6 have read over 9½ million words and since mid-February, Y5 have read nearly 4 million words. Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting our children with the Reading Challenge, which expects the children to read at least 4 times a week. Please do keep it up during the Easter break, especially our Y1 children, as reading regularly is so important to overall achievement, and is especially important while they are still learning to read.

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

FS2/1	63% ↑	Y1/1	47% ↑	Y2/1	83% ↓	Y3/1	45% ←	Y4/1	53% ↑	Y5/1	100% ✨	Y6/1	100% ✨
FS2/2	57% ↑	Y1/2	50% ↑	Y2/2	93% ←	Y3/2	68% ←	Y4/2	53% ↑	Y5/2	100% ✨	Y6/2	93% ↓

Diary dates:

Mon 24th April	Summer Term starts
Tues 25th April	Parent/Teacher Meeting - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Thurs 27th April	Y1 visit to St. Mary and St. Chad's church
Thurs 27th April	Parent/Teacher Meeting - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Mon 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday – No school
8th - 12th May	Y6 SATS week
Fri 19th May	Quiz Night run by the Friends of Sandford Hill
Mon 5th June	School closed to children – staff training day
12th - 16th June	Y1 Phonics Week
Sat 1st July	Summer Fayre – 'At the Seaside'

CLUBS

A ParentMail with choices for Summer Term clubs will be sent out today and clubs will start the second week of next term.

NO YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT

'FRIENDS OF SHP'

This week our PTFA met again, and by unanimous decision, decided to change its name to the **'Friends of Sandford Hill Primary'**, so as to include *anyone* that is interested in getting to know others and planning fun, social activities while raising money for the schools Minibus Appeal. The **Friends** meet every month during term time on the 1st Wednesday; so the next will be on Wed 3rd May at 5:30 p.m. Please put the date in your diary and see if you can come along.

'Quiz Night' - Friday 19th May - 7:00pm

You are invited to the first social event to raise money towards the school's Minibus Appeal.
When: Fri 19th May, doors open 7:00 p.m.
Who for: all adults and any KS2 children or older that would like to take part.
Cost: Entry is £3 per person
Table: Made up of 6 people maximum
Refreshments: Bring your own
Tickets: 120 available - first come, first served, via ParentMail or cash to the office from today.
Prize: Cash prize for the winning table.
 Book your places and get practising.

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

A money box contains some 10p coins.



Mike takes out 20p.
 Hassan takes out 40p.
 These coins are left in the box.

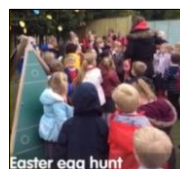


How many coins were in the box at the start?

Blogs Of The Week accolade goes to our Reception children this week who told us about their Easter egg hunt! The children had to solve a number of clues before they could find some hidden 'treasure'. The last clue said:

*'Good morning everybody', is what we say
 Where do we do our register everyday?
 This is the last clue, I wonder what we'll find?
 Let's see if the Easter bunny has been very kind.'*

Do have a look at the blog, and please leave us a comment.



'Tweet of the Week'

We're so fortunate to be able to call on the help and support of so many of our friends and families. This was recognised once again in a tweet on Thursday; *"Many thanks to those who attended our PTFA meeting last night, planning our forthcoming quiz evening. Your support really is appreciated."*

School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.6% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	97.3%	Y1/1	91.3%	Y4/1	97.3%
F1/2	96.7%	Y1/2	92.0%	Y4/2	97.2%
F1/3	99.3%	Y2/1	98.7%	Y5/1	95.2%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	93.3%	Y5/2	96.3%
F2/1	95.0%	Y3/1	99.0%	Y6/1	99.2%
F2/2	90.7%	Y3/2	96.1%	Y6/2	91.3%

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	Isaac Pickin	Y3/1	George Hof
FS1/2	Mylie Burgess	Y3/2	Amethyst Gordon
FS2/1	Tilley Hussey	Y4/1	Ryan Hibbert
FS2/2	Oscar Stevenson	Y4/2	Rosa Aziz
Y1/1	Jasmine Emery	Y5/1	Lucie Woolliscroft
Y1/2	Adena Perry	Y5/2	Olivia Harford
Y2/1	Caitlin Harrison	Y6/1	John Jeffries
Y2/2	Julia Dziuba	Y6/2	Felicity Wall

News in Brief

• Y1 Parents/Carers Phonics drop-in

We were thrilled to see so many Y1 parents/carers that made it to our phonics drop-in activity session. We do hope you enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside your child and learned a bit about how they are taught phonics in class.

• Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs Winners

All of the children that made something for our Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg competition are winners and will receive a certificate, 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 Mifflin. Well done to all of our entry winners! See some of the offerings on the back page.

Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg	Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg
N	Jack Cotterill	Oliver Hambleton	N	Briley Simm	Grace Hallam
R1	Vinnie Locket	Woodrow Tooth	R2	Emori Sevakasiga	Daniel Inch
Y1/1	Blake Wray	Brooke MacMillan	Y1/2	Lily Hunt	Malachi-Logan Foreman
Y2/1	Lily-Mae Davies	Ella Wigley	Y2/2	Amelia Williams	Lola Street
Y3/1	Autumn Powis	Josh Lythgoe	Y3/2	Jimmy Rushton	Lily Cartlidge
Y4/1	Lacey Clunn	Ryan Hibbert	Y4/2	Romy Swinswood	Rebecca Horton
Y5/1	Jak Kelsall	Lewis Payne	Y5/2	Ellie Yeomans	Lauren Dugdale
Y6/1	Rhys Hackett	Millie Bradshaw	Y6/2	Teigan Eveson	Tinashe Zinyemba

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **all the children** who have achieved swimming awards from school and also to: **Isabelle Yeomans** for her Goldfish 2; **Ellie Yeomans** for her Shark 3 **Jasmine Chahal** for her Shark 3; **Callum Hambleton** for his Stanley 5; and **Brooke Barker** for her Goldfish 3, **Ella Wigley** for her Stanley 7, **Leo Wilson** for his Octopus 1. Well done all!
- Well done to **Ruby Landon** who has recently passed her tap exam. Congratulations Ruby.
- Congratulations to **Emily Hughes** who has achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 music theory exam. Very well done Emily.

Sports News

- A final match for the term saw our Y5/6 footballers have another convincing win against Our Lady's Primary. Congratulations again to **Nathan Coxon, Jack Sutton, Ashton Harvey, Connor Wild, Joshua Bickerton, Ryan Till, Ryan Bridgett, Brennyn Lawton and Lewis Leese-Spencer.**
- This morning, 12 of our pupils travelled to the Discovery Academy to take part in a Dodgeball Tournament. The children all played really well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to **Libbie Gorton, Rosa Aziz, Delilah Wall, Kasey Leese, Tyler Hazeldine, Joel Farooq, Ryan Bridgett, Ethan Protaszczak, Ashton Burton, George Hof, William Buckley and Lauchlan Sullivan.**

Thoughtfulness and Respect

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	Deni Reece	Y3/1	Mckenzie Gratton
FS1/2	Harrison Colclough	Y3/2	Jessica Beardmore
FS2/1	Daniel Diamond	Y4/1	Sophia Kelemes
FS2/2	Seren Churchill	Y4/2	Jacob Burston
Y1/1	Jasmine Emery	Y5/1	Lena Qurban
Y1/2	Harrison barker	Y5/2	Molly McNicol
Y2/1	Ella Wigley	Y6/1	Tegan Day
Y2/2	Kai Arif	Y6/2	Zuhera Nadeem

Notices:

• Parent's Evenings Bookings

You should now have received confirmation of your time slot to meet with your child's class teacher in the first week back after Easter. If you still need to make an appointment, then please ask at the main office. Thank you.

• Crèche available

A crèche will operate in the School Hall for the duration of the meeting times. We would very much appreciate it if younger children were not brought into parent/teacher meetings as time is limited and they can sometimes be a distraction.

• Free School Meal Form

A reminder to please complete the Free School Meal (FSM) form online or on paper. The new system has already picked up 3 new children entitled to FSM, which also means much needed additional Pupil Premium funding for school.

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 2017 our Whole School Attendance is 96.82%, up from 96.53% this time last year.

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

FSU N4 (Mrs Welsh) – **97.98%**
KS1 Y2/1 (Miss Harrison) – **97.62%**
KS2 Y4/1 (Mr Frost) – **98.36%**



Classes over our target of 96.5% are:

Mrs Moss – 97.51% **Mrs Gater/Mrs Barker** – 97.51% **Mrs Welsh** – 97.98% **Miss Heath** – 96.83%
Miss Harrison – 97.62% **Miss Davies** – 97.16% **Mrs Frost** – 97.04% **Mrs Mifflin** – 97.04%
Mr Frost – 98.36% **Mr Hunt** – 96.98% **Mrs Carney/Mrs Bullock** – 96.64%
Mr Alcock – 97.38% **Mrs Hassall** – 97.01%

Number of children receiving badges for **100% attendance for the whole Spring Term** is **210**, (199 children in 2015/16).

Number of children receiving certificates for **100% attendance for this Spring 2 Half Term** is **291**, (295 children in 2015/16).

Whole School Attendance for **this Spring 2 Half Term** is **96.93%**, a big improvement from 96.21% in 2015/16.

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 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	Chloe Jeffries	Y3/1	Mrs Frost	Evie Elliott
FS1/2	Mrs Gater/Mrs Barker Mrs Welsh	Louie Emberson	Y3/2	Mrs Mifflin	Jacob Wainwright
FS2/1	Miss Heath/Mrs Powell	Isaac Latham	Y4/1	Mr Frost	Ashton Burton
FS2/2	Miss Hodgson	Dominic Majocha	Y4/2	Mr Hunt	Leah Iqbal
Y1/1	Mrs Smith	Kelsie Walker	Y5/1	Mrs Carney/ Mrs Bullock	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y1/2	Mrs Stillwell	Jesse Solani	Y5/2	Mr Alcock	Kaddijatou Kassama
Y2/1	Miss Harrison	Elouise Howle	Y6/1	Mrs Hassall	Ethan Bowen
Y2/2	Miss Davies	Ethan Budd	Y6/2	Miss Gregory	Keira Barker

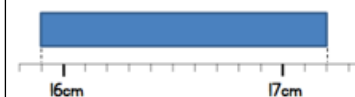
And Finally

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, 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, extra-curricular activities and pastoral care for all the children, enabling them to thrive.

Although I wish you all a restful break, I would ask that, as well as encouraging all of the children to keep reading over the holiday break, I would also 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 24th April with their batteries fully recharged.

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

A blue strip of paper is shown above part of a ruler.



What is the length of 6 of these strips of paper?

Best wishes for an enjoyable Easter break.

Mr Wardle

STOP PRESS – LATE NEWS!

The winners of the Easter Raffle are: Jak Kelsall and Ruby Foster. Well done to them and thank you to all the children that bought a ticket. A fantastic £96.10 was raised towards our new School Minibus Appeal.

