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Thoughtfulness  
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# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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## No Youth Club this term

**Words of Welcome.....** Welcome back to all and we hope you had an enjoyable and refreshing Easter break. I am sure some of you, like myself, had a relaxing time at home, while others may have been lucky enough to go away for a holiday. Kaddi, Modou and their family, have just returned from Gambia in West Africa and they have kindly bought a gift for our children at Sandford Hill to enjoy. It is a Kora, which is a musical instrument made of wood and strings, from the Mandinka tribe. Very many thanks the Kassama family for this special and unusual gift. We'll have to see if Mrs Brian or anyone else can play it. 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!



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

FS2/1	67% ↑	Y1/1	47% ↓	Y2/1	90% ↑	Y3/1	32% ↓	Y4/1	44% ↓	Y5/1	72% ↓	Y6/1	100% ✨
FS2/2	63% ↑	Y1/2	43% ↓	Y2/2	50% ↓	Y3/2	94% ↑	Y4/2	31% ↓	Y5/2	50% ↓	Y6/2	93% ↓

### Diary dates:

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May** May Day Bank Holiday – No school  
**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May** Swimming starts for Y2  
**8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May** Y6 SATS week  
**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May** Y1/1 to Longton Fire Station  
**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May** Y5/4 Bikeability  
**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> May** Y3 to Gladstone Pottery Museum  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May** **Quiz Night** run by the **Friends of Sandford Hill**  
**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June** **School closed to children – Elections Polling Station**  
**12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June** Y1 Phonics Week  
**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July** **Summer Fayre – 'At the Seaside'**

### CLUBS

Clubs start next week. Confirmation record cards will go home tonight. No Choir on 8<sup>th</sup> and Girls Cricket on 9<sup>th</sup> May due to SATs.

### Youth Club

Now that the nights are lighter, and it's hopefully warmer outside, there will be no more Youth Clubs taking place in the summer term. We hope to run Youth Club evenings once again from September. Further details will follow.

### 'FRIENDS OF SHPS'

are warmly invited to come along to the next meeting on **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 5:30 p.m.**

They are raising money for the school's Minibus Appeal and would always welcome new members. Let the office know or just turn up. Also we have a new Friends of SHP Facebook page, so please have a look at our upcoming events and like our page. [www.facebook.com/FriendsofSHPS](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofSHPS)

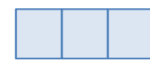


### General Election Survey Results

Thank you for the fantastic 361 responses to our survey about school closures during election week. The vast majority of you voted for us to cancel our staff training day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and move it to the election day, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, when we are forced to close as a polling station. So children will be expected to be in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June as usual. If you have any concerns about these changes to arrangements, please contact the school office.

### Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

Henry makes a 3-digit number.



My number lies between 209 and 220



The digits sum to 9

What number did Henry make?

### Blogs Of The Week

The first winners of the summer term's Blog Of The Week Award are our Nursery children who shared some of their learning about the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Within the post, we had the chance to see the artwork, which the children had created, listen to the story itself and also see the very special visitors of which the Nursery children have just taken delivery. It's a wonderful post, as we're sure you'll agree when you take a look.... if you do, as always, please leave us a comment.

### 'Tweet of the Week'

Following the Year 1 visit to St. Mary's and St. Chad's Church, we were delighted to receive this tweet from Father Kevin; "What a joy to have Year 1 in church this morning. Wonderful children, respectful and well behaved." Well done Year 1 - we're very proud of you all!

@sandford\_hill

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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	99.4%	Y5/1	95.2%
F1/4	<b>100%</b>	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	Callum Clowes	Y3/1	Imogen Emery
FS1/2	Isla Booth	Y3/2	Mohammed Azzan
FS2/1	Olivia Morton	Y4/1	Tyler Hazeldine
FS2/2	Oliver Davies	Y4/2	Jacob Burston
Y1/1	Sian Smith	Y5/1	Cayne Powis
Y1/2	Tyler Cartwright	Y5/2	Elle-Mae Hassall
Y2/1	Keira Cooper	Y6/1	Alfie Davis
Y2/2	Kinga Iwanska	Y6/2	Teigan Eveson

### News in Brief

#### • Do you know who your child is talking to?

We continue to promote e-Safety with all of the members of our school community so as to help to keep everyone safe. We have however, recently been alerted to an out of school incident, which is currently being investigated by the police. This incident occurred following the use of the app 'Snapchat'. A child made contact with someone who was pretending to be someone they were not. **As always, we'd ask that parents / carers continue to talk to the children about e-safety:**

- Are your settings private or public?
- Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know.
- You don't put up posters sharing your personal information, so don't online (address, school, age, phone number, etc.).
- Think before you post any photographs.
- Tell if you see something which upsets you.

There are lots of resources on our school website here to help you with discussions about e-safety. These can be found under the 'Parents' section. If you would like any further information please speak with Mr. Hunt, our e-Safety Leader.

### Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Finley Jackson, Ryan Colley** and **Seth Hansbury** who have all completed their Junior Football Programme.
- Many congratulations to **Libbie Gorton's dad, Mark**, who completed the London Marathon in 3:17:38, raising over £730 including gift aid for Group B Strep (GBS) Support. GBS is a bacterium carried by up to a third of the population harmlessly, but potentially fatal if passed on to babies at birth, causing pneumonia, septicaemia and meningitis. Libbie is a GBS survivor, having developed pneumonia and septicaemia as a newborn. For more information on GBS, symptoms & testing go to [www.gbss.org.uk](http://www.gbss.org.uk)
- Congratulations to **Callum** in Y2 who has passed his Octopus 1 and **Reggie Lewis** who passed his Stanley 5 in swimming.
- Well done to **Alfie Davis** and **Tegan Day** who represented Longton in the inter-town cross country competition last night.

### And Finally

As we start the final term of what is always a very busy time of the school year (but when isn't!), I would like to take a moment of reflection. With schools facing ever more difficult circumstances it could easily have an impact on the opportunities and experiences we offer the children. I am proud to say however, that through the ongoing commitment of our fabulous staff and the support of our amazing parents/carers that this is not the case. So thank you to all and let us continue to make Sandford Hill the best school it can possibly be.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

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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	Grace Hallam	Y3/1	Leya Elliott
FS1/2	Liam Churchill	Y3/2	Harley Hough
FS2/1	Tayla Dedicoat	Y4/1	Kirsty Dabbs
FS2/2	Lucy Moore	Y4/2	Ryan Bridgett
Y1/1	Joseph Steele	Y5/1	Ashton Harvey
Y1/2	Owen Waters	Y5/2	Olivia Mosedale
Y2/1	Aaron Smith	Y6/1	Quaid Smith
Y2/2	Amelia Williams	Y6/2	Tyler Dimmock

### Notices:

#### • Parent's Evenings

Many thanks to all the parents/carers that attended our Open Evenings this week. Thanks also to the staff for their time and preparation and to those that ran the crèche.

#### • Friends of Sandford Hill 'Quiz Night' - Fri 19th May - 7pm

There are still tickets available (via ParentMail shop) for our first social quiz night. See more on our new Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/FriendsofSHPS](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofSHPS)

#### • There's something in the Water, Duck


You are invited to a free water-based extravaganza show featuring a spectacular water display, opera and pyrotechnics as part of the City of Culture 2021 bid. For more information [www.sot2021.com/whats-on/events/2017/theres-something-in-the-water-duck](http://www.sot2021.com/whats-on/events/2017/theres-something-in-the-water-duck)

#### • Fidget Spinners

To avoid upset and disruption to learning, could we please ask that children do not bring fidget spinners into school. Thank you

#### Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

Mrs Berry bakes muffins and sells them in her shop.

On Monday she bakes 25  and sells 18.

#### a) How many does she have left?

On Tuesday she baked twice as many muffins but has the same amount left.

#### b) How many did she sell on Tuesday?



## Academic Year and Holiday Dates 2017 / 2018



### AUTUMN TERM 2017:

*Staff:* Monday 4 September – Friday 20 October  
*Pupils:* Tuesday 5 September – Friday 20 October

**Holiday: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October**

*Staff:* Monday 30 October - Staff Training Day  
*Pupils:* Tuesday 31 October – Tuesday 19 December :

**Holiday: Wednesday 20 December – Tuesday 2 January**

### SPRING TERM 2018:

*Staff & Pupils:* Wednesday 3 January – Friday 16 February

**Holiday: Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February**

*Staff & Pupils:* Monday 26 February – Thursday 29 March

**Holiday: Friday 30 March – Wednesday 11 April**  
(plus Thurs/Fri for pupils – see below)

### SUMMER TERM 2018:

*Staff:* Thursday 12 April and Friday 13 April - Staff Training Days  
*Pupils:* Mon 16 April – Friday 25 May

**May Day: Monday 7 May**

**Holiday: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June**

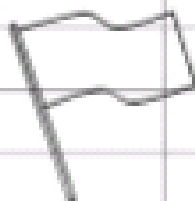
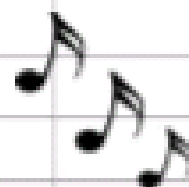
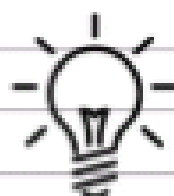
*Staff:* Monday 4 June - Staff Training Day  
*Pupils:* Tuesday 5 June– Friday 20 July

**Holiday: Monday 23 July – Friday 31 August**

# QUIZ NIGHT

*Come along and test your knowledge!*

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**Where?:** Sandford Hill Primary School  
Clayfield Grove, Longton



**When?:** Friday 19th May



Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start



**Cost?:** £3 per person. Tables of 6 people  
Tickets available from the school  
office or ParentMail.



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