



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** This Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> May or May Day, when we see the start of the new month with a special Bank Holiday on Monday. But why do we have this day's holiday? Although Summer does not officially begin until June, May Day marks its beginning. May Day celebrations have been carried out in England for over 2000 years. Traditional English May Day celebrations include Morris dancing, crowning a May Queen and dancing around a Maypole. The Romans celebrated the **festival of Flora**, goddess of fruit and flowers, which marked the beginning of summer. In school many of the children have been involved in summer preparation activities.



In Nursery the children planted sunflower seeds and they are already growing at a tremendous rate. Y5 have planted the 'Rocket Seeds' which have germinated and are starting to grow. The Gardening Club have been planting various vegetables. Our Enterprise Club have signed up for the Virgin Fiver Challenge which they are hoping to increase by running stalls at the Summer Fayre (see later for more details). Please help them out by doing their 30 second survey on the front page of the website and while you're there have a look at the videos and updates on our blog pages.



## Diary dates:

## NO YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – No school
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5 Bikeability – day; Y4 Bikeability after school
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Bikeability – day
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Bingo – 6:30 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3/2 to Gladstone Pottery Museum
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3/1 to Gladstone Pottery Museum
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery and Y6 photos
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 to WaterWorld p.m.
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff Training Day – <b>school closed to children</b>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING STATION - <b>school closed to children</b>

**w/b Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016      Year 1 Phonics Screening**

### Class Assemblies

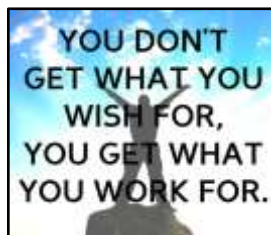
Y3/2 – Mrs Mifflin – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> May

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.  
[www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created)

### SATs run down

We would like to pass on a massive thank you to the children and their parents/carers in Year 2 and Year 6 for all their hard work, support and continued energy in the final stages of preparation for SATs. We know that this is a hard time of year for all concerned, but we are incredibly proud of the children's attitude to learning and their perseverance when energy levels are dropping.

Just remember while you're practising and learning, that F.A.I.L. actually stands for First Attempt At Learning. So children, parents/carers and staff, keep up the concentration and effort for the few remaining days and look forward to heaving a big sigh of relief and a few treats no doubt, once they are all over.



### Clubs cancellation - early notice

Please be advised that during SATS week, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May, there will be **no early morning sessions** for the following clubs:

- Choir
- Y5/6 Tennis
- Y5/6 Dodgeball
- Y5/6 High Fives
- Y5/6 Cricket
- Y3/4 Tennis

All other clubs will carry on as normal.

**'Blog of the week!'** The award this week goes to a Year 4 parent who shared this with us, earlier in the week; "I always watch all the blogs and videos of my son's year. I think this a great idea as children don't often tell you about their day. Good work Sandford Hill". Many thanks for this, your feedback is always very welcome.

### 'Tweet of the Week'

In school, we also use our Twitter feed to share learning opportunities. This is our tweet of the week therefore: 'A great little game to develop geographical knowledge of Britain: Locate That Landmark Game [locatethatlandmark.com](http://locatethatlandmark.com)'



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.7% which is <b>above</b> our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	96.7	Y1/1	95.2	Y4/1	98.0
F1/2	100	Y1/2	97.3	Y4/2	96.7
F1/3	99.3	Y2/1	92.8	Y5/1	98.0
F1/4	98.0	Y2/2	97.7	Y5/2	94.1
F2/1	97.3	Y3/1	99.3	Y6/1	98.1
F2/2	92.0	Y3/2	99.0	Y6/2	91.7
			Y6/3	98.8	

**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	Lola Fowell	Y3/1	Delilah-Rose Wall
FS1/2	Isaac Latham	Y3/2	Romy Swinswood
FS2/1	Arman Hussain	Y4/1	Lauren Dugdale
FS2/2	Brooke Macmillan	Y4/2	Natalia Iwanska
Y1/1	Kyan Pervaz	Y5/1	Seth Furbur
Y1/2	Thomas Kelsey	Y5/2	Jack Sutton
Y2/1	Yvie Jones	Y6/1	Mitchell Leese-Spencer
Y2/2	Freya Espley	Y6/2	Georgia Comber
		Y6/3	Sharni Eaton

## News in Brief

### • Summer Fayre planning

Our PTFA would like to invite all parents, carers, grandparents, friends to come along from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. next Friday afternoon, 6<sup>th</sup> May** to share current plans and preparations for this year's Summer Fayre. Do please come along and join us to share in our current plans and add your own ideas and suggestions. We look forward to welcoming you in the Community Room.

### Congratulations

- Very well done to **Ben Turnock** for achieving his Frog 2 swimming at Gust Swim School.
- Congratulations to **Eloise Gray** who has achieved her Level 4 in Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency.
- Well done to **Naomi Tabernor** who, along with her dance troupe, won their dance competition last weekend.
- Congratulations to **Tegan Day** who recently took part in her first Motocross bike race.

### Sporting News

- Well done to our Y3/4 Dodgeball teams who on Monday afternoon entered their first competition. The A Team finished 3rd overall and the B Team were runners up in their group. A great achievement after just one week's practice! Well done to: **Delilah-Rose Wall, Ruby Booth, Isobell Martin, Libby Barwise, Jesse Addai, Jak Kelsall, Lewis Leese-Spencer, Charlie Bradbury, Ethan Protaszczak, Ryan Bridgett, Tyler Edge and Tyler Hazeldine.**
- Good Luck to our Tennis Teams who play in their first tournament next Tuesday at Trentham.



### And Finally

Don't forget that next week is a four day week for the children, with Monday's May Day Bank Holiday. Although there is a local Police Commissioner's Election on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we worked hard for the voting **not** to be at the school this year, as it disrupts learning at this important time. Instead there will be a mobile unit on the Old Sal/Co-op car park.

Best wishes for the Bank Holiday Weekend

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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	Sereana Veilawa	Y3/1	Sophia Kelemes
FS1/2	Isaac Latham	Y3/2	Keira Mason-Anderson
FS2/1	Isabel Salt	Y4/1	Kaddijatou Kassama
FS2/2	Ava Toothill	Y4/2	Shay Allen
Y1/1	Callum Hambleton	Y5/1	Ryan Till
Y1/2	James Holder-Boast	Y5/2	Tegan Day
Y2/1	Saimone Sevakasiga	Y6/1	Skye Kesic
Y2/2	Samuela Tuilevuka	Y6/2	Georgia Grundy
		Y6/3	Joseph Woolliscroft

### Notices:

#### • Bikeability

A reminder to Year 5 children that they have their Bikeability sessions next Tuesday and Wednesday and Year 4 children on Tuesday only until 5pm. Please ensure you dismount outside the school grounds and walk your bikes very carefully past any pedestrians. Then leave them up where the minibuses are parked. Thank you.

#### • Junior Bake Off

Do you fancy putting your baking skills to the test? Can you make the most mouth-watering shortbread? Are you potty about pies or simply bonkers about bread? CBBC is looking for junior bakers aged between 9 - 12 years across the country to take part in the brand new Junior Bake Off. For more details please see their [webpage](#).

#### • Community Bingo

Due to the Bank Holiday, the next Bingo session is on Monday 9th May at 6:30 p.m.

**Mr Wardle**