



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** Whisper it quietly, but it seems that this week Spring has appeared to have sprung in and around Sandford Hill. The children have enjoyed the warmer weather of the last few days and the chance to take to the playgrounds without having to wrap up in three or four layers first! The plants around school are also appearing to enjoy the warmer weather and this week, there seems to have been a real flurry of horticultural activities taking place in school. Year 5's 'Rocket Seeds' seem to be making good progress, under the careful stewardship of 'Head Gardener' Emily Hughes, our Y1 children have been planting in their new flower boxes by the Hobbit House and our EYFS children have been really busy planting and growing amongst others, rocket, radish and sunflowers, whilst at the same time, caring for caterpillars, which have transformed into chrysalises. These have since turned into beautiful butterflies, which yesterday, the children released around the edges of the school field. Please keep an eye out over the next few days for our Peacock butterflies, and let's all hope for more seasonal sunshine so that they can flourish. If you would like to find out a little more about the learning, which is taking place across school, have a look at our school blog or follow us on our Twitter feed or through our Facebook page, all of which can be accessed through our school website.

## Diary dates:

### NO YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT

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.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 watch performance of 'Treasure Island' – <b>NO Y3/4 GYM CLUB</b> before school
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>
<b>w/b Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening</b>

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)

## Bikeability

We'd very much like to pass on our congratulations to the 60 or so children from Year 4 and Year 5 who have successfully completed Bikeability training. The children have developed their cycling control and their road awareness skills, which we hope will help them to become safer cyclists. Remember though children, of the importance of wearing bright or reflective clothing, so that you can be seen more easily and also remember to wear a cycle helmet to protect you. Well done to all of the children who undertook the training. The instructors told us how well you all listened and how sensibly you performed on your bicycles. We are all very proud of you!

## Clubs cancellation - Reminder

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
- **Y3/4 Gymnastics – Newly added**
- 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'!

This week our very prestigious "Blog of the week" award is presented to the children in Mrs Frost's class for their post on 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. Each child in the class worked really hard to use comparative adjectives when writing a poem called 'Inside a firework maker's kit you will find.....', which they then performed as their blog. It really went with a BANG. Do have a look on our blog to see it!

## 'Tweet of the Week'

@sandford\_hill really enjoyed the assembly, the children were brilliant and it was a great start to our day. Well done to all. It's lovely to have feedback from our class assemblies- the children really appreciate it.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.4% which is <b>below</b> our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	93.3%	Y1/1	95.4%	Y4/1	99.2%
F1/2	94.2%	Y1/2	92.5%	Y4/2	97.5%
F1/3	98.3%	Y2/1	93.5%	Y5/1	91.3%
F1/4	96.7%	Y2/2	99.2%	Y5/2	97.2%
F2/1	94.2%	Y3/1	100%	Y6/1	97.0%
F2/2	99.2%	Y3/2	99.2%	Y6/2	95.1%
				Y6/3	97.7%

**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	Gracie Howells	Y3/1	Lacey Clunn
FS1/2	Evie Lawton	Y3/2	Keira Mason-Anderson
FS2/1	Jamie Todd	Y4/1	Molly McNicol
FS2/2	Lenny Mitchell	Y4/2	Ashton Harvey
Y1/1	Jessica Bowler	Y5/1	Janah Khan
Y1/2	Leo Morgan	Y5/2	Connor Wild
Y2/1	Esme Rhead	Y6/1	Chloe Stratford
Y2/2	Lucy Greslow	Y6/2	Emma Masterson
		Y6/3	Austin Gratton

### News in Brief

#### • Community Bingo

The next Bingo night will be taking place in the school hall once again on **Monday 9th May**. Eyes down from 6:30 p.m. Please do pop along; you'll be made to feel most welcome and might also win some of the amazing prizes on offer!

#### • Summer Fayre

This afternoon, a number of parents/carers, friends and family members joined us to begin to plan out our school fayre. Thank you ever so much for your continued support- it's really appreciated. This year, it is anticipated that our Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 16th July** and with the theme of 'Carnival'. More details will follow shortly.

#### • Au revoir

Today we said 'Au revoir' to Mrs Dunn who is leaving us to take up a new post within Children's Care. Mrs Dunn has worked at Sandford Hill for over 11 years and has been hugely popular with all of the children. This is shown by some of the words which the children have written on her cards: "Mrs Dunn is a kind and helpful person who always has a smile on her face which lights up a room when she enters....." We would all like to thank her for her dedicated service to the school and children of Sandford Hill and wish her continued success and happiness for the future. She will be greatly missed.

### Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the children who have been awarded the Head Teacher's Star award for their hard work, attitude to learning and progress over the course of the week; **Gracie Howells, Ashton Allen, Matthew Bennett, Kelsie Walker, Alfie Howells, Kai Arif, Ruby Hughes, Amethyst Gordon, Bradley Whitfield, Ethan Protaszczak, Gray Bradbeer, Lewis Leese-Spencer, Naomi Tabernor, Tamjeed Majeed, Bethany Bridgwood, Tyler Nolan and Declan Brookes.**

### Sporting News

• **Congratulations** to our Y3/4 Tennis Team who were runners-up at the tennis tournament, which was held at Trentham High School on Tuesday. The two teams of four players, were only pipped at the post by the fact that the winning team, had won more individual games. A sterling effort from all of the players involved. Congratulations to; **Charlie Bradbury, Ryan Bridgett, Lewis Leese-Spencer, Taylor Brown, Libby Barwise, Isobell Martin, Macy Latham and Sophia Keates.** Who knows, in a year a two we may be seeing some familiar faces gracing The Centre Court at Wimbledon!

• **Congratulations** to Ryan Bridgett who has signed his official contract with Port Vale Football Club to play in their Under 9's academy. A superb achievement Ryan. Very well done indeed!

### And Finally

Much of the learning this week has taken on a local theme. The children in Year Four have conducted a local area study to find out a little bit more about the places and features around school. As well as this, Mrs Miffliin's class led our school assembly on Tuesday and shared with us lots of interesting facts about Stoke-On-Trent. Having heard about some of the very many things, which our incredible city has to offer, it has made us all feel very 'Proud To Be A Potter'. Indeed, one of the finest things within our city, which we should all feel proud of, are it's people and nowhere is that more true, than with the children of Sandford Hill. We are all very proud indeed of our children and we would encourage them too, to be proud of themselves for their achievements. With SATs week starting on Monday, we would like to wish **our Y6 children every good luck for next week.** All our Y6 have been working so hard and made such efforts, both at home and school, so a very big 'Well Done' to all of you. Also a very big 'Thank you' to all the parents/carers who have been so supportive of the children and the school in helping them to achieve their very best. **GOOD LUCK ALL to all, and be proud!**

Best wishes for the weekend

**Mr Wardle**

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