Sandford Hill Primary School, Clayfield Grove, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 5AQ



BREAKING NEWS:

Our Dougie Mac 'Wear something yellow' non-uniform day has raised a fantastic £472.57! So very many thanks to all for your donations.

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Diary dates:

Mon	25 th	Sept	Y6 to Stanley Head
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Thurs 28th Sept Y5/1 Mrs Carney's assembly - Parents welcome

Mon 2nd Oct Saxonfield Residents Association - see below

Tues 3rd Oct Y2/2 Farm to Fork at Longton Tesco Wed 4th Oct Individual and family photos - see later

Wed 4th Oct Friends of Sandford Hill PTFA Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Thurs 5th Oct Y2/1 Farm to Fork at Longton Tesco

Wed 11th Oct Beware the Viking in Y5!

Wed 11th Oct Y2/1 Harvest Assembly for KS1 9:05 a.m.

Thurs 12th Oct Y4/1 Harvest Festival for KS2 St. Chad's 9:30 p.m.

Thurs 12th Oct Full Governor's Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct **HALF TERM**

Words of Welcome

Keeping our children safe is a key responsibility of the school which we take very seriously. On a practical safety level we regularly ask you to help us keep the children safe by:

- 1. Parking away from the school and walking the last distance;
- 2. Keeping you children with you while waiting for older siblings.

When more serious child safety concerns arise our safeguarding team take every action to protect the needs of the child. A leaflet for parents from the Local Authority Safeguarding Board about Child Protection Investigations can be found at:

https://tinyurl.com/yblkozd4

Paperless Newsletter?

As you are reading this, I can assume that you read the newsletter, at least in part, but do you read it on paper OR on your phone/tablet/computer etc? As we have almost all parents connected via ParentMail, we are considering stopping sending out the paper copy of the newsletter and instead sending out the electronic copy as usual and having a few printed copies in the front office for those that prefer the paper version. It is very important to us to make sure you get the information about what is going on in school, so we need to know whether this would be a problem for you.

We will therefore be sending out a short electronic survey shortly by ParentMail to ask what you think of the idea, so please do respond and let us know.

Our PTFA - Friends of Sandford Hill

This year's first meeting of our PTFA, the Friends of Sandford Hill is being held on Wednesday 4th October at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. We will be discussing possible social activities and start the planning for the

Christmas Fayre.

Please do try and come along - new members are always warmly welcomed.



Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Headteacher's Star Awards:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner	
FS1/1	Not Awarded	Y3/1	Kyle Barker	
FS1/2	Not Awarded	Y3/2	Finley Jackson	
FS2/1	Rubanpreet Singh	Y4/1	Malwina Jaworska	
FS2/2	Harry Eccleston	Y4/2	Evie Elliott	
Y1/1	Seren Churchill	Y5/1	Lewis Myatt	
Y1/2	./2 Bethan Bloor		Isabel Shaw	
Y2/1	Jesse Solani	Y6/1	Abbi-Mae Hibbert	
Y2/2	/2 Evie-Rose Myatt		Mitchell Lavery	

News in Brief

Y3 Marvellous Egyptian Museum Trip

Y3 enjoyed a very informative trip to Manchester Museum on Wednesday to support their Egyptian topic. They looked at artefacts, ancient coffins and even built a pyramid! Well done Y3, we look forward to seeing the results of your Egyptian work.

• Well done to our new Nursery children

This week our Nursery children had their first full day at school and Mrs Powell is so pleased with how well all the children are settling in. Having a new environment, new teachers to get to know and new routines, including lunchtimes, is an awful lot for the children to cope with, but they've done brilliantly. And the parents haven't done too badly either leaving their little ones!

• Clubs abound!

It has been wonderful to see so many clubs started this week. It is lovely to see the keen interest and enthusiasm displayed by the children when taking part in these wide range of activities.

High School Parents Evenings for Y6

Update from The Discovery Academy - Parents are welcome to attend the planned open evening on 28th September - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. even if the children can't accompany them. Also, they are hosting two morning sessions on 3rd and 4th October -10:00 to 10:40 a.m. and parents and pupils are welcome to attend either. If going to a morning session, children should come to school here first to obtain their attendance mark and then be collected by parents after 9:45 a.m.



















Readin

Top Reading Classes

These classes had the highest % of children that read 4 times last week.

- 1. Y6/1 100%
- 2. Y4/1 100%
- 3. Y4/2 100%

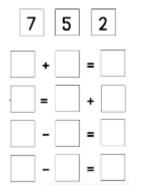
The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

N1	Not Awarded	
N2	Not Awarded	
F2/1	Reggie Lewis	
F2/2	Caleb Barnes	
Y1/1	Evelyn Lawton	
Y1/2	Kaytee Lofkin	
Y2/1	Lily Hunt	
Y2/2	Erin Duchan	
Y3/1	Alfie Dobson	
Y3/2	Mawgan Hopwood	
Y4/1	Lucy Greslow	
Y4/2	Lilli Foster	
Y5/1	Eddie Lomax	
Y5/2	Dante Grocock	
Y6/1	Jack Buckley	
Y6/2	Jak Kelsall	

Maths Challenge 1

Use the cards to make 4 different number sentences.



NOTICES

School photos

On Wednesday 4th October our school photographer will be in to take individual and family photos of the children. Please ensure your child is wearing their winter uniform and has their tie, as we have no spare at present. Should you wish to have a family photo including children who do not attend Sandford Hill, as they have yet to start school or have left, then please confirm through the ParentMail message that will be sent out at 4:00 p.m. today.

Wear something yellow fundraising for Dougie Mac

Well done those children that managed to wear something yellow today for Dougie Mac - not a colour that is found in everybody's wardrobe! Nevertheless, through our non-uniform I'm sure we have raised a fantastic amount and we know it will be very much appreciated by this worthy cause.

• Saxonfield Residents association

We are hoping to continue running our Saxonfield Residents Association, but we need more members attending our meetings and our Bingo Nights.

Bingo nights are held on the first Monday of the month and so our first Bingo night is planned for Monday 2nd October at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall. More details about the Saxonfield Residents Association will be announced then.

Harvest

Many thanks to those that have already sent in harvest items, but we are still in need of much more. If you can spare **just one tin, jar or packet of non-perishable foods** then we would be most grateful. Items can be left any time at the school office. Thank you.



Congratulations

- Many congratulations to Isla Swinswood who donated her hair over the summer to the Princess Trust and raised £70. Hairtastic Isla!
- Congratulations to **Madison Street** who passed her Level 7 in trampolining. Well done Madison!
- Well done also to **Lola Street** who passed her Level 6 in trampolining. Congratulations Lola!
- Congratulations to James Masterson on achieving his Level 2 swimming award. Well done James!

Blog Of The Week

We're awarding our 'Blog Of The Week' title to our Reception class who posted about 'Food Tasting'. The children all took part in tasting a variety of foods and learnt some new language to describe the different flavours. Some lovely pictures to see! Please do take a moment to have a look and, as always, please leave us a comment.

Tweet of the Week

"Mrs Brennan has been overwhelmed by everyone's kind wishes and sends her heart-felt thanks to all."

And Finally ...

Following the theme of my welcome message, another key responsibility we hold is to ensure that children's attendance is good. Although 90% in a test is a good score, 90% ATTENDANCE is actually the equivalent to 20 days off school. Equally being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year
10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year
15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year
20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year
30 minutes late every day = 19 days of school lost a year

Thank you for supporting us by getting your child to school on time every day. Have a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

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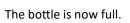
week is 95.8% which is <u>below</u> our school attendance target of 96.5%.

100%	Y2/2	94.8
78.6	Y3/1	95.7
91.1	Y3/2	98.7
95.6	Y4/1	98.7
97.1	Y4/2	89.3
99.3	Y5/1	95.3
95.3	Y5/2	98.6
98.7	Y6/1	92.3
99.3	Y6/2	93.7
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Maths Challenge 2

A bottle is a third full of juice.

Mary puts 320ml of juice into the bottle.



How much juice does the bottle hold when full?

