



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... Yesterday morning we were delighted to welcome a wonderful number of parents/carers of our Y1 to Y6 children into school to see how well their child had settled into their new class. It was lovely to walk around the classrooms and see so many family members working alongside the children. There was a real buzz in school and I am sure the children had a lovely time. We hope you enjoyed joining in with the activities the children were doing. Thank you for making the time. We know how much the children love you to come into school and benefit from all your ongoing support.



Diary dates:

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| Tues 27 th Sept | Vikings invade Y5! |
| Wed 28 th Sept | Family and Individual photos |
| Wed 28 th Sept | Safeguarding training for all staff and Governors |
| Fri 30 th Sept | Youth Club Helpers Meeting 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. |
| Mon 3 rd Oct | Jungle Book Production for KS1 and KS2 |
| Mon 3 rd Oct | Bingo |
| Thurs 6 th Oct | Harvest Festival services KS1 a.m. in school, KS2 p.m. at church |
| Tues 11 th Oct | Stanley Head Parents Meeting - 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed 19 th Oct | Open Evening 3:30 - 5:30 |
| Thurs 20 th Oct | Open Evening 4:30 - 6:30 |
| Fri 21 st Oct | School closed to children - Staff training day |
| 24 th - 28 th Oct | Half Term |
| 31 st Oct - 4 th Nov | Y6 to Stanley Head |

Website diary dates coming soon at

www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Children's safety at school

As well as educating our children, one of other key responsibilities is to make sure they are safe from harm. We do all that we can with regards to their health and safety and are constantly looking for any new potential hazards. There are two such hazards known to us, but which need your support to reduce the risk of accident/injury:

1. The parking around the school which is a constant concern. **Please park away from the school** and walk the last distance. Don't be the one to cause an accident for one of our children.
2. The steps, railings and wall around school, particularly by the back door exit. Children, particularly young ones waiting for older siblings, are constantly climbing on the wall and railings and it is an accident waiting to happen. Especially as the weather gets wetter and even icy. Please ensure you supervise your children at all times once you have collected them from their class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Youth Club Helpers Meeting

Next Friday 30th September we will be holding a short meeting from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. for existing or new Youth Club helpers. Our Youth Club is run on selected Fridays for KS2 children. In order to be able to run the Youth Club, we rely heavily on volunteers and are always looking for new helpers. If you can spare an hour or so on the odd Friday night, then please do come along to the meeting next Friday. Thank you.

Golden Ticket Found!

Congratulations to Ayla Pervaz who, on Wednesday 21st September, was the lucky winner of the Golden Ticket found on the bottom of her plate! Ayla received a £10 book token in exchange for the ticket, which we hope she will enjoying spending on a book of her choice.



'Blog of the week'! is the Y5 Viking shield post and the accompanying comments. Your shields look amazing and I looking forward to seeing and hearing more about the Vikings after your Viking Invasion next Tuesday! Well done children and thanks to parents/carers for your help with

'Tweets of the Week' - are awarded to the various tweets posted by our school council visiting the Houses of Parliament today. Hopefully a great day was had by all and plenty was learned about the Houses of Parliament and how the government works.



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Thoughtfulness and Respect



| School Attendance | | | | | |
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| Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.3% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%. | | | | | |
| F1/1 | 98.6% | Y1/1 | 95.7% | Y4/1 | 94.7% |
| F1/2 | 93.3% | Y1/2 | 96.0% | Y4/2 | 98.8% |
| F1/3 | 98.7% | Y2/1 | 98.0% | Y5/1 | 97.6% |
| F1/4 | 97.3% | Y2/2 | 98.3% | Y5/2 | 96.3% |
| F2/1 | 96.7% | Y3/1 | 98.7% | Y6/1 | 94.6% |
| F2/2 | 95.3% | Y3/2 | 95.0% | Y6/2 | 91.7% |

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 |
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| FS2/1 | Lola Fowell | Y3/2 | Olivia Oldfield |
| FS2/2 | Dominik Wozniak | Y4/1 | Kasey Leese |
| Y1/1 | Isobel Shenton | Y4/2 | Luis Collier |
| Y1/2 | Patryk Wozniak | Y5/1 | Sky Williams |
| Y2/1 | Freya Meyrick | Y5/2 | Jack Buckley |
| Y2/2 | Lewis Day | Y6/1 | Alisha Tinsley |
| Y3/1 | Gabrielle Moores | Y6/2 | Tinashe Zinyemba |

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 |
|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------|
| FS2/1 | Billy Dimmock | Y3/2 | Tianna Barnes |
| FS2/2 | Evie Lawton | Y4/1 | Dante Grocock |
| Y1/1 | Brooke Macmillan | Y4/2 | Jacob Colclough |
| Y1/2 | Lily Hunt | Y5/1 | Natalia Iwanska |
| Y2/1 | Finley Jackson | Y5/2 | Jesse-Darryl Addai |
| Y2/2 | Skye Zerglaine | Y6/1 | Jack Sutton |
| Y3/1 | Ruby Foster | Y6/2 | Josh Bickerton |

Notices:



• **ParentMail Samsung/Android issue**

Apologies to those parents/carers who have a Samsung (and possibly other Android) smartphones, as some have had issues paying for trips/items using the ParentMail app. The issue has been reported, but in the meantime, please try deleting the app and reinstalling, which may install a later version and could rectify the issue. If you are experiencing this issue, cash will be accepted directly to the office until this matter is resolved.

• **Harvest donations**

Thank you for the Harvest donations already received. Tins, boxes, packets and other non-perishable items may be left at the office any time between now and our Harvest services on Thursday 6th October.

• **Next Bingo Night**

The next Resident's Association Bingo Night is on Monday 3rd October at 6:30p.m. Make sure you have the date in the diary!



News in Brief

• **School Council Visit to Parliament**

Today, you may have seen a number of tweets from London, as the children who were elected on to our School Council have been visiting the Houses of Parliament. The children will learn about how laws are made and how MPs act as representatives to the people. They also had special permission to go right outside No.10 Downing Street. It is hoped that this will help them to understand and shape their role as a school councilor during the next year.

• **Well done to our new Nursery children**

This week our Nursery children started the first full days at school and Mrs Powell is so pleased with how well all the children are settling in. Coping with a new environment, new teachers to get to know and new routines, including noisy 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!



And Finally

It has been wonderful to see so many clubs started this week. We really do have an amazing staff with 19 clubs running this term. We had 309 club spaces requested and we have managed to fill 303 places. It is equally amazing and pleasing to see the keen interest and enthusiasm displayed by the children when taking part in these wide range of activities. As there were a number of children disappointed as we could not accommodate all the requests, please do help us to ensure that children do make the clubs allocated and check with them that they are getting their club record stamped each week at school.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

Mr Wardle

A Maths teaser to challenge you: "A pond has a type of lily pad which grows very rapidly. It increases in size by double every day. It will take 14 days to completely cover the pond. How long will it take to cover half of the pond?"
 Check your answer with Mr. Walford.