



Thoughtfulness and Respect



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Words of Welcome..... Alongside the on-going SAT tests for our Year 2 children, our Year 6 children have been sitting their SAT tests for reading, mathematics, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Within school we all recognise how hard the children have worked in preparing for these tests, which this year have been designed to be more challenging than ever. We are all really proud of how well the children have approached these tests and we would like to congratulate them, once again, for their efforts and application. Throughout school we are always reminding the children that there are many things which make them special and unique. Every single member of our school community has amazing talents and these talents are clearly not limited to just English and mathematics. As a school we celebrate **ALL** of our children's achievements, whether they be sporting, musical, artistic or academic. In school, we offer a curriculum which has an emphasis on developing English and mathematic skills but at the same time is broad and balanced (just look at our school blog for evidence of this). We aim to provide opportunities to enable all children to flourish and shine, no matter where their talents and interests lie. Furthermore, we strive to promote 'thoughtfulness and respect' at all times and to develop polite, well-mannered and responsible members of our community. We're very proud of all of our children.

Diary dates:

NO YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT

w/b Mon 16th May	Walk to School Week
Tues 17 th May	Cook and Eat in Community Room
Wed 18 th May	KS2 watch performance of 'Treasure Island' – NO Y3/4 GYM CLUB before school
HALF TERM	Sat 28 th May to Mon 6 th June Inclusive
Mon 6 th June	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Thurs 9 th June	KS1 watch performance of 'Alice in Wonderland'
Thurs 23 rd June	'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING STATION - school closed to children
w/b Mon 13th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
w/b Mon 20 th June	Sports Week
Sat 16 th July	Summer Fayre

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Sports Days

EYFS – Tuesday 14th June – 9:20 a.m. with family picnic after [EYFS RESERVE - Friday 17th June – timings as above]

KS1 – Tues 28th June - 10:00 a.m. with family picnic after [KS1 RESERVE – Friday 1st July - timings as above]

Y5/6 – Tues 5th July – 9:30 a.m. to midday [RESERVE Y5/6 – Thurs 7th July – timings as above]

Y3/4 – Tues 5th July – 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. [RESERVE Y3/4 – Thurs 7th July – timings as above]

Gladstone Visits

This week our Y3 children visited Gladstone Pottery Museum. It was lovely to hear the museum staff commenting on the children's 'impeccable behaviour'. The children especially enjoyed learning about the jobs people carried out in a pot bank in the past and were fascinated by having the opportunity to stand inside a bottle kiln. They asked varied and interesting questions and hopefully learned a lot about our heritage. The children's plate decorations, in the style of Clarice Cliff were fabulous!

'Blog of the week'!

This week our very prestigious "Blog of the week" award is presented to Y4 for their blog about perimeter. The blog told us; "The children were working in pairs and using trundle wheels to accurately measure the perimeter of the playgrounds and red ash area. The children really enjoyed it and came back to the classroom with some amazing facts and figures. Well done to all of those who took part!"

'Tweet of the Week'

This week we have decided to award a collective 'Tweet Of The Week'. The award is to be presented to the family members and friends who have tweeted to wish our Y6 children good luck in their recent SATs. We'd like to say a huge "Thank you" to everyone who tweeted, your words were very much appreciated by both the children and the staff alike.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.4% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	93.3%	Y1/1	95.0%	Y4/1	99.2%
F1/2	93.3%	Y1/2	93.3%	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	Tilly Hussey	Y3/1	Bradley Whitfield
FS1/2	Dominik Wozniak	Y3/2	Ryan Highfield
FS2/1	Declan Barnes	Y4/1	Ellie Hammonds
FS2/2	James Woolliscroft	Y4/2	Abbi-Mae Hibbert
Y1/1	Kyla Marson	Y5/1	Madison Lowe
Y1/2	Eli Hallam	Y5/2	Tegan Dediccoat
Y2/1	Ruby Foster	Y6/1	Kiereth Singh
Y2/2	Amelia Ali	Y6/2	Emma Masterson
		Y6/3	Tilly Atherton

News in Brief

• Walk to School Week

Next week over a million pupils and their families will be celebrating walking to school. Why don't you try and be one of the million by leaving your car at home, or maybe just a bit further down the road if you have to drive and make a real difference to your children's happiness and wellbeing?

• The 'Virgin Fiver Challenge' Enterprise Club Report

This term the members of the Enterprise Club are taking part in the Virgin Fiver Challenge where we are given £5 from Virgin Media. When we are given our money, we have to make it grow and plan to do that by running our own stall at the 2016 Summer Fayre. We have to take part in different challenges every week, involving advertising and logo design. We will be competing with schools from all over the country.

• Half Term StreetGames

You will have received a letter with booking slip for the half term holiday StreetGames activities. Please return your slip or see Mrs Brennan to book your child(ren)'s place by next Friday 20th May please. Thank you.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Lauchlan Sullivan** who has achieved a player of the year at Longton Rugby Club. Well done Lauchlan!
- Congratulation to **Seth Furbur**, who on his recent grading, achieved his yellow belt in karate.

And Finally

Aaargh, shiver me timbers, me hearties, or, to put it another way, the children in KS2 are very much looking forward to next Wednesday (18th May) when they will be treated to a performance of Treasure Island. On this day, we'd very much like **the children in KS2 to come to school dressed as pirates**. Children in KS1 are asked to come to school in school uniform as usual. They will be having a dressing up day on Thursday 9th June when they will be watching a performance of Alice In Wonderland.

Best wishes for the weekend

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	Betsy Davies	Y3/1	Isabel Shaw
FS1/2	Daniel Inch	Y3/2	Keira Mason-Anderson
FS2/1	Isla Swinswood	Y4/1	Molly McNicol
FS2/2	James Woolliscroft	Y4/2	Sky Williams
Y1/1	Leo Wilson	Y5/1	Ruby Palmer
Y1/2	Ashton Palmer	Y5/2	Connor Wild
Y2/1	Esme Rhead	Y6/1	Chloe Stratford
Y2/2	Jessica Beardmore	Y6/2	Tyler Nolan
		Y6/3	Lucie Wright

Notices:

• Summer Fayre

Attached to this newsletter will be a letter from our Staff, Parents, Family and Friends Association (SPFFA) inviting volunteers to help with the preparations for this year's Summer Carnival Fayre. Please do see if you can spare a bit of time or other help to support their wonderful efforts in raising much needed additional funds for our children. Thank you.

• Club cancellation - Gymnastics

Please be advised that due to the hall being needed to set up early for the Treasure Island production on Wednesday morning there will be no Y3/4 Gymnastics just for next week. All other clubs are back on again as normal.

• Saxonfield's Residents trips

Mr Brown has a last few places for the 3 trips he is organising this summer, so contact him quickly if you were hoping to go!

Mr Wardle