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Thoughtfulness
and Respect



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No Youth Club this term

Words of Welcome..... This week we were very pleased to welcome friends from our local Lions Club into school, including their lion mascot. They were delivering the fantastic news that Tegan Dedicoat had won the Lions Club 100 words writing competition. Here is Tegan's entry:

"The world would be a better place if we helped more people without food or water. We should do this by sending a big package (probably every month) to each poor country. Schools should also take part in this, as it will increase their knowledge of charity and poor people. People die of thirst, starvation and infection every day and we could stop this. People are already working on this, but we could do more! Imagine a world full of happy, healthy people. That is what we all deserve! It doesn't matter what race or age they are!" A super piece of writing – Well done Tegan and good luck in the National competition.



READING CHALLENGE - % of children that read 4 times last week

FS2/1	73% ↑	Y1/1	43% ↓	Y2/1	20% ↓	Y3/1	42% ↓	Y4/1	53% ↓	Y5/1	100% ✖	Y6/1	100% ✖
FS2/2	53% ↑	Y1/2	30% ↓	Y2/2	57% ↓	Y3/2	100% ✖	Y4/2	65% ↓	Y5/2	100% ✖	Y6/2	97% ↓

Diary dates:

Fri 19th May Quiz Night TONIGHT run by the Friends of Sandford Hill
22nd – 26th May Science Week. Parents invited in after school Friday.
Tues 23rd May City Football Final at Britannia Stadium
29th May – 2nd June Half Term Week
Mon 5th June Summer 2 term starts
Thurs 8th June School closed to children – Elections Polling Station
12th - 16th June Y1 Phonics Week
Mon 19th June Foundation Stage to National Adventure Farm
Tues 20th June Y1 to Twycross Zoo
Sat 1st July Summer Fayre – 'At the Seaside'

NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK

They start again week beginning Monday 12th June.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Thurs 25th May – Y3/1 Mrs Frost's class
Thurs 15th June – Y4/2 Mr Hunt's class
Thurs 29th June – Y1/2 Mrs Stillwell's class
 (Above date corrected)
 Parents of these children are warmly invited to attend (9:00 a.m.).

Sports Days

Parents are warmly invited to join their children at our sports days.

EYFS – Wed 14th June – 9:20 a.m. with family picnic after.

[EYFS RESERVE - Thurs 15th June]

KS1 – Wed 5th July – 9:30 a.m.

[KS1 RESERVE – Thur 6th July]

Y5/6 – Tues 20th June – 9:30 a.m.

[RESERVE Y5/6 – Wed 21st June]

Y3/4 – Tues 20th June – 1:15 p.m.

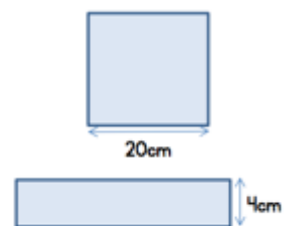
[RESERVE Y3/4 – Wed 21st June]

School is cool!

At our Governor's Meeting last night the governors were pleased to hear that the 96.41% attendance to 29/04/17 was in line with the school's challenging attendance target of 96.5%. However, they showed great concern over the much poorer Summer Term figures to date. These are largely due to holidays being taken during term time. Rightly or wrongly, the school is judged on the attendance of its pupils and whilst we understand the lure of cheaper holidays, we need the children to be in school in order that they achieve to their full potential.

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

The square and the rectangle above have the same area.



Find the perimeter of the rectangle.

Blogs Of The Week - This week, we have decided to present a 'Bloggers Of The Week Special Commendation' to all of those people who have contributed to our school blog over the last 7 days. Just some of the fabulous posts include: 'Oliver's Vegetables' in the Nursery; Reception telling us it's been 'Bye Bye To The Butterflies'; Year 1's Visit To Longton Fire Station; Year 2 turning detective as they try to hunt down 'The Missing Lamb'; Year 3 sharing their fabulous visit to 'Gladstone Pottery Museum'; Year 4 intriguing us all with their 'Top Secret Message'; Year 5 dazzling us with their 'Fabulous French'; and Y6 investigating shadows. We are all very proud of our school blog as are able to share our children's learning experiences with you, their parents / carers. As always, we would really appreciate some feedback on our posts, so please do have a look and leave us a comment.

'Tweet of the Week'

Next week we are having a 'Science Week' in school. We are collecting 1 litre bottles, old corks, egg boxes and old plant pots. Can you help?

School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.8% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	100%	Y1/1	89.7%	Y4/1	94.0%
F1/2	89.3%	Y1/2	95.0%	Y4/2	93.1%
F1/3	73.3%	Y2/1	94.7%	Y5/1	98.6%
F1/4	92.7%	Y2/2	91.7%	Y5/2	94.7%
F2/1	95.3%	Y3/1	95.5%	Y6/1	99.2%
F2/2	92.0%	Y3/2	94.8%	Y6/2	99.3%

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.			
Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Kian Davies	Y3/1	Yvie Jones
FS1/2	Jude Keeling	Y3/2	Jessica Beardmore
FS2/1	Woodrow Tooth	Y4/1	Rhys Williams
FS2/2	Sereana Veilawa	Y4/2	Rio Clarke
Y1/1	Isabelle Yeomans	Y5/1	Millie Davis
Y1/2	Patryk Wozniak	Y5/2	Jesse-Darryl Addai
Y2/1	Annabelle Shingler	Y6/1	William Harrison-Brien
Y2/2	Thomas Kelsey	Y6/2	Rhys Downes

News in Brief

• Y1 Fire Champions

This week our second Y1 class visited Longton Fire station for the day. Y1/1 reported "We began by watching a training session with the police and fire fighters rescuing someone from a roof. All the local cars had a good soaking as our budding Y1 trainees had a go of squirting water, we all got soaked! Finally, we saw a house filled with smoke and casualties rescued." A fabulous memory making day, the children were brilliant with their eagerness and questions. Well done Y1.

• Convenience or Safety?

Please consider your child(ren) and how precious they are to you. We work hard in school to keep your children safe in school, but outside our school gates, we do not have authority. We therefore have to rely on you, the parents/carers, to keep our children safe, by parking sensibly, away from the school and walking the last distance. You know your child is safe while still in school, so please don't put other children's lives at risk by parking too close. Thank you.

• A Twist in Time (Tom's Midnight Garden)

This morning, the KS2 children enjoyed another fabulous live performance of this classic book. A great experience for the children and hopefully something they will remember for a long time to come.

• Gigantic Gardening Gift

Our Gardening Club were thrilled last week by the generous gift of gardening materials received from our local Poundstretchers. They now have plenty of compost, seeds, pots and ornaments for around the school. Thank you Poundstretchers, it is much appreciated.

• Do you know who your child is talking to online?

We continue to promote e-Safety with all of the members of our school community so as to help keep everyone safe. We have however, recently been alerted to an out of school incident, which is currently being investigated by the police. A child made contact with someone who was pretending to be someone they were not.

As always, we would ask that parents / carers continue to talk to the children about e-safety:

- Are your settings private or public?
- Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know.
- You don't put up posters sharing your personal information, so don't online (address, school, age, phone number, etc.).
- Think before you post any photographs.
- Tell if you see something that upsets you.

There are lots of resources on our school website here to help you with discussions about e-safety. These can be found under the 'Parents' section. If you would like any further information please speak with Mr. Hunt, our e-Safety Leader.

Headteacher's Star Awards:			
Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for hard work, attitude and/or progress:			
Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Florence Burgess	Y3/1	Mckenzie Gratton
FS1/2	Max Bridgett	Y3/2	Salata Lekutu
FS2/1	Harry Broome	Y4/1	Joel Farooq
FS2/2	Jenna Bowman	Y4/2	Eddie Lomax
Y1/1	Charlie Sheldon	Y5/1	Demi Williams
Y1/2	Amelia Miller	Y5/2	Olivia Mosedale
Y2/1	Callum Hambleton	Y6/1	Maddison Bowers
Y2/2	Lacey-J Armstrong	Y6/2	Carla Cooper

Notices:

• Summer Fayre

On Saturday 1st July the Friends of Sandford Hill are holding their 'At the Seaside' Summer Fayre. Our next planning meeting is on Wed 7th June at 5:30 p.m. and we would love it if you could join us. In the meantime, we are starting Tombola collections straight after half term:

- w/b 5th June – Bottle Tombola Week
- w/b 12th June – Toiletries Tombola Week
- w/b 19th June – Chocolate Tombola Week
- w/b 26th June – Cake Stall week

• Clubs

Please note there are no clubs in the weeks either side of half term, i.e. not next week or week beginning 5th June.

• Calling all Ukuleles!

Some of children are learning the ukulele with Mrs Brian, but over the years, our ukulele numbers have dwindled to just four! So, we are wanting any 2nd hand, pre-loved ukes. Can you help?



Sports News

Congratulations to our Y5/6 Tag Rugby team, which played in a tournament on Wednesday afternoon at Trentham Rugby Club. They won their group, won the quarter and semi-finals, but then lost the golden try in the competition final. A fantastic team effort. Well done to: **Connor Wild, Quaid Smith, Jak Kelsall, Ben Harrington, Jack Sutton, Holly Malpass, Gray Bradbeer, Libby Barwise and Ashton Harvey.**

And Finally

This week I was so proud to hear what a real asset to the school our Y6 School Council representatives were when they visited Marrow House on Wednesday. The children chatted to the residents, played Bingo with them and demonstrated really mature and caring attitudes. Their outstanding behaviour should act as a role model to all our children in showing 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' to all. Well done children and thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors of our school.



Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

Work out the value of each symbol.

$$\text{Blue Circle} + \text{Blue Heart} = 12$$

$$\text{Blue Star} \times \text{Blue Circle} = 20$$

$$\text{Blue Heart} + \text{Blue Heart} = 16$$

This week I read this poem to the children in relation to science week next week, saying that it will be a great week, if you go into it with a positive attitude and an open mind.

*Today was the absolute worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
And it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be obtained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say that
Today was a good day*

Now read from the bottom to the top