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First week back is Bottle Tombola Week for Summer Fayre

Words of Welcome..... What a fantastic Science Week we have had! The range of activities the children have taken part in has been amazing. We do hope that the children have enjoyed it and have learned lots of new facts, as well as developing their investigative skills. Well done to all the children for their enthusiastic involvement. If you don't follow our Twitter feed or Facebook page, then please check out the children's work on the blog for videos and pictures. Thank you to Mrs Carney and all the teachers for organising such interesting and fun activities. Thank you also to everyone for your donations of plastic bottles, egg boxes, plant pots, etc. All spare items will be put to good use by Nursery and Reception in their junk modelling work.



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

FS2/1	73% ←	Y1/1	43% ←	Y2/1	87% ↑	Y3/1	65% ↑	Y4/1	86% ↑	Y5/1	97% ↓	Y6/1	100% ✖
FS2/2	67% ↑	Y1/2	30% ←	Y2/2	63% ↑	Y3/2	100% ✖	Y4/2	71% ↑	Y5/2	93% ↓	Y6/2	100% ✖

Diary dates:

Mon 5th June	Summer 2 term starts
Wed 7th June	Friends of Sandford Hill Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Thurs 8th June	School closed to children – Elections Polling Station
Fri 9th June	Children voting for School Council 2017-18
12th - 16th June	Y1 Phonics Week
Mon 19th June	Foundation Stage to National Adventure Farm
Tues 20th June	Y1 to Twycross Zoo
Thurs 22nd June	Team Photos
Sat 1st July	Summer Fayre – 'At the Seaside'

NO CLUBS WEEK AFTER H/T

They start again week beginning Monday 12th June.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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 child(ren) 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]

Y3/4 – Tues 20th June – 9:30 a.m.
 [RESERVE Y3/4 – Wed 21st June]

Y5/6 – Tues 20th June – 1:15 p.m.
 [RESERVE Y5/6 – Wed 21st June]

*Please
Note Y3/4
and Y5/6
have
swapped
times of
the day.*

Quiz Night Success and Friends meet again!

Our next meeting of the Friends of Sandford Hill is on **Wednesday 7th June at 5:30 p.m.** We will be planning for the Summer Fayre and other social and fundraising activities. After the terrific success of our Quiz Night last Friday, where we raised a fantastic £314, whilst having a brilliant evening, we would urge you to come along and get involved. Everyone has something to offer so do come along.



Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

A money box contains some 10p coins.

Mike takes out 20p.

Hassan takes out 40p.

These coins are left in the box.



How many coins were in the box at the start?

Blogs Of The Week - Up to now, there have been 20 blogs posted this week, celebrating our Science Week. These have covered a wide variety of topics including; 'The Radish Rush', Nursery Meeting The Animal Lady, Key Stage 1 Making Gloop and Year 1 Making Bird Feeders. We're sure you'll agree that these blogs have been a fabulous way to share your children's learning. Once again though, it's been too difficult a decision to pick one, so instead, we're going to declare that everyone is a winner! As always, we'd really welcome any comments, after you have viewed the [children's amazing blog posts](#).

'Tweet of the Week' Following their success in The City Football Tournament, hosted by Stoke City, we were very pleased to tweet that the team has a special mention on Stoke City's own website. We celebrated this with a tweet on Thursday evening: "Our football team even gets a mention on Stoke City's website: stokecityfc.com"

School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.8% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	98.7%	Y1/1	92.3%	Y4/1	96.0%
F1/2	94.7%	Y1/2	93.3%	Y4/2	94.7%
F1/3	86.7%	Y2/1	94.0%	Y5/1	96.6%
F1/4	85.3%	Y2/2	90.3%	Y5/2	89.0%
F2/1	100%	Y3/1	96.1%	Y6/1	88.8%
F2/2	88.7%	Y3/2	98.1%	Y6/2	85.3%

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	Ellie-Mae Gething	Y3/1	William Buckley
FS1/2	Liam Churchill	Y3/2	Brooke Barker
FS2/1	Kaytee Lofkin	Y4/1	Amie-Mae Callaghan
FS2/2	Joseph Veilawa	Y4/2	Erin Mills
Y1/1	Noah Fry-Jones	Y5/1	Brooklyn Cartwright
Y1/2	Lucy Dawson	Y5/2	Owen Astbury
Y2/1	Caitlin Harrison	Y6/1	Taylor Holland
Y2/2	James Holder-Boast	Y6/2	Seth Furbur

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	Bella Shankland-Edwards	Y3/1	Koby-Jae Mountford
FS1/2	Oliver McKittrick	Y3/2	Charlotte Bennett
FS2/1	Lexi Braithwaite	Y4/1	Ryan Hibbert
FS2/2	Jessica Wright	Y4/2	Lilly Cartlidge
Y1/1	Gracie-Mae Coleman	Y5/1	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y1/2	Ellie Harrington	Y5/2	Elle-Mae Hassall
Y2/1	Caitlin Harrison	Y6/1	Tegan Dediccoat
Y2/2	Jack Thursfield	Y6/2	Eliza Goodwin

Notices:

• Summer Fayre Tombola collections for game token

On **Saturday 1st July** the Friends of Sandford Hill are holding their 'At the Seaside' Summer Fayre. We are starting the Tombola collections straight after half term and for each week your child brings in a tombola item, they will be given a **game token** for free goes on certain game stalls at the fayre:

- 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

We will also be accepting donations for the new gift stall. No used or damaged items please.

• Bingo

Eyes down for the next Resident's Association Bingo night on Monday 5th June, 6:00 p.m.

News in Brief

• Radish Competition

All of the children should now have brought home a plant pot in which they have planted 2 radish seeds. Please help your child to look after the seeds for the next few weeks, choosing a suitable place to keep the plant and watering them regularly. The children need to **bring their radish plants into school on Monday 26th June**. We will give a prize for the biggest/heaviest radish/radishes grown. Good luck!



• Y3/1 Assembly

A big well done to our fabulous scientific whizzes in Y3/1, who yesterday morning led a whole school science assembly. Many thanks to all the family members and friends who joined us. Your support is very much appreciated!

• Pastures New

I wanted to give advance notice, prior to informing you of new class teachers, that we have two members of staff leaving us at the end of term. **Mrs Barker**, Early Years Practitioner, has been with us for 24 years and has seen so many children progress through the school in her time here. She has decided, though, that the time has come to put away her crayons and start a well-earned retirement. We will also be saying a heartfelt 'adios' and 'gracias' to **Miss Davies** who is leaving us to take up a post in a School in Madrid, Spain. She started her teaching career at Sandford Hill and has developed into a fantastic/outstanding teacher who will be greatly missed. More immediately, we have said goodbye to **Mrs Jackson**, a lunchtime supervisor, who leaves us after 17 years of service. A big thank you from all the children you have looked after over the years.

• Safeguarding concerns over new apps

We have been asked by our safeguarding team to share a warning about new free dating apps aimed at teenagers, particularly MyLol. This app invites users to meet 'thousands of teenagers like you' and then goes on to describe how users can 'chat with members or privately with someone.' Users are encouraged to update a profile and share pictures. The safeguarding team recommend that you talk to your child(ren) about this, find out if they are using any of this type of app and if so to delete the app and block the website.

Sports News

• Football Champions

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Frost took his all-conquering football team to Stoke City to compete in 'The Champion's League Schools Final'. This was a citywide competition involving the 11 best football teams from across the whole of Stoke on Trent. Before the tournament started, the team were given a guided tour of the stadium and once the football began, it was evident that playing on Stoke City's carpet-like pitch seemed to really suit Sandford Hill's style of play. Throughout the tournament the boys played magnificent, free flowing, fast, attacking football and were duly rewarded when they were crowned 'City Champions' after defeating Park Hall in the final. (Please take note Mr Mark Hughes!) The boys were all presented with a commemorative medal and the school was presented with a brand-new football strip too. We would like to congratulate our fantastic footballers: **Joshua Bickerton, Charlie Bradbury, Ryan Bridgett, Nathan Coxon, Brennyn Lawton, Lewis Leese-Spencer, Jack Sutton, Ryan Till and Connor Wild**. It was a great day out and an experience, which we are sure, will create memories that will stay with the boys for a long time. The team even got a special write up on Stoke City's website too!

• Upcoming sporting events

This term is a busy one in the sporting calendar and like our football team, the children have been practising hard to see if they can represent the school. Imminent sporting events are:

- **Boys cricket, Tuesday 6th June at Caverswall**
- **Girls cricket, Wednesday 7th June at Caverswall**
- **Longton Field Athletics, Monday 12th June at Northwood Stadium**
- **Y6 Swimming Gala, Monday 12th June at Trentham High School**
- **Y5 Swimming Gala, Thursday 15th June at Trentham High School**
- **Longton Track Athletics, Monday 19th June at Northwood Stadium**

And Finally - School Funding Dilemma

You may have seen a number of stories in the press around school funding. There have been worrying headlines and we felt it important that we let you know, as far as we are able to at this stage, how this will affect our school.

School budgets across the country have been under pressure for some time. The Governors and the Senior Leadership Team at Sandford Hill Primary have been grappling with the funding challenges, leading to a number of tough decisions being made.

Our school is not alone. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has shown that more than half of school leaders felt that their budget would be untenable by 2018/19. The National Audit Office estimate a £3 billion real terms cut across all phases and in all schools. This doesn't just affect us.

The recent headlines have been caused by a proposed new funding formula for schools, designed to create a fairer allocation. However, with increasing costs placed onto all schools the new formula will not bring the benefits that we had hoped to see. The School Cuts website, analysing DfE data, projects that our school will lose **£151,921** in total by 2019.

We will work hard to ensure that cuts have the least impact on teaching possible. However, rising costs, including national insurance contributions, pension contributions, the apprenticeship levy and PFI contributions, with a frozen budget, mean that tough decisions are being taken by governors.

At the end of this school year in July, when sadly Miss Davies leaves to take up a new post at the British Council School in Madrid, she will not be replaced. We will be covering both her and Mrs Barker's positions with existing staff.

Please be assured that we will take the utmost care with budgets, to ensure all the money we have is spent effectively on your children.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and safe half term week.

Mr Wardle



Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

A group of 5 friends share a bag of sweets.



They each receive 6 sweets and there are 3 left over.



Two more friends arrive.

They share the sweets again between all 7 of them.

- How many do they each receive?
- How many are left over?