



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... 'Preparation' is a key word for us all working in school. Clearly our key aim is to prepare our children, as best we can, to succeed in their future lives, both academically, socially and morally; but this process is made up of tiny steps, all of which need preparing. In school we are constantly thinking ahead towards the next events and experiences for the children's learning. Currently preparations include: the 'Alice in Wonderland' performance, when children in KS1 and EYFS are invited to come to school dressed as the book characters on the first Thursday 9th June ; sporting events including the athletics tournaments, the exciting Sports Week and the various sports days; the end of year events for our Y6 leavers and the huge preparation that takes place for the Summer Carnival 2016, Saturday 16th July. The success of these events are down to enormous preparation in advance and then some good fortune with our unreliable weather! So as we look forward to a week off and hopefully a few sunny days to enjoy, I would like to thank all the children, staff and parents/carers for all the preparations made for this half term gone and for the last half term of the year to come. Thank you!

"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."

Diary dates: **NO CLUBS THE FIRST WEEK BACK**

HALF TERM	Sat 28 th May to Mon 6 th June Inclusive
Mon 6 th June	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Mon 6 th June	BINGO – Eyes down in the hall – 6:30 p.m.
Wed 8 th June	PALS for new Nursery children – 9:40 – 10:10 a.m.
Thurs 9 th June	KS1 watch performance of 'Alice in Wonderland' – dressing up day for KS1
Fri 10 th June	Deadline for Nursery and Y6 Photograph orders
w/b Mon 13th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Mon 13 th June	Y5/2 River Study
Tues 14 th June	Y5/1 River Study
w/b Mon 20 th June	Sports Week
Thurs 23 rd June	'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING - closed to children
Sat 16 th July	Summer Carnival 2016

(Don't forget your jars to the office please!)

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

StreetGames this Half Term for Fun Games & Multisports

- Tuesday 31st May 2016** (open to pupils and community)
 - 1.30-3.00pm Ages 8+
- Wednesday 1st June 2016** (pupils only)
 - 12.00pm - 1.15pm for Years 1 - 3
 - 1.30pm – 3.00pm for Years 4- 6
- Thursday 2nd June 2016** (open to pupils and community)
 - 1.30-3.00pm Ages 8+
- Friday 3rd June 2016** (pupils only)
 - 12.00pm - 1.15pm for Years 1 - 3
 - 1.30pm – 3.00pm for Years 4- 6

Father's Day Sale

Our first opportunity for the Father's Day Sale went very well today with many sale items costing between £1.00 and £3.00 already selling well. Don't forget further opportunities to buy these ready wrapped gifts are on:

Friday 10th June & Friday 17th June.

If your child would like to purchase an item, they will need to go to the community room between 12:15 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the dates above with their money.

'Blog of the week!' is for the three Y1 blogs about their trip to Longton Park, including "Year 1 had a fantastic day at Longton Park yesterday. The sun was shining so we really enjoyed our walk around and a picnic outdoors. We took clipboards and wrote a list of all of the landmarks that we could see so that we can draw our own maps of the park in class. The squirrels loved Mrs Arnott and her bag of monkey nuts!!"



'Tweet of the Week' award goes to the SNAG, the 'School Nutrition Action Group' who were discussing a number of ideas and suggestions as to how lunchtime experiences could be improved and developed. Well done SNAG!



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 94.6% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	92.0%	Y1/1	92.0%	Y4/1	98.7%
F1/2	90.0%	Y1/2	93.7%	Y4/2	98.3%
F1/3	98.7%	Y2/1	98.1%	Y5/1	96.0%
F1/4	92.0%	Y2/2	89.7%	Y5/2	90.0%
F2/1	94.3%	Y3/1	97.3%	Y6/1	93.3%
F2/2	90.3%	Y3/2	97.3%	Y6/2	97.8%
				Y6/3	96.3%

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	Tayla Dedicoat	Y3/1	Joel Farooq
FS1/2	Billy Dimmock	Y3/2	Byron Craggs
FS2/1	Lexi Woolliscroft	Y4/1	Hubert Chrostek
FS2/2	Jordell Addai	Y4/2	Lena Qurban
Y1/1	Jack Sargeant	Y5/1	Teigan Eveson
Y1/2	Mason Lavick	Y5/2	Tamjeed Majeed
Y2/1	Jasmine-Rose Wall	Y6/1	Ethan Vernon
Y2/2	Takudzwa Nyamayaro	Y6/2	Emma Masterson
		Y6/3	Naomi Lavery

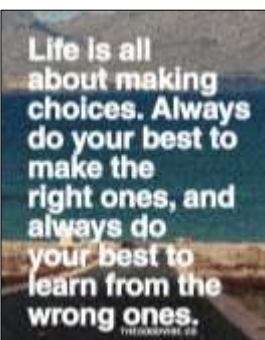
News in Brief

• Y1 visit to Longton Park

The weather was kind to our Y1 classes on Tuesday when they spent the day in Longton Park. The children listed landmarks, enjoyed their picnic and loved the squirrels. Well done Y1 for your excellent behaviour – a super day for all!

Sporting News

- Congratulations to Daniel Inch who has achieved his Level One Stanley swimming award. Well done Daniel!
- **Swimming Competition** - Well done to the Y5 swimmers: **Eloise Gray, Ethan Bowen, Brenlyn Lawton, Tinashe Zinyemba, Imogen Bowers, Felicity Wall, Holly Malpass and Kian Taylor**. We wait to hear if any of our Y5 or 6 swimmers have been selected for the Longton Finals.
- **Hockey Tournament** - Congratulations to our Hockey players who, on Wednesday, took part in a Mini Hockey Tournament at the Horizon Academy. The children were exceptional in their attitude and sportsmanship, a real credit to Sandford Hill and are rewarded by moving forward to the County Finals to be held in July. Very well done to: **Callum Johnson, Sharni Eaton, Bradley Cummings, Nia Spears, Lucas Booth, Taylor Coulson, Isabelle Knight, Deanna Buckley, Eloise Gray, Declan Brookes and Riyaz Rahman**. Also to **Tilly Atherton** in last week's High Fives.



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	Sereana Veilawa	Y3/1	Kasey Leese
FS1/2	Sienna-Mae Hopkin-Jama	Y3/2	Jamie Greslow
FS2/1	Ava Toothill	Y4/1	Kaddijatou Kassama
FS2/2	Sian Smith	Y4/2	Natalia Iwanska
Y1/1	Charlotte Beard	Y5/1	Imogen Bowers
Y1/2	Niamh Bradshaw	Y5/2	Alisha Tinsley
Y2/1	Ben Turnock	Y6/1	Jessica White
Y2/2	Jacob Wainwright	Y6/2	Samuel Price
		Y6/3	Joseph Woolliscroft

Notices:

• Cricket Comps!

On the first week back after half term, both the boys and girls cricket teams will be playing in cricket competitions on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. Players will need to come to school in their PE kit and bring plenty of drinks along with their packed lunch.

• Keeping our children safe outside school

Following another close incident with a car reversing this morning outside the school gates, can we politely ask that you park your car down the road and walk up to the school, rather than turn in front of the school gates. Thank you.

• Coach Trips

A reminder from Mr Brown about the summer trips he has organised – 'School Summer holidays are only a few weeks away. Have you booked your coach trips yet? Cheapest in Staffs! Contact Fred Brown, School Governor or the School Office to book your seats to Liverpool, Southport or Llandudno.'

And Finally

As we finish today for a well-earned week off, I would like to encourage all the children to always think about the choices they make. We are so privileged in this country to have so much: a roof over our heads; food in our tummies; an education to prepare us for opportunities in our future lives and a family that loves us. As such, it is important that we do not take for granted all that we have and we do our best to make the right choices in life and learn from any wrong ones.

Best wishes for an enjoyable half term break. See you on 7th June.

Mr Wardle