



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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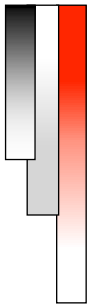
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**Words of Welcome.....** Next week is National Sports Week which aims to encourage pupils to be more active and take part in more PE and school sport. In our school, we are all very much looking forward to all that is planned for our sports week and are just hoping beyond hope that the weather is kind to us, as we have many activities outside. The climbing wall and caving system should give the children an opportunity to experience new challenges and maybe even push themselves outside their comfort zone. The Muay Thai may help them to understand about the discipline of sports. We will also be learning about and even experiencing sport for the disabled, with the children having a go at wheelchair basketball with member of the Stoke Spitfires team. It should be a fantastic week, so very many thanks to Miss Davies, supported by Mr Alcock. With the Olympics also on the horizon we will be encouraging the children to recognise and demonstrate the Olympic values of Friendship, Excellence and Respect. Hopefully you are also aware of 'Potteries Active Kids' which is organising ongoing activities with the aim of increasing participation in sports and exercise for all of the youngsters and children in Stoke on Trent and the Potteries. Do have a look at their website [www.potteriesactivekids.co.uk](http://www.potteriesactivekids.co.uk) and see how you can join in.



**Potteries Active Kids**

**NO TOAST NEXT WEEK DUE TO CHANGES TO BREAKTIMES – PLEASE BRING IN A HEALTHY SNACK INSTEAD.**



## Diary dates: **No GYM CLUB** next week due to Sports Week

w/b Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week – PE kit (white T-shirt/black shorts) to be worn all week
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Additional Governor's Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING - <b>closed to children</b>
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/1 visit to Upper Moreton Farm
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rearranged EYFS Sport Day and Picnic – 9:10 a.m.</b>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/2 visit to Frankie and Benny's
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day and picnic – 10:00 a.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 trip to Llandudno
Sat 16th July	Summer Carnival 2016 – More bottles next week, please (Don't forget your jars to the office please!)

**See more diary dates, on the website.**  
[www.sandfordhill.org.uk/](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/)

## Summer Fayre 2016 – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you so much to those parents/carers that have sent in bottles this week. We have a fabulous start, but will gladly accept more next week as there is collection focus for next week. Don't forget your child could get a token each week for items brought in.

Collection arrangements are:

- Week 1a – w/b 20<sup>th</sup> June – extra Bottle Week
- Week 2 – w/b 27<sup>th</sup> June – Chocolate Week
- Week 3 – w/b 4<sup>th</sup> July – Toiletries Week
- Week 4 – w/b 11<sup>th</sup> July – Cake Week
- Nearly New – anytime – New items only please



### Can you help?

Our helpers will now be meeting every Friday between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. up until the Summer Fayre. If you are free and able to join us please do come along. All helpers welcome!

**'Blog of the week'!** this week comes from Ben from Year 5 following their river visit. He wrote: 'It was a lot of fun doing this and thank you to the Stanley Head people for doing it with us. I fell over and got drenched (I had to change my trousers.) It was so much fun trying to wade the oranges across the water. We learned so much, so we have to give credit to the teachers for taking us.'

**'Tweet of the Week'** was posted yesterday: 'Bradley has picked the first pod of peas, from the seeds he planted in March'. Are you one of our 381 Twitter followers?  
**@sandford\_hill**

**Father's Day Sales**  
The Enterprise Club would like to thank all the children that bought items from the Father's Day Sale. They raised a terrific £80.00! And so have now ordered the new 3D printer which we hope to have up and running at the Summer Fayre.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 94.1% which is <b>below</b> our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	93.3%	Y1/1	94.6%	Y4/1	96.7%
F1/2	88.3%	Y1/2	91.3%	Y4/2	98.3%
F1/3	88.3%	Y2/1	91.9%	Y5/1	95.0%
F1/4	85.0%	Y2/2	99.6%	Y5/2	93.1%
F2/1	90.8%	Y3/1	96.7%	Y6/1	88.1%
F2/2	92.9%	Y3/2	98.3%	Y6/2	97.3%
				Y6/3	98.4%

**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	Ethan Millard	Y3/1	Sophia Kelemes
FS1/2	Emelia Brindley-Swire	Y3/2	Erin Mills
FS2/1	Lucy Dawson	Y4/1	Libby Barwise
FS2/2	Erin Duchan	Y4/2	Lewis Leese-Spencer
Y1/1	David Scarlet	Y5/1	Eliza Goodwin
Y1/2	Marcus Wong	Y5/2	Jack Sutton
Y2/1	Aiden Smith	Y6/1	Isabelle Knight
Y2/2	Jimmy Rushton	Y6/2	Aaliyah Janes
		Y6/3	Declan Brookes

**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	Lucy Moore	Y3/1	Amie-Mae Callaghan
FS1/2	Georgia Brownsword	Y3/2	Oliver Buckley
FS2/1	Tamzin Pitt	Y4/1	Molly McNicol
FS2/2	Jasmine Emery	Y4/2	Oliver Colclough
Y1/1	Jack Sargeant	Y5/1	Teigan Eveson
Y1/2	Lola Street	Y5/2	Millie Redshaw
Y2/1	Autumn Powis	Y6/1	Mehek Miah
Y2/2	Archie Fowell	Y6/2	Ryan Marshall
		Y6/3	Nia Speirs

### Notices:

#### • Cashless payments are coming

We are pleased to say that the new ParentMail +Pay is being introduced in September. From the start of the Autumn Term, dinner money and trips will be paid for using the ParentMail website or the App. Further information and support will follow, but do please register yourself on the ParentMail website if you receive a text and download the app if you have a smartphone, if you have not already done so.

#### • Sports Week

A reminder please, that children should come to school in their PE kit **every day next week**, with joggers, fleece and preferably trainers. Nursery children, who do not yet have a PE kit can wear anything suitable. If it is sunny make sure they are prepared for the weather with suncream, hats and drinks as required.

## News in Brief

### • The Tortoise and the Hare

On Wednesday our Nursery and Reception children went on a visit to the Regent Theatre to watch a short ballet of the Tortoise and the Hare. The children behaved and sat beautifully during the whole performance, so much so that a kind lady in the audience even echoed this by saying how quiet and well behaved our children were. As the curtain rose Sereana said "Oh how amazing and beautiful!" Well done to all of you, Mrs Powell and all of your teachers are very proud! See more on the blogs.

### • Phonics Screening

A very big 'Well Done' to all the Year 1 and 2 children that have been working hard this week during the phonics screening process. A super effort from you all!

### • Y5 Trips to the River Dane

On Monday and Tuesday our Y5 classes went on a study visit to find the source of the River Dane. The trip was guided by the staff from Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre and involved frequent wading through water and getting wet, not least from the rain. The children had a fantastic time as shared on our blog with a comment from Josh and Deelan "Our favourite part was when we were testing how fast the water was going. We liked this because we put oranges in the water and we had to time how fast they travelled 10 metres.' There was even a 'You've been framed' moment thanks to Bradley, caught on film and viewable on the blog.



## Sports News

Well done to **Amelia Ostouchow, Brooke Barker, Amethyst Gordon, Gabrielle Moores, Kayleigh Wootton, Malwina Jaworska, Aiden Smith, Summer Walker, William Buckley, George Hof, Ruby Hughes, Yvie Jones, Joshua Lythgoe, Troy Myatt, Finnley Playford** and **Esme Rhead** on achieving their Beginners Swimming Certificate. With an aextra well done to **Jasmine Chahal** and **Poppy Curl** who achieved both Beginners and Length certificates. Congratulations also to **Ella Wigley** for getting her Stanley 3 Award.

- Well done to the swimmers that took part in the City swimming finals at Fenton Manor. There was some tough competition but **Emma Masterson, Tinashe Zinyemba** were awarded medals for winning their races, while **Kian Taylor, Ethan Vernon, Tilly Atherton** and **Cody Beech** also did themselves and the school proud. Congratulations to you all!
- Well done to all our track and field athletes who represented the school so brilliantly. Our boys track team came a commendable third on a very wet Monday morning, but all the children did of their very best. Congratulations to **Lacey Clunn, Caitlin Cooper, Libbie Gorton, Grace Simpson, Rio Clarke, Ethan Protaszczak, Daniel Lamptey, Ryan Bridgett, Kaddi Kassama, Isobell Martin, Natalia Iwanska, Libby Barwise, Mitchell Lavery Jesse Addai, Jak Kelsall, Charlie Bradbury, Keira Barker, Madison Lowe, Tegan Day, Tinashe Zinyemba, Ethan Bowen, Connor Wild, Deelan Ibrahim, Joshua Bickerton, Jack Sutton, Sharni Eaton, Isabelle Knight, Andraya Knight, Tilly Atherton, Kai McLean Inglis, Riyaz Rahman, Taylor Coulson, Sam Price, Chloe Stratford, Joel Walton, Tyler Dimmock, Tino Nyamayaro, Lucy Bloor, Bradley Whitfield, Cody Reece** and **Libby Gorton**.

### And Finally

To say our weather in Britain is changeable is an understatement! Having been out playing cricket at lunchtime, we finished a meeting at 5:00 p.m. only to have shouts from the next classroom that water was flooding in through the ceiling. It was all hands to the pump bringing in tubs and buckets to catch the rain pouring in, but fortunately nothing was damaged, except for a soggy carpet. Then, the floor of a second classroom, downstairs, was found covered with water, but thanks to the quick action of our Janitor Mr Browne, and the help of our cleaners, it was quickly swept out the door. Also, within a matter of twenty minutes the paths surrounding the back of the school and the Early Years playground were totally submerged.

Staff found themselves marooned in school and faced the choice of racing to cars through the torrential rain or waiting it out in school. The decision then was whether we would be able to open the school today, due to water having poured through light fittings and saturated carpets. However, we have been fortunate that the damage and the disruption were minimal. Everyone rallied round to help; site staff and cleaners were fantastic and the water level dropped significantly overnight.

Our thoughts, however, go to Clarice Cliffe Primary, who for a second time, have had major flooding and to Park Hall Primary, who also appear to have had it worse than us. Incidents like this make you realise all the hard work and effort in making the school look so good and how devastating it must be to see it ruined. We are grateful that the situation wasn't any worse than it was and hope that none of you suffered from these freak storms.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and drier weekend.

Mr Wardle

