



Thoughtfulness and Respect



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Words of Welcome..... Well, we are nearly at the end of term and are celebrating in lots of ways. There are Book Prize and Attendance assemblies, 100% Attendance reward trips, Sports and Clubs awards and the usual Year 6 Leavers' activities. These are really important events for us and hopefully for the children and families too. It is lovely to be able to recognise the hard work, attitude and involvement of all the children in all that they achieve here at Sandford Hill. However, none of this happens without the tremendous input from the staff, so it is lovely when this is acknowledged by family members, Governors, through the awards the school has achieved from external assessors and from visitors to the school.

One such acknowledgment came from a parent after the recent 'Schools Gotta Sing' Music Festival: "We are writing to acknowledge, yet again, the fantastic opportunity that the school provided in allowing the children to take part....There was clearly a huge amount of commitment from both the children and staff alike.....We have friends who have children attending schools across Stoke-on-Trent who are continually amazed by the extra-curricular opportunities that children have access to. We are fully aware that these type of added extras are not the norm and cannot always continue when budgets are reduced on an annual basis. We do hope that these type of opportunities can continue wherever possible for children at Sandford Hill." Well we very much hope so too and will do our best to ensure they do!

One such event is tomorrow's Summer Fayre Carnival, which despite the rather damp forecast, should still be great fun, but with many activities moved indoors. We look forward to welcoming you, your children family and friends to school from 11:00 a.m. for what will, I am sure, be another memorable, enjoyable and successful event at the end of a fantastic year.

Diary dates:

Sat 16th July	Summer Fayre Carnival 2016, 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Mon 18 th July	Pirate Week in Early Years - Dress up day on Wednesday
Mon 18 th July	Y1/2 to Upper Moreton Farm
Mon 18 th July	Y3, 4 & 5 Book Prizes and Attendance awards
Mon 18 th July	ParentMail +Pay drop in session - 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Tues 19 th July	Y6 Book Prizes, Attendance awards and end of year performance
Tues 19 th July	ParentMail +Pay drop in session - 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wed 20 th July	Y6 to West Midland Safari Park
Thurs 21 st July	Y6 Leavers' Party 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fri 22nd July	Last Day of Term
Mon 5th Sept	Term starts for children - Dinner money to be paid via ParentMail +Pay

See more diary dates,
on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/

NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Payments and Dinner Money

- As we are moving to a cashless office from September 2016, please can you ensure that any monies owing for dinners taken this term **are paid by next Tuesday 19th July** latest. It would help us greatly at this busy time of year if we did not have to chase up parents/carers for outstanding monies owed. Thank you for your support with this.
- No milk money should be sent in next week.
- Reminder that dinner money costs in September will be increasing to £11.25 per week (£2.25 per day) and will need to be paid through ParentMail +Pay. Also, children **may not swap between home and school dinners within the week**, except for special events.

IMPORTANT: Are you ready to pay online or via the app from September?

From September, the office will no longer be accepting cash for dinner money, trips and purchase items. So, if you are not registered and set up with ParentMail +Pay online payments, **you need to please speak to the office as soon as possible.**



'Blog of the week'! is taken from one of the replies to our 'Transition Morning' blog post. A parent told us: "It's was a great morning, it was nice to meet the new teacher and to share some time with the children in the classroom. Thank you for inviting us."

'Tweet of the Week' - is given to a parent who attended one of our recent award assemblies: "You had a lot of proud parents in that hall this morning. Thank you to all the staff for the fantastic job you do."



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 93.6% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	92.5%	Y1/1	94.6%	Y4/1	94.2%
F1/2	98.3%	Y1/2	94.0%	Y4/2	86.7%
F1/3	83.3%	Y2/1	92.7%	Y5/1	90.7%
F1/4	95.0%	Y2/2	96.0%	Y5/2	91.7%
F2/1	87.5%	Y3/1	94.2%	Y6/1	89.5%
F2/2	88.3%	Y3/2	96.3%	Y6/2	91.3%
				Y6/3	84.4%

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	Lillie-Mae Jones	Y3/1	Alex Sinclair
FS1/2	Thomas Winder	Y3/2	Eddie Lomax
FS2/1	Ashton Screen	Y4/1	Lacey Pitt
FS2/2	Aston Murray	Y4/2	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y1/1	Brodie Berrisford	Y5/1	Madison Lowe
Y1/2	Sebbie Gillie	Y5/2	Jack Sutton
Y2/1	Lilli Foster	Y6/1	Luke Abbotts
Y2/2	Charlotte Bennett	Y6/2	Aaliyah Janes
		Y6/3	Austin Gratton

News in Brief

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	Jamie Masterson	Y3/1	Sophia Kelemes
FS1/2	Isaac Latham	Y3/2	Luis Collier
FS2/1	Jayden Wild	Y4/1	Jack Buckley
FS2/2	Thomas Harvey	Y4/2	Lucy Bloor
Y1/1	Keira Cooper	Y5/1	Amelia Bates
Y1/2	Skye Zerglaine	Y5/2	John Jeffries
Y2/1	Autumn Powis	Y6/1	Deanna Buckley
Y2/2	Gabrielle Moores	Y6/2	Sam Bratt
		Y6/3	Nia Speirs

Notices:

• Summer Fayre Health and Safety

Due to many of the Summer Fayre activities having to be moved inside due to the wet forecast, can we please remind parents/carers to **supervise their children at all times** as the school is likely to get rather busy.

• Social networking

Please can we ask parents/carers to continue to be vigilant over the children's use of social networking apps on their devices. We have had one or two issues brought to our attention recently concerning an app called 'Parlor'. This app, like most other social networking apps, has a user age of 13, which makes it unsuitable for primary aged children. Talking to your children about appropriate use of social networking apps, can really support us in helping to keep our children safe. Our school website contains lots of helpful advice about e safety.

Y6 final week's activities

Y6 Leaver's Concert

All Year 6 parents/carers are invited to attend our Leavers Concert at 9:15 a.m. on Tues 19th July.

Y6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Reminders for the trip to WM Safari Park:

- Be at school for 7:50 a.m. The buses will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. Return will be at approx. 5:30 p.m. traffic allowing;
- Wear their leaver's T shirt;
- Check the weather forecast and dress accordingly.

Y6 Leaver's Party

Next Thursday's Y6 Leaver's Party, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the car park will be open for vehicles to drop off children safely. A selection of party food will be provided. The party finishes at 8:00 p.m. and parents/ carers can collect children directly from the hall.

- **Y2 trip to Sealife**

On Monday our Y2 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Sealife Centre. They loved touching the starfish and going through the tunnel.

- **KS2 100% Attendance Reward Trip**

Well done to the 42 children that today were rewarded for their 100% attendance with a trip to 'Flip Out'.

- **Transition morning**

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school yesterday morning to meet their child's new class teacher. We do hope you found this opportunity of value and we thank you for your ongoing support.

- **Y1 trip to Twycross Zoo**

On Tuesday, Y1 had a rather soggy, but still enjoyable, trip to the zoo. Their favourite animals were the elephants and zebras. Well done Y1 for not letting the rain spoil your trip!

Congratulations to:

- **Jessica Booth** on completing the Dougie Mac Mini Moonlight walk. She walked 8 miles in 2 hours and 22 minutes.

- **Deelan Ibrahim** who achieved a Merit in his Grade 1 violin exam. Many congratulations Deelan!

- **Libbie Gorton** for achieving her Gymnastics Proficiency Level 4 BAGA Award.

And Finally

Today your child will have brought home their report, which provides a summary of your child's learning this year, as well as providing a long lasting record of their time at Sandford Hill. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's report, please make an appointment at the office to discuss it with your child's teacher.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

Mr Wardle