



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... Today is likely to be a day of mixed emotions for many of us within the Sandford Hill Primary School Community. For many of us, we will be excited about ending the school year and starting our six week summer holiday. For others however, the emotions may be a little different, for today will be the day when we say au-revoir, not goodbye, to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to go their separate ways to High School. Our Year 6 have been a terrific year, who have worked hard, given of their best and built lasting friendships throughout their time at Sandford Hill. As a year group, they have learned the importance of 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' for each other and have had opportunities to be wonderful ambassadors for our school; none more so, than our excellent School Council Members. We wish our Year 6 children the very best for the future and will miss them dearly.

Diary dates:

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| Fri 2 nd Sept | Term starts for staff - Staff training day |
| Mon 5th Sept | Term starts for children - Dinner money to be paid via ParentMail +Pay |
| Mon 5 th Sept | Community Bingo – 6:30 p.m. |
| Fri 23 rd Sept | Swimming starts for Y6 and Y4 |
| Fri 21st Oct | School closed to children - Staff training day |
| Mon 24 th -28 th Oct | HALF TERM |

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

Attendance Awards Shields

At the various assemblies over the last couple of weeks, some of our incredible children have received special shields for their consistently excellent attendance record:

- 2 years **Bronze** 100% Attendance shields went to: **Skye Barker, Evie Booth, Ethan Bowen, Byron Craggs, Evie Elliott, Austin Gratton, Rhys Hackett, Mason Lomax, Ryan Marshall, Molly Protaszczak, Alexander Sinclair and Joseph Woolliscroft.**
- 3 years **Silver** 100% Attendance shields went to: **Layla Edwards, Joel Farooq, Mackenzie Hambleton, Eddie Lomax, Ryan Marshall, Ethan Vernon and Tinasha Zinyemba.**
- 4 years **Gold** 100% Attendance shield went to: **Freyja Jones**
- 5 years **Supreme** 100% Attendance shield went to: **Libbie Gorton**

Well done to all of these children and to our 61 one year 100% Attendance medal winners. Keep up the great attendance and maybe next year you will receive a shield.

IMPORTANT: Online Payments via ParentMail +Pay - Are you ready to pay online or via the app?

Remember that, 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.**

Dinner Money A last 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.



'Blog of the week'! this week is from a Year 6 parent, who replied to our blog on our recent visit to West Midlands Safari Park: "Great to see the children having a great time and making memories on their last few days. Good luck guys on your new adventure!"

'Tweet of the Week' - Thank you once again to the friends and family members who joined us for our Awards Assembly this week.



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Thoughtfulness and Respect



| School Attendance | | | | | |
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| Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.4% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%. | | | | | |
| F1/1 | 88.7% | Y1/1 | 96.0% | Y4/1 | 96.0% |
| F1/2 | 90.7% | Y1/2 | 96.3% | Y4/2 | 99.0% |
| F1/3 | 92.7% | Y2/1 | 99.4% | Y5/1 | 87.0% |
| F1/4 | 97.3% | Y2/2 | 95.7% | Y5/2 | 95.9% |
| F2/1 | 90.7% | Y3/1 | 98.7% | Y6/1 | 97.6% |
| F2/2 | 95.3% | Y3/2 | 93.7% | Y6/2 | 100% |
| | | | | Y6/3 | 99.4% |

Notices:

• Goodbye to leaving staff

Today we say our final farewell to Mrs Bennion and Mrs Youngs. We wish them both every success in their new ventures and we thank them for all their hard work and support of the school.

• Clubs next term

A reminder that there will be NO clubs for the first **two** weeks of next term. A letter for the Autumn Term clubs will be sent home in the first week of next term.

• Welcome to new staff

September sees us welcoming two new staff to our Sandford Hill team. Mrs Twynham will be replacing Mrs Youngs in providing French to our Y4, 5 and 6 classes and Mrs Yeomans will be a new addition to the Early Years team.

News in Brief

• Last Saturday's Summer Fayre Carnival

Well would you believe, that after this week's scorching weather, last Saturday's Fayre had to be moved mostly indoors due to the wet forecast. However, the rain didn't dampen the enjoyment or the activities and even dried up towards the end. The children loved the two Punch and Judy performances, the various circus activities and all the games available of offer. We do hope you had a good time, if you managed to come along, and we would like to thank you for your tremendous support in helping us to raise a fantastic £1,178.91. My thanks also go to Mrs Wildgoose and Miss Morton for organising the Fayre and to the fantastic team of helpers that enable this massive event to take place.

• Y6 Leavers Assembly

On Tuesday morning our Y6 children performed a fantastic rendition of 'Snow White' to family members and friends. The children sang and acted their hearts out and put on a wonderful show. Following their performance, the children were presented with their Book Prize and Attendance Awards. We would like to congratulate all of Y6 once again. You were stars children - all of you!

• 'Shiver me timbers' 'twas Early Years Pirate Day

On Wednesday, Early Years had their Pirate dressing up day! They had pirate races in the morning where there was a 'wooden leg' hopping race, balancing the 'parrot' on the shoulder race and of course 'Walk the Plank'! They then finished with a treasure hunt and the children followed the clues brilliantly to find the treasure which was a cake for everybody! A massive thank you to parents for providing the children with their brilliant costumes. Everybody looked fantastic!

• Y6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

On Wednesday, I was able to join our Y6 children on a visit to West Midlands Safari Park. As arranged, the sun shone for us on the day and everyone had a brilliant day out; admiring the animals and then venturing on the rides. We hope you enjoyed the photographs from the day on our website, Twitter feed and Facebook. The children were an absolute pleasure to take. Thank you boys and girls.

• Sports Awards

Yesterday in a packed school hall we celebrated our very many sporting achievements from the past year. The children were presented with different medals depending on the number of teams that they had represented the school in. A Bronze medal for 1-2 sports, a Silver medal for 3-4 sports and a Gold for 5 or more. We had over 100 children that were presented with medals, or shields for winning teams, which is testament to the huge number of sporting opportunities we offer to our children across the school. We congratulate all of the children who were presented with awards and especially **Deanna Buckley** and **Taylor Coulson** who won special awards for being declared our 'Sports Personality of the Year'. Well done to all our children!

• Y1/2 trip to Upper Moreton Farm

On Monday, Y1/2 had a super trip to the farm, seeing a whole range of animals and generally enjoying their day out.

• Y6 Leaver's Party

Last night our Y6 children had the time of their lives at their Leaver's Party. They looked really glamorous in their party clothes and seemed to enjoy walking down the red carpet to their 'Bucks Fizz' reception. The children were also treated to a pizza buffet and we'd like to thank Miss Morton and our Youth Club helpers who helped with the arrangements.



• **Head Teacher's Award**

In this morning's assembly, I was delighted to present Head Teacher's medallions to the following children:

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| N1: | Lucas Campbell | Y3/1: | Joel Farooq |
| N2: | Skyler Twigg | Y3/2: | Lauchlan Sullivan |
| R1: | Kindra Chahal | Y4/1: | Ayla Pervaz |
| R2: | Lily-Mae Gratton | Y4/2: | Natalia Iwanska |
| Y1/1: | Finley Jackson | Y5/1: | Holly Malpass |
| Y1/2: | Kinga Iwanska | Y5/2: | Tegan Dediccoat |
| Y2/1: | Summer Walker | Y6/1: | Cody Reece |
| Y2/2: | Tianna Barnes | Y6/2: | Callum Johnson |
| | | Y6/3: | Declan Brookes |

Congratulations to:

- Well done to **Bradley Slater** who has been awarded his 2nd Dan Junior Black Belt in Free Style Kick Boxing. Fantastic Bradley!
- Congratulations to **Ben Turnock** who has achieved his Beavers Badges for Personal Challenge, Teamwork, and Time Underwater 2.
- Well done to **Poppy Curl** who has achieved her 1st Rainbow Badge "Pot of Gold". Congratulations Poppy!

And Finally

To close the year with this last newsletter I would like to pay thanks to the whole of the magnificent Sandford Hill team who offer so much support to the children and school throughout the year. To all parents, carers, friends, family members, Governors, staff and anyone else associated with the school, I send a heartfelt 'thank you' for your continued support. Our school continues to flourish and grow as a consequence, and the help and support which you provide really does make a huge difference.

I would also like to convey my gratitude once again to our amazing Y6 Leavers. You have been an incredible cohort and I am confident that you will continue to flourish at your chosen High Schools. I send you all my very best regards for the future and hope that you will come back and say "Hello" to us, from time to time.

And for the final, finally, I want to share the poem below, received from Ryan Marshall in Y6, about his time at Sandford Hill. I thank him for this very special poem and hope that the messages within are shared by all our leavers, as this is just what we strive to achieve - that your time at Sandford Hill is 'brill'!

Have a lovely summer holiday everyone.

Mr Wardle



URGENT - Not yet setup with ParentMail? - Please see below

We still have quite a number of parents/carers that have not yet verified their ParentMail accounts. From **September**, we will be changing the way we send out information to parents and accept payments.

All the following will be done through ParentMail from September:

- Letters about trips with permission response;
- Invitations to school meetings, events and activities like places;
- Notifying of your child's absence
- Payments including:
 - dinner money;
 - school trips;
 - book bags;
 - Uniform items, e.g. ties, etc.
 - Christmas Grotto tickets

If you are not yet set up, you will need to look back through your texts or e-mails for a ParentMail registration message; click on the link within the message and then complete the form you are taken to. N.B. You will need an e-mail address to register. If you do not have one you can create a free one on Gmail.

If you require assistance then please look on our website: www.sandfordhill.org.uk/parents/parentmail for help to register or you can contact the office on Friday 2nd September between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to get set up before the start of term. Thank you.