



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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**Words of Welcome.....** This week we welcomed the photographers to take pictures of family groups and individual children. The logistics of co-ordinating all the siblings to come together, while taking each classes individual photos is quite a challenge, so we do hope you are pleased with the results. The children certainly looked beautifully smart and even the nursery children, who were only in their second week at school, coped amazingly well with all the disruption. For any children that were absent, the photographer will be back in school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November to take their photos, as well as taking some new shots of the children working around school. Something to look out for in the future!

## Diary dates:

<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Jungle Book Production for KS1 and KS2
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Bingo - CANCELLED</b>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Harvest helpers wanted to make up the Harvest boxes - any time you can make!</b>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest Festival services KS1 a.m. in school, KS2 p.m. at church
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Non-uniform 'Bring a Pound' fund raising day for Dougie Mac</b>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Stanley Head Parents Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Open Evening 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Open Evening 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>School closed to children - Staff training day</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct - 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y6 to Stanley Head

**More diary dates on the Website**  
[www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created)

## Non-Uniform 'Bring a Pound' day for Dougie Mac

Next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, we will be taking part in the Dougie Mac 'Bring a Pound Day' when the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform clothes. This day is the Dougie Mac's main funding raising day, when Signal 1 Radio link up with the Dougie Mac, to help raise as much funds in 24 hours as possible for the Hospice. We hope you will be able to support this worthy cause and send your child to school in non-uniform for £1. Thank you.



## Autumn Term Assembly dates

### Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

KS1 Harvest Assembly – 9:00 a.m. led by Miss Davies' class  
KS2 Harvest Assembly - 1:30 p.m. at church led by Y6/2 Miss Gregory's class. [Harvest contributions now gratefully being received.] Parents/carers of children in these classes are welcome to join us at these assemblies.

## Cook and Eat



Mrs Brennan has arranged another two superb series of 6 'Cook and Eat' sessions. They will be:

### Block A

6 x Fridays from **4th Nov to 9th Dec** - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### Block B

6 x Weds from **11th Jan - 15th Feb** 2017 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Each week participants will be involved in the preparation, production and tasting of a variety of different meals using the ingredients/equipment provided, to demonstrate how easy and quick it is to produce healthy nutritious meals. Please speak to Mrs Brennan to book your place.

## ParentMail thanks

Thank you for your support with our ParentMail rollout. Now that the majority of parents/carers are using ParentMail, via the website or the app (250 of you have downloaded the app), we are sending out non urgent information via e-mails rather than texts, which is saving us 4p per text. Also, where a response is required we are using the Forms option. We do hope you feel this system is working for you. Please do let us know if we can help with it in any way. Thank you.

**'Blog of the week'!** is Mrs Arnott's blog about Sandy Bear's continued adventures around the world. This time we have received a postcard from Sandy Bear from Australia - the opposite side of the world from us, where it is springtime and they are looking forward to their summer!

**'Tweet of the Week'** - is from Parliament Education who tweeted: *'Take a look at one of our workshops in action. Democracy is not a spectator sport!'* following the posting of a video of our School Council visit last Friday. Find it on our website feed.



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### School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.7% which is **above** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	96.4%	Y1/1	100%	Y4/1	98.7%
F1/2	99.2%	Y1/2	92.7%	Y4/2	98.1%
F1/3	96.7%	Y2/1	98.0%	Y5/1	93.8%
F1/4	95.0%	Y2/2	96.6%	Y5/2	93.3%
F2/1	99.3%	Y3/1	96.7%	Y6/1	97.7%
F2/2	91.3%	Y3/2	100%	Y6/2	97.3%

### 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	Poppy Thursfield	Y3/1	Suneyna Ashiq
FS1/2	Isla Rhead	Y3/2	Lucy Thompson
FS2/1	Vinnie Lockett	Y4/1	Daniel Lamptey
FS2/2	Lucy Moore	Y4/2	Ruben Edwards
Y1/1	Gracie-Mae Coleman	Y5/1	Lucy Kelsey
Y1/2	Lucy Dawson	Y5/2	Louise Eaton
Y2/1	Elliot Harvey	Y6/1	Tegan Dedicoot
Y2/2	Amelia Williams	Y6/2	Eliza Goodwin

## News in Brief

### Data Collection and Permission Booklets

Can I thank parents/carers for your support in returning our new data collection booklets. It has highlighted a number of changes to some contacts, phone numbers and even addresses, which has been most useful. Can we remind please that if any details provided change, then you should notify the office with the new information immediately, so that we can always contact you in an emergency. Could any booklets not yet returned please be sent in to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Viking invasion into Y5

On Tuesday, Y5 managed to survive a visit of Wayland the Viking, who fortunately turned out to be very friendly and most informative. The children learned all about what it would have been like to live as a Viking and particularly enjoyed Wayland holding fire in his hands! A very memorable day for Y5 - well done to all and particularly Y5/1 for leading the Viking themed assembly on Thursday!



### SNAG members receive award

Last Thursday night Mrs Carney and Mr Walford accompanied two of our SNAG members to a prestigious awards evening. But what is SNAG? It stands for 'Sandford Hill Nutrition Action Group' and it is a group of children led by Mrs Carney to ensure that our children are aware of and receiving a healthy balanced diet. Together they have achieved the Bronze 'Food for Life' award and at the awards evening Tinotenda Nyamayaro and Millie Redshaw represented the group and gave a wonderful speech about all the group had achieved during the year to achieve the award. You can read the speech they made on our website at [www.sandfordhill.org.uk/snag](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/snag). The girls were fantastic representatives for the group and the school. Well done to both of you!

### Congratulations

• Well done to **Jacob Wainwright** on getting his Level 2 Little Ronin Karate award. Fantastic achievement - congratulations Jacob!

### And Finally

Following on from last week's message about keeping our children safe in school, this week all our staff including lunchtime supervisors and some of our governors attended a safeguarding / child protection training session. This is an important part of all of our roles, as caring for our children while they are in our care is a major priority for us as a school. Thank you for your support in helping us to care for your children, by not allowing them to arrive at school before the doors open at 8:50 a.m. Prior to this time they would not be supervised and are therefore not safe should an incident arise. Thank you.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

### 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
FS2/1	Skyler Twigg	Y3/2	Connor Sedgwick
FS2/2	Emori Sevakasiga	Y4/1	Tyler Hazeldine
Y1/1	Lenny Mitchell	Y4/2	Zack Dunn
Y1/2	Kindra Chahal	Y5/1	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y2/1	Callum Davies	Y5/2	Ben Ford
Y2/2	Alfie Dobson	Y6/1	Tamjeed Majeed
Y3/1	Max Sutton	Y6/2	Tino Nyamayaro

### Notices:

#### • Bingo cancelled

It is with regret that Mrs Brennan has had to cancel next Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October's Bingo session. The next Bingo night will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, so please put add to your diary.

#### • Harvest donations & helpers wanted

Thank you for the Harvest donations already received. Fruit, vegetables and other perishable items will be gratefully on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October Harvest services.

**Helpers are required on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** to help make up the Harvest boxes. If you can spare some time then please come along and lend a hand. Your help will be really welcome.

#### • Reception and Nursery applications for Sept 2017

Reception class admissions for Sept 2017 open on the [stoke.gov.uk](http://stoke.gov.uk) website on 1st October 2016. Nursery Admissions opens on 1st November 2016.



**Mr Wardle**