



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... This week we celebrated with our KS1 and KS2 Harvest Festival assemblies. Y2/2, Miss Davies' class spoke beautifully about how harvest boxes are made up with the food donated. They then told of how they are then distributed to people in need who would benefit from them for different reasons; some of them being just around the corner from they live. In the afternoon, Y6/2, Miss Gregory's class contributed to the service in the local church led by Father Kevin. The children talked about harvest being the time of sharing food; about what their favourite foods are and where around the world they come from. Well done to both classes for their contribution and to all the children for how well they sat during the assemblies. Also a big thank you to the parents/carers that came along to watch their children and a special thank you to Mrs Brennan, Mr Brown and the helpers who assisted with making up the 71 Harvest boxes.

Diary dates:

Tues 11th Oct	Stanley Head Parents Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Thurs 13th Oct	Governor's Meeting 6 p.m.
Wed 19th Oct	Open Evening 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Crèche available.
Thurs 20th Oct	Open Evening 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Crèche available.
Fri 21st Oct	School closed to children - Staff training day
24th - 28th Oct	Half Term
31st Oct - 4th Nov	Y6 to Stanley Head
Tues 1st Nov	Y1-3 Fluenza Immunisation
Wed 2nd Nov	Roast Dinner Day
Mon 7th Nov	Y3 to Poole's Cavern
Mon 7th Nov	Community Bingo Night

More diary dates on the Website
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Next week is
the last week of clubs
before we stop prior to Half Term.

Youth Club

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to join our Youth Club, which runs after school in the hall. If your child would like to join our Youth Club, please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return it with the £1.00 membership fee to the front office by **Thursday 20th October**. We anticipate running a Youth Club on the following dates before Christmas:

- Friday 11th November (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
- Friday 18th November (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
- Friday 25th November (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

For our Youth Club to run successfully, we need adult volunteers. If you are able to support us with this, you'll be made to feel most welcome. Please ask at the front office.

Stanley Head Information required

Prior to the children going to Stanley Head on 31st October, we are required to take with us the National Health Number and the date of your child's last tetanus. Please bring this information with you to the meeting at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, along with a pen. Thank you.

'Tweet of the Week' - is [@sandford_hill](https://twitter.com/sandford_hill) lots of bikes and scooters at our silver [@ModeshiftSTARS](https://twitter.com/ModeshiftSTARS) school! [@SoTCityCouncil](https://twitter.com/SoTCityCouncil) [@StokeLearning](https://twitter.com/StokeLearning)



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

Today the children were invited to come to school in non-uniform for £1 to be donated to the Douglas MacMillan charity. Thank you for your generosity and I will inform you of the total amount raised once monies have been counted.



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.

'Blog of the week'! is awarded to Mr Alcock's Year 5 children, who shared their presentations on how to be good digital citizens. Great work children – I am sure they would very much welcome your replies!



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.3% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	90.2%	Y1/1	98.7%	Y4/1	94.0%
F1/2	93.3%	Y1/2	95.3%	Y4/2	95.3%
F1/3	97.3%	Y2/1	93.3%	Y5/1	96.6%
F1/4	96.0%	Y2/2	97.0%	Y5/2	94.0%
F2/1	98.7%	Y3/1	90.0%	Y6/1	95.8%
F2/2	98.7%	Y3/2	93.3%	Y6/2	95.3%

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	Martha Jackson	Y3/1	William Buckley
FS1/2	Reggie Lewis	Y3/2	Jessica Beardmore
FS2/1	Logan Thirlwall	Y4/1	Kirsty Dabbs
FS2/2	Eryk Shridhar	Y4/2	Ryan Bridgett
Y1/1	Maisy-Lee Barker	Y5/1	Lucy Bloor
Y1/2	Tyler Cartwright	Y5/2	Ben Ford
Y2/1	Mason Lomax	Y6/1	William Harrison-Brien
Y2/2	Jack Thursfield	Y6/2	Tinotenda Nyamayaro

News in Brief

• 'The Jungle Book'

On Monday the children enjoyed a fantastic production of 'The Jungle Book'. This wonderful story book was brought to life with dramatic scenery, wonderful costumes and theatrical lighting and sound effects. So much so, that some of our younger children, so drawn into the story, were a little bit overwhelmed by some of the characters. The children have then followed up with various activities back in their classes.

• Good Luck

We wish our Tag Rugby team the best of luck for their first game, next Thursday afternoon.

Congratulations

• Well done to our Cross Country team that have competed for the last two Tuesdays at Moorside and then Sandon High School.

And Finally

What did you learn at school today?

Nothing!

Does this sound familiar to you? Hopefully not, as we want the children to come home inspired and challenged by what they have learned in school. However, in reality they may not tell you much about it; that is why we work so hard to keep you informed as to what the children have been up to. This is so important as the more you can reinforce and support what the children are learning about in school, the better progress and achievement they are likely to make. So in case you are not aware or not a follower yet, these are ways that you can find out what your child has been doing.

1. Checking on our school blog where the teachers post pictures and videos directly about learning happening in their classes. Go directly to <http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org> and select your child's year group and then please leave a reply.
2. Following on twitter [@sandford_hill](https://twitter.com/sandford_hill) where all the blog posts and other information is shared;
3. Following on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sandfordhillprimary/> where all the blog posts and tweets are shared;
4. Checking on our website, where, on the home page www.sandfordhill.org.uk, you will find a feed for all the blog posts and twitter comments; as well as masses of other information about our curriculum, policies, Governors, term dates and so much more.

This week, as an example, there have been 26 blog posts and 29 tweets shared, so please have a look with your child and see what they have been learning for yourself!

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
FS1/1	Liam Birchall	Y3/1	Mckenzie Gratton
FS1/2	Chloe Jeffries	Y3/2	Mohammed Azzan
FS2/1	Logan Thirlwall	Y4/1	Delilah-Rose Wall
FS2/2	Oscar Stevenson	Y4/2	Skye Barker
Y1/1	Thomas Harvey	Y5/1	Loris Myatt
Y1/2	Kai Benbow	Y5/2	Olivia Harford
Y2/1	Callum Davies	Y6/1	Taylor Holland
Y2/2	James Holder-Boast	Y6/2	Tinasha Zinyemba

Notices:

- Another brain-teaser from Mr Walford

If it takes 5 machines 5 minutes to make 5 items, how long does it take 100 machines to make 100 items?

- Reception and Nursery applications for Sept 2017

Reception class admissions for Sept 2017 open on the stoke.gov.uk website on 1st October 2016. Nursery Admissions opens on 1st November 2016.

- Bingo

After this week's Bingo regretfully had to be cancelled, the next 'eyes down' will be on Monday 3rd November at 6:30 p.m.

- Milk reminder

Please can money for milk please be brought into school on Monday morning for the following week. Thank you.



Mr Wardle