



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** Are you a budding photographer, or just like capturing beautiful views when you spot them on your phone? Then read the invitation from Enterprise Club below to see if you can get involved:

*This term, our Enterprise Club is making calendars to sell in Stoke-on-Trent. We are running a competition to find the best photos of our area. (No people in the photos please.) Enterprise Club will select the best twelve for the calendar. We are hoping to get other schools in the 'Stoke 6' involved in this project too. So, if you feel inspired and manage to take a fantastic photo in the local area in the next couple of weeks, then please e-mail it in to [office@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:office@sandfordhill.org.uk) by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, to see if your picture is selected to go in our Enterprise Club calendar. Good Luck!*

## Diary dates:

<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Open Evening 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Crèche available.
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Open Evening 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Crèche available.
<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>	Half Term
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct - 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y6 to Stanley Head
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Y1-3 Fluenza Immunisation
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	Roast Dinner Day
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y3 to Poole's Cavern
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Community Bingo Night
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Photos of absent children and around school
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Governing Body Meeting

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

A reminder that school is closed to children next Friday for staff training.

**NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK**  
or the first week after Half Term.  
*Except Choir which will run as usual*

## Road re-surfacing

We have been asked to inform you that next Monday and Tuesday, Bambury Street will be closed for resurfacing. As this will cause in an increase in traffic at the Clayfield Grove entrance to school, could we please ask for extra consideration to pedestrians and local residents. We would be most grateful if you would park away from the school and walk the last distance. Thank you.



## Open Evenings and parking

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers to our open evenings next Wednesday and Thursday. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher, then please do so as soon as possible. May we politely ask for your consideration for our local residents when parking. The main school car park will be made available for use, but please be extremely vigilant for your own and others' children if you do park on it. Thank you.

'Blog of the week!' is awarded to 'The Police Come To Visit Reception!' with a fabulous picture film of all the activities that the children got up to when the police came to visit. From the comments, it was clearly a big hit with the children; lucky they let Miss Hodgson out of the hand cuffs though!



## Many Thanks for your Generosity

I would like to thank all of you that so generously donated items for our 71 Harvest Boxes and also for non-uniform day last Friday for the Douglas MacMillan. I have had some lovely thank you letters from the recipients of the Harvest boxes showing how much they are appreciated. We await the amount raised for Dougie Mac as that was taken in a sealed collection box. We will let you know in due course.

## 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.



'Tweet of the Week' goes to Stoke-on-Trent Libraries who retweeted Sandford Hill's tweet with the comment: "Our Librarian, Chris, had a wonderful time at Sandford Hill Primary's book club!"



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### School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.5% which is **above** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	98.6%	Y1/1	97.3%	Y4/1	96.7%
F1/2	96.0%	Y1/2	96.7%	Y4/2	98.1%
F1/3	98.7%	Y2/1	96.7%	Y5/1	96.2%
F1/4	96.0%	Y2/2	100%	Y5/2	100%
F2/1	98.7%	Y3/1	99.3%	Y6/1	96.5%
F2/2	99.3%	Y3/2	95.3%	Y6/2	94.3%

### 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	Caleb Barnes	Y3/1	William Buckley
FS1/2	Harrison Colclough	Y3/2	Jacob Wainwright
FS2/1	Leyton Howle	Y4/1	Cerys Shields
FS2/2	Riley Weaver	Y4/2	Lucy-Mae Hall
Y1/1	Kelsie Walker	Y5/1	Isobell Martin
Y1/2	Tamzin Pitt	Y5/2	Kaddijatou Kassama
Y2/1	Jessica Bowler	Y6/1	Maddison Bowers
Y2/2	Thomas Kelsey	Y6/2	Amelia Bates

### News in Brief

#### • Democracy Week visit

This week three of our School Council visited the King's Hall council chambers as part of the Local Democracy Week. There were lots of schools involved and the children learned about having a voice and how to make their voice heard; about the voting system and the council members that are elected. The children also met the Lord Mayor. Well done to **Tinashe Zinyemba, Tinotenda Nyamayaro and Bradley Slater.**

#### • Digital Parenting

We are delighted to provide you with the latest issue of "Digital Parenting" magazine. It contains lots of useful information about how to keep your children safe online, and also provides great hints, tips and links to internet sites that can give further help. There is also a great section on useful apps for your children, and how to set up parental controls for your internet connection and devices. We hope that you find it a useful magazine, and would really appreciate any feedback. Don't forget that our website also has lots of useful e-Safety information too, including the SMART rules for children to follow. [www.sandfordhill.org.uk/parents/e-safety](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/parents/e-safety)

### Congratulations

• Well done again to our Cross Country team who this week ran their socks off at Moorside High School. Our runners were: **Alfie Davis, Mitchell Lavery, Jack Sutton, Ethan Bowen, Ryan Bridgett, Tinashe Zinyemba, Tegan Day, Libby Barwise, Isobell Martin, Macy Latham and Kaddijatou Kassama.**

• Well done to the Y5/6 Tag Rugby team for their efforts at their tournament at Trentham Rugby Club yesterday. After a slow start, they played very well finishing in 3rd place; the highlight being a 7 try to 1 win. Some great tries were scored and everyone had a great time despite the cold, wet weather. Team players were: **Ryan Bridgett, Connor Wild, Tegan Day, Quaid Smith, Jak Kelsall, Millie Davis, Ben Harrington, Charlie Bradbury, Josh Bickerton, Jack Sutton, Holly Malpass and Gray Bradbeer.**

### And Finally

On Monday and Wednesday I was pleased to welcome two separate visits from advisers from the Local Authority. They were visiting to monitor and support the school with its ongoing development, looking at the standards and progress of our children. As I showed them around the school they both commented on how hugely impressed they were with the behaviour of the children in all the classes and also the amount of focus the children were giving to their learning. I was extremely proud of the children, but was also proud of the staff for creating such calm and attractive learning environments. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff - it is always a pleasure to show people around our wonderful school.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

**Mr Wardle**

### 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	Caleb Barnes	Y3/1	Ben Turnock
FS1/2	Louie Emberson	Y3/2	Jimmy Rushton
FS2/1	Sophie McGraw-Pointon	Y4/1	James Crabb
FS2/2	Erin Latham	Y4/2	Keira Mason-Anderson
Y1/1	Mustafa Khan	Y5/1	Charlie Bradbury
Y1/2	Lucy Dawson	Y5/2	Molly McNicol
Y2/1	Ella Wigley	Y6/1	Maddison Bowers
Y2/2	Leo Morgan	Y6/2	Lewis Moore

### Notices:

#### • Choir rehearsals

Due to the intensive rehearsals required for the Young Voices concert in January, the choir will be the only club to meet next week and the week immediately after half term. All other clubs will resume the second week back.

#### • Photo Monies

If you would like to order a copy of the recently taken photo then envelopes need to be returned by next Monday latest.

#### • 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 3rd October 2016. Nursery Admissions opens on 1st November 2016.

#### • Bingo

The next 'eyes down' of Community Bingo is on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at 6:30 p.m.