

Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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BREAKING NEWS:

Electronic newsletters from now on - this is our last paper newsletter (unless you collect your own)!

NO CLUBS FIRST WEEK BACK!

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Diary dates:

Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct **HALF TERM**

Tues 31st Oct Y4 trip to Dewa, Chester
Wed 1st Nov Early Years Parent and Child Workshop 9:15 p.m.
Wed 1st Nov Prospective Nursery Parents 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs 2nd Nov Friends of Sandford Hill PTFA Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Thurs 2nd Nov Y2 trip to RAF Cosford
Thurs 9th Nov Open Evening - from 3:50 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Mon 13th Nov **SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - STAFF TRAINING**
Tues 14th Nov Open Evening - from 3:30 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.
Wed 15th Nov Early Years Parent and Child Workshop 9:15 p.m.
Thurs 16th Nov Y6 trip to Arboretum
Fri 17th Nov PTFA Quiz Night
Mon 20th Nov Y3 to Poole's Cavern
Wed 22nd Nov Photos of absent children

Words of Welcome

At the end of this half term I have been looking back through the year group blogs to see the range of work that the children have been doing across the school. It makes me so proud to see how well our Nursery children have settled in to school and the super things they get up to. It is also lovely to read the comments from family members on the blog and Facebook supporting the children in their achievements. All of the pictures show the children to be so involved in their learning and trying to be the best they can be. After all "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." *Thomas Edison*.

As the clocks go back in the early hours of Sunday 29th October, a reminder please to be extra careful on the roads around school, particularly if it has got dark. Can I also remind the children to make sure they have a labelled water bottle for after half term. Thank you.



Personalised Gifts for Christmas

As an alternative to Sandford Hill Calendars, we have arranged for a different personalised Christmas gift option for your children. They will have brought home a flyer and an order form, on the back of which the children can design their own Christmas picture. They can be as creative as they like with paint, felt tips, photo stuck on and decorated around the outside, or a collage - as long as it is flat! The picture will then be scanned and can be made into Christmas cards, calendar poster, mug, gift tags or thank you cards. So, over the half term, on a wet afternoon, invite your child to create their design and decide what gift you would like it made into. Complete the order form, make payment on ParentMail and return the design back to school by Thursday 2nd November.



Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Macie Lockett	Y3/1	Lacey-J Armstrong
FS1/2	Aiden Pickerill	Y3/2	Freya Meyrick
FS2/1	Liam Birchall	Y4/1	Joshua Lamptey
FS2/2	Maab Hemed	Y4/2	Joshua Lythgoe
Y1/1	Lucy Moore	Y5/1	Ryan Highfield
Y1/2	Tilly Hussey	Y5/2	Ashton Burton
Y2/1	Lily Hunt	Y6/1	Ruby Booth
Y2/2	Brooke Macmillan	Y6/2	Owen Astbury

News in Brief

• Y5 Breadmaking

Thanks to our friends at City Catering, our Y5 classes this week had an amazing experience learning how to make bread - and then eat it! They found out about the ingredients and the steps involved in bread making, as well as working with the dough to make different shapes.



• Y6 to Discovery Academy

Yesterday morning, our Y6 children had their first taster of what it will be like when they go to High School. The children took part in a number of activities including: making rockets using air pressure; Streetdance; making a marble run; and a new art form called 'Sgraffito'. All of these, plus experiencing the playground and corridors with the older children gave our Y6 a great insight into what life will be like in High School.

Y1 Parents/Carers Phonics Workshop

Y1 staff will be inviting their children's parents/carers into school for a Phonics workshop to learn more about the phonics teaching and learning in Y1. Watch out for it on ParentMail for **Wed 22nd Nov** and **Fri 24th Nov** - both from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Our PTFA - Friends of Sandford Hill

You would be most welcome to join us at our next PTFA meeting on Thursday 2nd November from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. **Quiz night tickets go live tonight.** See ParentMail for information and purchase.





These classes had the highest % of children that read 4 times last week.

1. Y6/2 100%
2. Y6/1 100%
3. Y5/2 100%

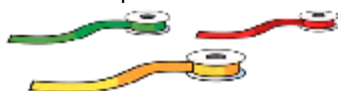
The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a worthy child from each class.

N1	Lucas Parker
N2	Harry Cartwright
F2/1	Grace Hallam
F2/2	Abby-Jaye Taylor
Y1/1	Lucy Moore
Y1/2	James Masterson
Y2/1	Owen Waters
Y2/2	Isobel Shenton
Y3/1	Lewis Day
Y3/2	Elouise Howle
Y4/1	Lily Cartlidge
Y4/2	Evie Elliott
Y5/1	Tyler Thompson
Y5/2	Grace Simpson
Y6/1	Demi Williams
Y6/2	Nikola Macialek

Maths Challenge 1

Here are 3 pieces of ribbon.



- The red ribbon is 38cm long.
- The yellow ribbon is 12cm shorter than the red ribbon.
- The green ribbon is 5cm longer than the red ribbon.

How much longer is the green ribbon than the yellow ribbon?

Medical information update

In order that we can keep your child(ren) safe and well, it is vital that you notify us of any new or changed medical information, perhaps following a medical appointment. Any unreturned Care Plans should be brought to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Assembly Performance Dates

We know some of you need plenty of notice to book time off work for Christmas performances. So, over half term we will be adding the Christmas year group assembly dates onto the events calendar on the school website. Tickets will then be available for you to request via ParentMail.

Open Evenings

Using the Parents Evenings Manager in ParentMail seems to have been tremendously successful, but do let us have any feedback. If you still need to book an appointment and there are no slots available then please go to the office where they will be able to help you.

Free Mini MakeFest

On **Wednesday 25th October, 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Longton library will be hosting a free Mini MakeFest for children and families. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage with exciting technology and inspire them to create some wonderful crafts to take home. **MINI MakeFest**

Sporting News

- This Tuesday our Y3/4 Football team played their first match together in the Crescent Academy Tournament. The team played 3 games, winning 2 and losing the other. But with a fantastic goal difference of +7 over the three games, we secured our place in the finals next May. Well done to **George Hof, Alfie Dobson, Josh Lythgoe, Ethan Budd, Elliot Harvey, Taku Nyamayaro, Archie Fowell** and **Saimone Sevakasiga**.



- Also on Tuesday our Cross County runners were at large at Moorside. The girls performed particularly well this week with **Libby Barwise, Kaddi Kassama and Roza Aziz** all in the top ten. Well done also to **Lewis Leese-Spencer, Jesse Addai, Jak Kelsall, Daniel Lamptey, Ruby Johnson, Macy Latham, Libbie Gorton** and **Lucy Bloor**.

- Yesterday afternoon our Y5/6 football team returned to school victorious from their Crescent Academy Tournament. Well done to: **Taylor Brown, Ethan Protaszcak, Ashton Harvey, Ryan Bridgett, Jesse Addai, Charlie Bradbury, Lewis Leese-Spencer** and **Ubaid Khan** on their superb wins, which also takes them through to next May's finals.



Blog Of The Week goes to Y3's excellent video of pictures about all the learning that they have been doing in. Some really interesting work there children, so well done to you all. Do have a look on the blog and leave them an encouraging comment.

Tweet of the Week is actually a tweet from last week as we missed sharing about our three School Council representatives visit to the Stoke-on-Trent Council Chambers. The children learned about local democracy and met the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent. Well done to **Lucy Bocca, Sophia Keates** and **Cayne Powis** for being great ambassadors for our school.



And Finally ...

I don't know about you, but this half term seems to have just flown by so fast. It has been an incredibly busy 7 weeks and it ends with us saying a fond farewell and huge thank you to Mrs Linton, our Senior Lunchtime Supervisor. She started with us 7 years ago and has looked after so many children during that time. We send her off with very best wishes from all at Sandford Hill past and present. Do pop in and see us soon.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

School Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is 96.8% which is **above** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	99.3%	Y2/2	97.1%
F1/2	89.7%	Y3/1	97.7%
F1/3	92.6%	Y3/2	96.3%
F1/4	88.0%	Y4/1	98.7%
F2/1	100%	Y4/2	98.7%
F2/2	94.0%	Y5/1	95.6%
Y1/1	98.0%	Y5/2	98.6%
Y1/2	98.0%	Y6/1	95.3%
Y2/1	100%	Y6/2	97.3%

Maths Challenge 2

Anna, Zoe and Carl donated some money to charity.



Carl donated twice as much as Anna.
Zoe donated £12 more than Anna.
Altogether they donated £188.

How much did Carl donate?