



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** Yesterday and today, we are very pleased to have welcomed many parents and carers to our Open Evenings to discuss the progress of our children after their first term in a new year group. These meetings are hopefully as valued by you as they are by staff, as an opportunity to share the positive comments about your child's progress and to discuss and understand together areas requiring further effort, support and encouragement. Your support at home is so important and non-more so than for reading regularly with your child and helping them to learn their times tables. After half term all the main school classes will be focusing on a new times table to learn, so please help your child to get ahead by practising with them over half term. The tables for each year group are as follows:

Y1 - 'x2'    Y2 - 'x10'    Y3 - 'x4'    Y4 - 'x6'    Y5 - 'x6'    Y6 - 'x9'

## Diary dates:

<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>TOMORROW - School closed to children - Staff training day</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	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 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Google Pioneer Expedition for KS2
<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
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y4 to Chester

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

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

### Christmas Assemblies

We have held off this long mentioning the C-word, but we know how very popular our Christmas performances are to our parents/carers and often wider family members, so to give plenty of notice, here are the dates for you to put in your diary:

- Early Years - Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov and Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Year 1 - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 2 - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 3 - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Year 4 - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 5 - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 6 - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

All performances will start as soon as the children are registered and changed which will usually be between 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Forms to request tickets will be sent by ParentMail for each year group a little nearer the time.

**'Blog of the week'**! this week is presented to the children in Mrs Frost's Y3 class who showcased their amazing writing skills in a post called "The Stolen Papyrus Scroll". We think it's a great way to showcase how the children have worked together to plan, write, edit and then improve a piece of writing. Do take a look and leave a comment. The children would really like you to.

### Polite request

You will all be aware that dogs are not allowed on the school site, but we have been made aware that dogs are occasionally being tied to the railings outside and left while children are collected. Our pathways are rather narrow and having hundreds of young children filing past a dog can potentially not only be distressing for the dog, but also for children who might have a fear of them. Please could we therefore ask that no dogs are left unattended and that they are kept well back from the main pathways. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Outdoor PE kit

With the colder weather having set in this week I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have arranged with both our uniform suppliers, Tesco and Timberland, for a black, over the head hoody with logo to be available for purchase. This is for PE lessons only and can be worn on top of normal PE kit of white T-shirt and black shorts, with any black joggers for outdoor games when it is cold. Perhaps an idea for a Christmas present?



### 'Tweet of the Week'

Find the Tweet with the video within which Ethan shares his multiplication skills. He's very impressive.



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### School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.2% which is **slightly below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	98.6%	Y1/1	97.0%	Y4/1	99.7%
F1/2	92.0%	Y1/2	95.7%	Y4/2	97.8%
F1/3	94.7%	Y2/1	95.3%	Y5/1	95.2%
F1/4	90.7%	Y2/2	98.7%	Y5/2	98.0%
F2/1	94.0%	Y3/1	96.7%	Y6/1	95.8%
F2/2	96.0%	Y3/2	97.3%	Y6/2	94.0%

### 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	Elizabeth Ryan	Y3/1	Lacie McGraw
FS1/2	Willow Goodwin	Y3/2	Freya Espley
FS2/1	Francesca Callaghan	Y4/1	Famidah Islam
FS2/2	Jenna Bowman	Y4/2	Eddie Lomax
Y1/1	Evie-Rose Myatt	Y5/1	Lucie Woolliscroft
Y1/2	Arman Hussain	Y5/2	Freyja Jones
Y2/1	Brodie Berrisford	Y6/1	Tegan Day
Y2/2	Marcus Wong	Y6/2	Holly Malpass

### News in Brief

#### • Visit from St. Peter's High School

On Tuesday morning Y5 and Y6 welcomed Mr. Astley, the principal of St Peters High to talk about his school and the activities and opportunities that are available there. Please ask your child about what they were told during Mr Astley's visit, especially if your child is in Y6 and you have yet to apply for their High School place on the admissions website [www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions), then.

#### Congratulations

• Well done to our Cross Country team who ran again at Sandon High again this Tuesday. It was a wet, cold night but the team, **Charlie Bradbury, plus all of last week's runners** ran really well, especially **Tegan Day** who came a fantastic second place - thanks to her perseverance and the incentive offered by Mum and Dad. We hope the KFC was good Tegan!

#### And Finally

Last week's newsletter included about three of our school council's visit the King's Hall council chambers as part of Democracy Week. Tinashe has written a report about their visit, and I received a lovely letter, both of which I would like to share with you:

On Thursday, Bradley, Tino and I went to the King's Hall for democracy week. When we arrived, I saw the tables and stalls with councillors on them. Our councillor was called Councillor Dodd. I saw the Lord Mayor too.

After a while, a lady started talking to us about democracy and what it is all about. Also why we should get a say in what happens in the world and Stoke-on-Trent. Then we explored the stalls and were given questions to answer. My favourite stall was the S-o-T Sports Stall where the Stoke City hippo was playing table tennis against the Port Vale dog Boomer!

When we had finished we went to the chambers and voted in a ballot box. We sat in fancy chairs and had photos taken. Later we looked at the Lord Mayor's gold and silver trophies.

Well done Tinashe for your enlightening report. It sounds like a really interesting, enjoyable and informative afternoon. I am very proud that the three of you represented Sandford Hill on this special occasion, especially when I received such a complimentary letter from Councillor Dodd.

As next week is half term, may I wish you all a safe, but enjoyable break.

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	Oliver Taylor	Y3/1	Evie Elliott
FS1/2	Willow Goodwin	Y3/2	Eshaan Rahman
FS2/1	Leila Hazeldine	Y4/1	Corey Regan-Moore
FS2/2	Neve Bentley	Y4/2	Rio Clarke
Y1/1	Tristan Draper	Y5/1	Macy Latham
Y1/2	Adena Perry	Y5/2	Ellie Yeomans
Y2/1	Freya Meyrick	Y6/1	Ethan Bowen
Y2/2	Leo Morgan	Y6/2	Imogen Bowers

### Notices:

#### • 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 - 15th Feb 2017 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Please speak to Mrs Brennan to book your place.

#### • Data Collection Booklets

Very many thanks to you all for completing and returning our new data collection booklets - we now only have 11 left to be returned. It has been a really worthwhile exercise as it has flagged up a number of changes to phone numbers, addresses, etc. Please remember that if any of the details submitted change, then you should let the office know straight away.

#### • Bingo

The next Community Bingo is on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** at 6:30 p.m.

Let's get  
cooking

Dear Mr Wardle,

I am pleased to say I had the honour of sharing the same table as the pupils from your school. I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed their company and what very intelligent and well behaved children they were.

They are a credit to your school and to the staff that teach them. I could tell by talking to them that they loved all aspects of their school life. I have no doubt that at least one of them will be helping to run our City in the future!  
Sincere Regards  
Councillor Lillian Dodd, Dresden & Florence Ward

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge - Mr Wardle left the house at 7:14 and his journey took him 2 hours and 27 minutes. What time did he arrive?