



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** Today we welcomed back to school our Year 6 children who have been at Stanley Head all week. This is a fantastic week away where the children get to take part in a range of new experiences. These included bouldering, caving, map skills, crate stacking, rifle shooting and more. As well as these activities, the children benefit hugely in learning to work together as a team, to develop their self-confidence, to face their fears and do it anyway and to build independence having to take responsibility for themselves. It will have been a challenging week for all of them, in many different ways, but that is what makes it such a worthwhile experience. Lifelong memories will have been made, firmer friendships grown and a bag full of dirty clothes brought home! Well done to all the children on their excellent participation, behaviour and attitude. We hope you had a fantastic week and enjoy a relaxing weekend back at home.

## Diary dates:

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Y3 to Poole's Cavern
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Community Bingo Night
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Roast Dinner Day - SNAG parents invited
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Google Pioneer Expedition for KS2
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Photos of absent children and around school
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Reception Parents Phonics Session 9:05 a.m.
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Non-uniform for 'Children in Need'
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 3:20 - 4:00 p.m. KS1 Children in Need Disco
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. KS2 Children in Need Disco
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Reception Parents Phonics Session 9:05 a.m.
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Governing Body Meeting
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 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)

**Clubs start again next week**

### Children in Need

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is 'Children in Need' day and the children are invited to come in non-uniform in exchange for a donation. Also, we will be holding 2 discos after school.

- KS1 will be 3:20 - 4:00 p.m.
- KS2 will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are £1.50 each and will be on sale shortly through ParentMail. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.



### Mr Wardle's Maths challenge

We've been puzzling with this one for a few days now. Can you work out what the missing numbers are? We will tweet the answer in a few days, so have a try and if you can work out what the question marks are, then come and check with Mr Walford and tell how you did it.

8	11
14	10
19	16
30	21
46	32
?	?

### ParentMail

We do hope you are getting used to our ParentMail system. We are pleased to say that 99% of our children have at least one parent/carer connected. For those of you that do not have the smartphone/tablet ParentMail app, please remember to check your e-mails regularly, as all tickets for Christmas assemblies and the Grotto will be booked via ParentMail.

### Christmas Fayre

This year our Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Arts Fayre and Grotto are all on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. No tombola collections this time, but there will be a fabulous Christmas Bake Off competition, so get practicing your Christmas themed cakes and biscuits. Here's a fun link that might inspire you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0PlwLoKV0E>

### 'Blog of the week!'

Our Blog of the week award is presented to Year 5 for their post 'Cool Chemistry'. Have a look at it to see the fabulous science work, which the children produced when they visited The Discovery Academy. We'd love you to comment.

### 'Tweet of the Week'

These are awarded to the members of staff who have been busy tweeting this week from Stanley Head. It has been great to be able to follow all the activities soon after they happen.



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### School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.8% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	93.0%	Y1/1	93.3%	Y4/1	98.3%
F1/2	96.7%	Y1/2	95.0%	Y4/2	94.1%
F1/3	90.0%	Y2/1	91.7%	Y5/1	99.1%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	100%	Y5/2	92.5%
F2/1	94.2%	Y3/1	97.9%	Y6/1	95.2%
F2/2	98.3%	Y3/2	96.7%	Y6/2	96.7%

### 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	Chloe Sherratt	Y3/1	Summer Walker
FS1/2	Louie Emberson	Y3/2	Joshua Lamptey
FS2/1	Bethan Bloor	Y4/1	Ryan Hibbert
FS2/2	Henri Draper	Y4/2	Luis Collier
Y1/1	James Woolliscroft	Y5/1	Chloe Basnett
Y1/2	Harrison Barker	Y5/2	Mitchell Lavery
Y2/1	Jessica Bowler	Y6/1	Not Awarded
Y2/2	Alana McLean-Inglis	Y6/2	Not Awarded

### News in Brief

#### • Open Evenings

In the last week of half term we finished with two Open Evenings for parents/carers to come and speak with their child's class teacher about his/her progress. I am extremely pleased to inform you that 89% of our parents/carers came in to school for a meeting. Thank you for your time and we do hope you found it useful, with positive feedback and possibly areas where you might support your child with their learning. A big thank you also to the teachers who give up their time on two long days and to the staff who manned very busy crèches on both days.

#### • Y5 to Discovery for Cool Science

On Thursday, Year 5 had a great afternoon at The Discovery Academy learning all about chemical reactions. They had a go at making Rainbow Fizz, exploding lunch bags and CO<sub>2</sub> balloons! The children really enjoyed all the experiments as you can imagine and they were a real credit to the school with their excellent behaviour. Well done Year 5 and do have a look at the video on the blog to see what they got up to and take down the details of the experiments.

#### • Roast Dinner day with S.N.A.G. parents

Next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November it is our roast dinner day and our SNAG team (School Nutrition Action Group) have invited their parents in to join them. The children will be waiting on their parents, serving them their dinner at specially laid tables. We do hope they enjoy the experience.

#### • The Long Road to Heaven

Father Kevin has asked if we might publicise a new service and confirmation course that is being run on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. starting Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Please phone Father Kevin on 01782 313142 for further details.

### Congratulations

- Well done to **Callum Hambleton** on achieving the Stanley 3 Swimming Award. Many congratulations Callum!
- Congratulations to **Ella Wigley** on swimming her way to success with her Stanley 5 award. Well done Ella!

### And Finally

Next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November is Armistice Day when, across the country, people will be commemorating British and Commonwealth servicemen and women from the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Poppies are being sold in school next week to raise money for the Royal British Legion charity. This is a way of showing our grateful thanks to those that gave up their lives for others. In addition, all the children have been making poppies which will be combined to create an attractive remembrance display. Also, the poppies by our remembrance garden are being refreshed and we have a new poppy wreath.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

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### 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	Chloe Sherratt	Y3/1	Grace Wright
FS1/2	Noah Kaminski	Y3/2	Harley-Jay Monks-Neil
FS2/1	Lucas Campbell	Y4/1	Rhys Williams
FS2/2	Sereana Veilawa	Y4/2	David Moores
Y1/1	Blake Wray	Y5/1	Millie Davis
Y1/2	Harrison Barker	Y5/2	Tyler Edge
Y2/1	Isabella Nolan	Y6/1	Taylor Holland
Y2/2	Alfie-John Griffiths	Y6/2	Ben Harrington

### Notices:

#### • Resident's Association Bingo Night

Having missed October, we hope there will be great turn out to the next Community Bingo next **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** at 6:30 p.m.

#### • Youth Club

Next Friday, signed up Youth Club members are invited to our first Youth Club session from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

#### • 'Bring a Pound' day for Douglas MacMillan

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, the children were invited to wear non-uniform in return for a donation towards the Dougie Mac '**Bring a Pound**'.



We have now been informed and are proud to report that we raised a very impressive £484.40. Thank you all for your generosity to this very worthy cause.

