

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 12 - Fri 29th Nov

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STOP PRESS: CLUBS NOW FINISHED FOR THIS TERM, with 3 exceptions. See Notices below.

Thoughtfulness

This half-term, our school values assemblies have been all about showing **thoughtfulness**. We have been discussing with the children ways to be thoughtful. These have included:

- smiling at others to make them feel happy and relaxed;
- using kind hands to do considerate things for others;
- using people's names when speaking to them;
- apologising if you need to;
- giving a compliment;
- thinking carefully about how the decisions you make and the words you say might impact on others.

As well, in our assembly this week, the children have been learning about the Patron Saint of Scotland, St. Andrew, and have been encouraged to follow his lead by sharing and being kind.

Children who have been nominated for showing thoughtfulness and have, so far, received a certificate are: **Evie W, Genevieve G, Anna T, Lilly-Rose A, Charmian H, Lennon B, Hunter H, Leo B, Katie B, Mollie B, Chloe S, Leighton B, Caden H, Poppy T, Tayla D, Evie L, Ellie H, Kellie W, Eli H, Elliot H, Manni R and Gabrielle M.**

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Maria B** who shows off her dance rosette. Well done Maria we are all very proud of you!
- Well done to **Dominik W** who has achieved a fantastic collection of swimming medals and certificates. Super swimming Dominik!
- Huge congratulations to **Alex S** who has was in The Sentinel this week, with a news item about how he will be running his 50th Park Run this weekend. An amazing achievement, well done Alex and Grandad!



School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week's attendance is 86.9% due to the sickness bug. We hope the children are feeling better and back to school soon.

F1/1	83.0%	Y2/2	94.5%
F1/2	96.3%	Y3/1	89.3%
F1/3	80.7%	Y3/2	93.3%
F1/4	86.3%	Y4/1	90.1%
F2/1	91.1%	Y4/2	78.5%
F2/2	89.3%	Y5/1	91.8%
Y1/1	96.9%	Y5/2	93.3%
Y1/2	83.7%	Y6/1	83.0%
Y2/1	90.0%	Y6/2	81.5%

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd December

Influenza vaccination for Reception to Y6
Y1/1 trip to Toy Museum

Wednesday 4th December

Y1/2 trip to Toy Museum

Friday 6th December

Chat and Wrap 9:00 a.m.

Monday 9th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity Assembly
Year 5/1 singing at the Hospital 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity Assembly
Y6/1 singing at the Dougie Mac

Wednesday 11th December

Y4 Roman Dress Up Day
Y6/2 singing Oak Priory Centre
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th December

General Election - school closed for Y1-6
Early Years trip to Cannock

Friday 13th December

Xmas Jumper Day; KS2 Xmas Dinner
Y5/2 singing at the Hospital 1:30 p.m.

Monday 16th December

Y6 to Discovery Christmas Production

Tuesday 17th December

Christingle Church 10:00a.m. Y4/2 to lead

Wednesday 18th December

EYFS and KS1 Xmas Party - non uniform

Thursday 19th December

KS2 Xmas Party p.m. - non uniform

Friday 20th December

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 3rd February

School closed to children for Staff training

Parent/Carer Notices

• **CLUBS FINISHED FOR THIS TERM** - From next Monday 2nd Dec, ALL clubs have finished until the Spring Term. This is **EXCEPT** for:

- ⇒ **KS2 Choir** which now starts at 8:00 a.m. and will run until the end of term;
- ⇒ One more **Y3/4 Fitness Session** with Miss Harrison on next Monday 2nd Dec only;
- ⇒ One more **STEM Club** with Mrs Carney on next Monday 2nd Dec only; and
- ⇒ One more **Cooking Club** for Mrs Powell's Group 2 on Monday 2nd Dec only.

• **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Last chance for ordering personalised Christmas Cards with your child's design. Deadline is Friday 6th Dec. Packs of 12 cards and envelopes can be purchased for £4 via the ParentMail shop.

• **Chat and Wrap** - If you are available on **Friday 6th December at 9:00 a.m.** and would be willing to come along and help out with our chat'n'wrap for the children's gifts for Christmas, then we would love to see you. Please meet at front reception.

• **Help if needed** - At this expensive time of year, many families can struggle financially, so if you are in need of support with a food voucher, then please ask to speak to Mrs Brennan, our Home School Link Worker who will be able to help.



Fluenz vaccinations on Tuesday for Rec to Y6

The school nurses will be visiting school on **Tues 3rd Dec** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to children from Reception to Y6. Thank you to those who have returned a completed consent form already, If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please complete the consent form and return to school as soon as possible. Regarding the flu spray: Children with asthma who are **poorly, have an increased inhaler use, or are wheezy 72hrs before, or taken oral steroids within 14 days call 0300 124 0366 before Tuesday's vaccination day.**

Oak Priory

Last Friday afternoon our school council visited Oak Priory in Abbey Hulton as part of our commitment to further develop children's awareness of Dementia. Councillors spent the afternoon enjoying tea and chocolate biscuits with some of the day visitors, before working off those calories by joining in with a Zumba session. The afternoon was very much enjoyed by all and we look forward to taking our Y6/2 class to sing carols on 11th December.



Times Tables Masters

Have you heard - our Y3, 4 and 5 classes have recently started using 'Times Tables Rock Stars'? The children are practising their times tables proficiency to work their way from 'Wannabe' (10 seconds+ per question) to 'Rock Hero' level (1 seconds per question). This web based game can be [played at home here](#), so Y3, 4 and 5 parents/carers please do encourage your child to practise and let's see who can become our first Rock Hero!



Y2 go back in time at Stafford Castle

Our Y2 children all enjoyed fabulous days at Stafford Castle this week, despite the rather damp weather. Dressed in their knights tabards, they explored the castle grounds, walked the walls and imagined what it would have been like to live there. They also enjoyed workshops where they made lavender bags and did brass rubbings. The children also had the chance to dress as knights, complete with chainmail, sword and shield, as well as explore the weapons store. A brilliant time and so much learned.



Recent blog posts to check out

- ⇒ [Nursery's Space Adventures](#)
- ⇒ [Nursery Have Been On A Bear Hunt](#)
- ⇒ Y1 [Clay Cups](#)
- ⇒ Y1 [Toys](#)
- ⇒ [Year 1/2 Artists](#)
- ⇒ [Year 2 Nature Club](#)
- ⇒ [Year 4 Anti-Bullying](#)
- ⇒ [Gardening Club](#)
- ⇒ John Muir [Christmas Crafts](#)

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA.

F1/1	Lacie-Mae H
F1/2	Brooklyn B
F2/1	Leo P
F2/2	Ingrid S
Y1/1	Elizabeth D-S-D
Y1/2	Ollie E
Y2/1	Callum C
Y2/2	Evelyn T
Y3/1	Billy D
Y3/2	Evelyn L
Y4/1	Hayat H
Y4/2	Isobel S
Y5/1	Kyle B
Y5/2	Elliot H
Y6/1	Jasmine C
Y6/2	Jacob W

Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Gracie-Mae D	Y3/1	Mconnel B
FS1/2	Jessica R	Y3/2	Evelyn L
FS2/1	Jaxon H	Y4/1	Oliver J
FS2/2	Nea-Grey P	Y4/2	Atunaisa S
Y1/1	Theo C	Y5/1	Julia D
Y1/2	Seraphina S	Y5/2	Alfie H
Y2/1	Mollie B	Y6/1	Troy M
Y2/2	Reggie L	Y6/2	Amethyst G

School Council Christmas Art Competition

The school council will be running a Christmas Art Competition starting next Tuesday with prizes to be given to one child in EYFS, Y1-Y3 and Y4-Y6. The school council will be going round to classes to talk to the children next week to explain the competition. Then if your child would like to enter, there is a 50p per entry charge, which will go towards the school council's fund raising. The theme for the picture is anything Christmassy!



Music Maestro Please!

Yesterday morning our KS2 children were treated to a number of musical performances by visitors from Stoke Sixth Form. These included pieces played on the piano, the flute and a song with guitar accompaniment. The students showed some amazing musicianship and really impressed their young listeners.



Thank you to the 6th Form students for their performances. We hope this provided a bit of inspiration and love of music for our children.

Thoughtfulness and Respect