

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



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STOP PRESS: APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY SEPTEMBER 2020 ARE NOW OPEN! Apply via www.stoke.gov.uk - deadline 31st January 2020.

Thinking of Others

At this festive time of year, it is important to think about others not as fortunate as ourselves. In yesterday's assembly we were joined by visitors from Douglas Macmillan Hospice. They came in to share news of the work they do being there for those in need in our area, and also to thank the school for supporting their 'Light Up a Life' concerts since the very beginning. We estimate 22 years! This year's concert is next Sunday 15th December at Victoria Hall. Our choir having been busy practising the songs and we are looking forward to another special afternoon.



It's Official

We are now fully Primary Science Quality Mark accredited. Huge congratulations to our whole school community and a massive thanks to Mrs Carney, Science Leader, seen below collecting our certificate at the awards evening last Friday. A brilliant achievement, as a result of lots of hard work.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week's attendance is still low at 88.8% due to the sickness bug.

F1/1	95.6%	Y2/2	97.0%
F1/2	80.0%	Y3/1	81.4%
F1/3	88.2%	Y3/2	88.9%
F1/4	73.3%	Y4/1	77.8%
F2/1	92.7%	Y4/2	86.8%
F2/2	93.8%	Y5/1	87.5%
Y1/1	94.6%	Y5/2	88.5%
Y1/2	95.9%	Y6/1	88.5%
Y2/1	89.3%	Y6/2	89.3%

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Lucy G** who proudly shared her British Gymnastics Award 6 and Award 7. A fantastic achievement. Well done Lucy.
- Well done to **Ravyn M** who proudly shared her 7 certificates that she has been awarded for her trampolining. That's amazing Ravyn, what a superstar!
- Congratulations to **Lucy B** who has passed Stage 5 at swimming. Keep it up Lucy!



Dates for your Diary

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 at St Mary and Chad's Church 10:00a.m. Y4/2 to lead (families welcome)

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

Monday 6th January

School starts for children

Friday 17th January

Choir to Young Voices in Birmingham

Wednesday 3rd February

School closed to children for Staff training

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May

KS2 SATs week

Parent/Carer Notices

- **Early Years Nativity** - Unfortunately, due to restricted space in the school hall during the building works, and as 110 additional tickets have been requested, we regret to inform that we are only be able to provide 2 tickets per child for the Early Years Nativity Assemblies. We do apologise that we are unable to accommodate additional requests and thank you for your understanding. The performance will be recorded and will be available to view via the school website.
- **CLUBS** - KS2 Choir, on both remaining Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. This is the only club that is running now until the end of term.
- **Y5/6 Carol singers** - please could any Y5/6 child who has a Santa hat, bring it in for when their class goes carol singing next week to the hospital, Dougie Mac or Oak Priory. (dates above) Thank you.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** - Next Friday is National Christmas Jumper day and whilst we have not requested a contribution for your child to wear a Christmas jumper to school, should you wish to make a donation to the 'Save the Children' fundraising, as seen on TV, then we will of course be happy to send it on to this worthy cause.
- **Christingle boxes** - Next week we will be sending home a Christingle collection box. If you have any small change that you can spare we would be grateful if you could send any amount back to school in the Christingle box. Thank you.

And the Winners are.....

Recently our Y6 children entered a Bin Wagon Design Competition run by Stoke-on-Trent City Council and last Friday we were informed that **Ruby F & Grace W** had been chosen as 2 of the winning designs. Their pictures will now be displayed on the side of the bin wagons around Stoke-on-Trent from w/c 20th Jan 2020. The girls will be photographed standing next to their design on the bin wagon, along with staff from Waste Sustainability and the Lord Mayor. Prior to this, Ruby and Grace will be invited to the Lord Mayors parlour for afternoon tea. Well done girls! We'll all have to look at every bin wagon now, to see if it has your design!



Silent Christmas Auction

Although we are not able to have a Christmas Fayre this year, we would like to invite you to take part in our Silent Auction. We have 9 prizes available to bid for, including:

- 4 Ninja Warrior Passes with £20 food voucher
- 2 Winter Wonderland Passes
- Family Pass to Cineworld Hanley
- Christmas Hamper
- £20 Toby Carvery Gift Card

The auction will go live in ParentMail tonight at 6:00p.m. All you have to do is enter in the highest bid you are willing to pay for any item you are interested in, then when the Auction closes on Friday 13th December at 12:00p.m., the highest bidder will be notified.

It's All About The Toys

Our Y1 children this week visited the Hanley Museum and had a brilliant time taking part in a 'Toys from the Past' workshop. They looked at old dolls, some of which were over 100 years old, old teddies and spinning tops. They also had a play with a Jacob's ladder toy and an acrobatic monkey toy. They discussed how toys have changed over time and even made their own cup and ball game. We would like to say a big thank you to Amanda who ran the workshop and also well done to all the children who behaved impeccably and enthusiastically throughout.



Recent blog posts to check out

- ⇒ [Nursery's Super Snowman](#)
- ⇒ [Nursery's Super Snowmen \(cont\)](#)
- ⇒ [Year 1/1 Visit Hanley Museum](#)

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

F1/1	Megan W
F1/2	Lottie S
F2/1	Millie H
F2/2	Kaiden A
Y1/1	Stanley R
Y1/2	Ellie T
Y2/1	Alecia O
Y2/2	Emma B
Y3/1	Woodrow T
Y3/2	Asinate L
Y4/1	Arman H
Y4/2	Skye S
Y5/1	Thomas K
Y5/2	Freya M
Y6/1	Lilli F
Y6/2	Takudzwa N

Headteacher's Star Awards:

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

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Olivia P	Y3/1	Daniel D
FS1/2	Millie P	Y3/2	Skyla-Beau R
FS2/1	Amelia C	Y4/1	Kindra C
FS2/2	Flynn H	Y4/2	Jordell-Leroy A
Y1/1	Imogen W	Y5/1	Lacey-J A
Y1/2	Ellie T	Y5/2	Leo W
Y2/1	Leah B	Y6/1	Grace W
Y2/2	Molly B	Y6/2	Melissa S

School Council Christmas Activities

Those that have entered the Christmas Art Competition this week, remember that your Christmas themed picture must be submitted by first thing Monday 16th December.



SSHHHHH! - If your child would like to make a little Christmas present to bring home, the school council will be doing something creative with them over the next week. They will be very special gifts but we don't want to say what they are and spoil the surprise! It will cost just 50p for any child from Nursery to Y5. Children in Y6 also have the chance to make something for £1.00. Money can be sent in from Monday. Thank you.

Crisp Packets Collection

Here are some of the Eco Warriors sorting all the crisp packets which children have been bringing in to school. They will be delivered to Longton Market who send them off to Walkers. There they are sent away to recycle! It's fantastic to think all these packets will not go into landfill but will be used to make pellets. Please keep sending in your crisp packets. Thank you.



Thoughtfulness and Respect