



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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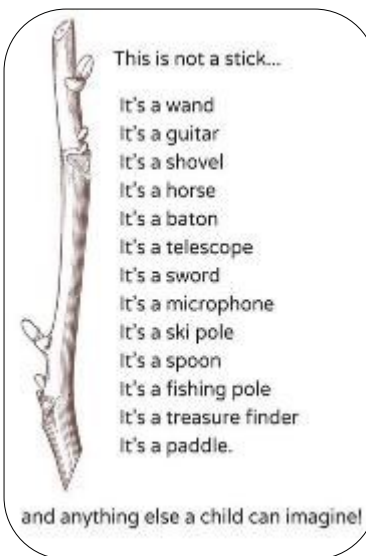
**Next week is
the last
week of
clubs for this
half term**

Week 19 - Friday 1st February 2019

National Storytelling Week

Thanks to a fantastic assembly yesterday morning by Y3/1, Mrs Frost's class, as the children made us all aware of the fact that this week is National Storytelling Week. The children shared with the audience some of their favourite books and book characters, showing that a book can open up the imagination. Even something as innocuous as a stick can become something special.

Thank you to the family and friends who came and joined us. We hope you were inspired to go away and pick up a book to read!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th February

E-Safety Day
John Muir Project children to Stanley Head
- a.m. and after school

Wednesday 6th February

PTFA Meeting 9 a.m.

Thursday 7th February

Rec'n Parents Phonics workshop 9:15 a.m.

Monday 11th February

Y1 Parents Phonics Meeting - 3:30 or 6 p.m.

Tues 12th and Wed 13th February

Scoutability for all classes - see over

Wed 13th and Thurs 14th February

Library Van visiting the Reception classes

Friday 15th February

'Thinking Day' Girlguides and Scouts - wear Brownies, Cubs, etc uniform to school
FSU - Fairy Tale Ball

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February

HALF TERM

Tuesday 26th February

Y6 Trip to Jodrell Bank

Thursday 28th February

Y6 Parents/Carers SATs Meeting - 6 p.m.

Thursday 7th March

Y2 Parents/Carers SATs Meeting - 6 p.m.

Tues 26th March and Thurs 28th March

Open Evenings

Friday 12th April

Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 2nd May PLEASE NOTE

School Closed to Children - Polling Day

Monday 13th - Friday 17th May

KS2 SATs Week

Congratulations

- ◆ Well done to **Kyan P** who made the Burslem Boys Gymnastic Squad last night. Many congratulations Kyan.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Skyla-Beau R** on achieving her Goldfish 2 swimming award.
- ◆ Very well done to **Isabella J** who has passed her Shark 2 swimming certificate.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Jack E** for his super swimming to achieve his Stanley 2 award.
- ◆ Very well done to **James M** who took part in his first swimming gala last weekend and swam an amazing 33 metres in 48 seconds! Fantastic.



Additional Swimming Superstars

Last term there were a few swimming certificates short for our Y3 classes, so here are a few more that achieved an award:

Beginners: Kai B, Alex S, Ashton S, Oliver J, Isla S, Lexi W, Malachi L, Tyler C and Declan B.

Length: Ellie H and Malachi L

Well done to all our swimmers on your fantastic achievements.

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	96.2%	Y2/2	90.8%
N2	95.0%	Y3/1	95.0%
N3	95.7%	Y3/2	96.4%
N4	91.3%	Y4/1	98.3%
F2/1	94.2%	Y4/2	94.4%
F2/2	92.9%	Y5/1	95.8%
Y1/1	99.1%	Y5/2	97.5%
Y1/2	96.4%	Y6/1	96.4%
Y2/1	93.1%	Y6/2	98.4%

Info for Parents

Clubs - Please be aware that next week is the last week of clubs until week beginning 4th March. This is except for Belinda Latimer's Art and the John Muir Outdoor Project groups which carry on every week.

Milk orders - Spring 2 payment milk orders must be placed before 9:00 a.m. on Monday 11th February. Thank you.

Police Surgery - PCSO Jane Crump will be holding a Police Surgery at 3:00 p.m. on Friday 8th February to listen to any concerns or worries that you may have in our community.

Young Voices 2019

Last Friday, 43 of our choir enjoyed a long, but fantastic afternoon and evening in Birmingham at the Young Voices 2019 concert. Our boys and girls were part of a massive choir of approximately 6,400 children from across the country. The choir rehearsed in the afternoon and then the concert in the evening included singing along with guest acts, Beau Dermott from Britain's Got Talent and Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet. What an amazing night and what brilliant memories, for our children who behaved superbly and the adults who took them.



Musical Medley Concert

Now the children are looking forward to our own concert next Monday 4th after school. Our choir will be performing some of their Young Voices songs and some of our instrumentalists will be performing too. We look forward to welcoming parents, carers, family and friends of the children involved.

Friends of Sandford Hill PTFA

Next Wednesday **6th February at 9:00 a.m.** will be the first gathering of the Friends of Sandford Hill PTFA of 2019. Whether you are a regular helper or would like to come along for the first time, we will look forward to welcoming you.



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Read more and watch videos on the blog - sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org

Scotability starts us off!

One of our many projects that we are developing to offer exciting activities for the children is to become a 'Cycling School'. Our aim is for all the children to become confident riders through a programme of cycle training and scooting activities for all ages across the school.



We are kicking off our programme with two days of Scotability on **12th and 13th February**. Reception to Y6 children will have a 30 minute session of scooting. Pupils will learn about the scooter and safety gear, and how to balance on and control a scooter. Skills will include pushing, stopping, gliding, taking corners, and navigating obstacles. The aim is to increase confidence and have a better ability to control themselves under various riding conditions, as well as having a lot of fun, perhaps with some races and ramps.

Children will need to make sure they have their pumps/trainers in school on the day below:

Tues 12th - Reception, Y2/2, Y4 and Y6

Wed 13th - Y1, Y2/1, Y3 and Y5.

World Thinking Day

On 22nd February, across the world, the (WAGGGS) World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts celebrate, along with cubs and scouts, World Thinking Day. The founder Lord Baden Powell and his wife, Olive, are remembered. Unfortunately 22nd Feb falls in half term, so instead we are inviting our young members and staff to wear their group uniform to school on **Friday 15th February**.



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	Robyn P
N2	Winnie M
F2/1	Shaye K
F2/2	Seraphina S
Y1/1	Kian D
Y1/2	Rubanpreet S
Y2/1	Archie M
Y2/2	Oliver D
Y3/1	Lily H
Y3/2	Noah F-J
Y4/1	Annabelle S
Y4/2	Alana M-I
Y5/1	Malwina J
Y5/2	Evie E
Y6/1	Dante G
Y6/2	Rebecca H

Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these 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
N1	Freya L	Y3/1	Patryk W
N2	Leo P	Y3/2	Jasmine E
FS2/1	Vinnie C	Y4/1	Callum W
FS2/2	San A	Y4/2	Ashton P
Y1/1	Lia Z	Y5/1	Jailyn H
Y1/2	Frankie M	Y5/2	Jasmine C
Y2/1	Bethan B	Y6/1	Alex S
Y2/2	Gracie H	Y6/2	Macy B

This week's blog posts to check out

[Winter Fun In The Nursery](#)

[Baa Baa Black Sheep](#)

[Humpty Eggsperiment](#)

Reception [They Didn't Run Away!](#)

Reception [We Have Beanstalks!](#)

[Year 2 Concrete Multiplication](#)

[Year 2 Star Readers](#)

[Year 2 Star Writers](#)

[Wonderful Art In Year 5.](#)

[Young Voices 2019](#)

[Art Club](#)

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And there is loads of information on our school website

www.sandfordhill.org.uk



Class Assembly Dates for Spring Term:

Thurs 14 th Feb	Y2/2 Miss Gregory's Class at 9:00 a.m.
Thurs 14 th Mar	Y1/1 Mrs Smith's Class at 9:00 a.m.
Thurs 28 th Mar	Y1/2 Mrs Stillwell's Class at 9:00 a.m.

Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend when their child's class is leading the assembly.



Internet safety Day - Tuesday 5th February

We all recognise how much many of our children enjoy spending time online playing games, watching shows, chatting with friends, learning new things and so much more. With each new device that can connect to the internet, each new app that helps pass the time and each new Wi-Fi hotspot enabling you to connect whenever and wherever you want, it's easier than ever before to live almost our entire lives online.

Of course, just because we can, doesn't mean we should and many people are now starting to question how healthy it is to spend so much time on our devices.

Too much screen time can sometimes lead to issues with children's wellbeing. We recommend that internet enabled devices are used in family rooms, so that parents / carers can keep an eye on the content which the children might be accessing. We would also encourage all of our parents / carers to regularly talk to your children about their screen time:

1. Share with them the types of games they like to play (look at the [PEGI Ratings](#) to see if the game is age appropriate).



2. Many games offer the chance to chat with other players by voice and text. Do your children know who they are playing with and remind them never to share personal information. Make sure that the children know how to use the blocking and reporting tools within the game and also within popular sites such as [YouTube](#).

Did you know that there is a much safer, child friendly version of YouTube freely available? [YouTube Kids](#) makes it safer and simpler for children to explore online video



3. Check out the [Parental Controls](#) options within the game - these can allow parents to limit the amount of time their children are able to play the game for.

4. Consider making a [Family Agreement](#), through which you can outline how much screen time is permitted each day.

Remind the children of the importance of telling you if they see anything upsetting or worrying whilst they are online.

Lots of information is available on our [School Website](#): www.sandfordhill.org.uk

Ice Safety

With the weather being so cold Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) wanted to make you aware of the dangers of frozen water. Iced over water has dangerously-low temperatures which would be a real shock to the system and means that people can very quickly get into difficulty.

Their advice is:

- make sure children understand how dangerous it is to play on ice. Tell them to stay away from frozen rivers, lakes and ponds.
- don't wander too near to the edge, icy or wet conditions could cause you to slip and fall in.
- don't be tempted to test the thickness of the ice; it's easy to slip from the bank and fall through into the freezing water.
- dog owners should ensure they keep their pets on a lead so they are not at risk of falling in.
- if you see someone, or a pet, fall through ice and get into difficulty do not risk yourself by trying to rescue them - instead ring 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service immediately.



Stay Safe This Winter

More Young Voices Pics

