

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



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STOP PRESS: See overpage for our first attraction revealed for our Summer Fayre - Saturday 27th June, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

And The Build Goes On!

Following last Thursday's build meeting, we can now update you on build schedules. Due to a bit of a delay, the front classroom block is now due to be arriving and installed mid March. Watch out for the huge crane! This means that it will now not be ready to hand over to the school until the May half term. As a result, the demolition and replacement of the old mobile at the back of the school, with the new 2 classroom block, will not start until the summer holidays. This delay will mean a lot less disruption and inconvenience during term time, particularly for the KS2 children getting to the playgrounds, but it will mean that the building works will not be completely finished until October half term.

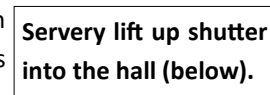


The technology room with lifting shutter into the hall corridor.

Internally, the new kitchen and technology room windows are in, the flooring is now down and 2nd fix electrics started, so the appliances may well start to be fitted next week. The current handover date for the new kitchen and technology rooms is March 16th. We can't wait to be able to start doing cooking and other things in the new technology room, as well as having our school meals being cooked on site again. It's getting exciting now!



Kitchen (above) ready for the appliances to be fitted.



Servery lift up shutter into the hall (below).

Dodgeball dramatics

Well done to our dodgeball team: Will B, Lucy G, Samuela T, Taku N, Esme R, Saimone S and Josh Ly for their exciting games and a very respectable 2nd out of four.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This weeks's attendance is 96.6%.

F1/1	94.3%	Y2/2	98.6%
F1/2	84.8%	Y3/1	93.6%
F1/3	93.3%	Y3/2	100%
F1/4	92.4%	Y4/1	96.3%
F2/1	95.9%	Y4/2	97.8%
F2/2	96.4%	Y5/1	99.1%
Y1/1	97.7%	Y5/2	97.6%
Y1/2	98.1%	Y6/1	98.1%
Y2/1	99.0%	Y6/2	95.7%

Congratulations

- Jenna and Rae B were super proud to share that they have both passed their Angelfish swimming award.
- Well done to Isabella J on passing her Silver Advance Swimmer award. Fantastic Isabella - congratulations!
- Many congratulations to Summer Wr and Lucy B who ran in the Parkrun on Sunday at Queens Park Longton. Did you know - you can [register your child online](#) and print off a barcode which is scanned after they cross the finish line. It's 2km, free to join and starts at 8.55am every Sunday. Maybe you may like to go along for a run?
- Congratulations to Lola S, Rebecca B, Tamzin P and Kinga I who shared their completed Reward Charts.



Spring Term

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

EYFS dress-up 'Story Book Characters'

Last swim for Y5

Mon 17th to Friday 21st February

Half Term

Friday 28th February

Y4 & Y6 swimming start

Tuesday 3rd March

Y2 Tudor Day

Wednesday 4th March

Y3 to Egyptian Museum, Birmingham

Tuesday 10th March

Dance 20 performance by Y3 children

Monday 16th March

Nursery and Y6 group photos

Tuesday 17th March

Open Evening 1

Thursday 19th March

Open Evening 2

Tuesday 24th March

Y1 visit to Tanglewood

Thursday 26th March

Full Governors' Meeting

Friday 27th March

Last swim for Y4

Mon 30th March to Fri 3rd April

Lenten Activities

Friday 3rd April

Last day of term, Headteacher Awards

Saturday 27th June

SUMMER FAYRE

Thursday 7th May

School closed to children (Police Voting)

Friday 8th May - Bank Holiday

Parent/Carer Notices

- Clubs - NO CLUBS next week (except Gym Club). Clubs start again week beginning 2nd March, the second week after half term.



Safer Internet Day

Next week, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school. As part of our continuing commitment to e-safety, we will encourage the children to explore how they manage their online identity and how the internet affects how they think of themselves and others.

A new app recommended by the Police is 'Hollie Guard', a free, personal safety app for children and adults. 'Hollie Guard' turns a smartphone into a personal safety device. It has been designed to help protect us from possible danger and help us feel safer and reassured when walking home alone. If in danger, the user simply shakes their phone to generate an alert, their location and audio and video evidence of the incident will automatically be sent to an emergency contact via text and email.

For further information, please click on this link:

Hollieguard.com User Guide



Giant Graffiti Art on the Playground

Fantastic work from our Y4 children to create playground art yesterday, alongside our visiting artist Tom Edwards. You wouldn't recognise our football target walls. The work is



amazing children.

Thanks Tom and well done Y4.



Learning the Green Cross Code

This week it was the run of Y1 and Y2 children to learn about The Green Cross Code thanks to Mrs Grattage from @TravelSmartSoT. The children were taught where a suitable place is to cross the road and where on the pavement we should stand. Always remember to 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think' before crossing any roads boys and girls.



Egyptian Mummy

Y3/2 have spent the past 3 weeks creating a fantastic model Egyptian mummy. After looking at photos of the Tutankhamun sarcophagus, the children made a cardboard frame which they covered with paper mache until they had a hard shell that could be painted. They all worked with such co-operation together and the care they took over all of the details was very impressive. Well done Y3/2. See the children making it on their blog post - [Y3/2 Egyptian Mummy](#).



Thanks to Stoke College students

Yesterday morning our Reception and Y1 children were treated to 'The Emperor's New Clothes', while Y2 and Y3 enjoyed 'The Selfish Giant'. Both were thanks to the performing arts students from Stoke On Trent college, provided as part of their coursework. Definitely appreciated by the children, so thank you to all involved.



The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

F1/1	Gabriela P
F1/2	Austin P
F2/1	Sofia P
F2/2	Flynn H
Y1/1	Shaye K
Y1/2	Ollie W
Y2/1	Caleb B
Y2/2	Leighton B
Y3/1	Francesca C
Y3/2	Rae B
Y4/1	Oliver J
Y4/2	Atunaisa S
Y5/1	Lola S
Y5/2	Keira C
Y6/1	Manni R
Y6/2	Lily C

Recent blog posts to check out

- ⇒ [The Orange Groups Visit To Longton Library](#)
- ⇒ Y1 [Road Safety](#)
- ⇒ Y1 [Space Art](#)
- ⇒ [Y3 Magnet Racers](#)

Headteacher's Star Awards:

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

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Roxanna W	Y3/1	Woodrow T
FS1/2	Sinmiloluwa K	Y3/2	Oliver D
FS2/1	Niamh B	Y4/1	Tamzin P
FS2/2	Poppy T	Y4/2	Charlie S
Y1/1	Lacey C	Y5/1	Alfie D
Y1/2	Caleb T	Y5/2	Callum W
Y2/1	Chloe T-W	Y6/1	Autumn P
Y2/2	Harrison C	Y6/2	Salata L

Sandford Hill's 50th Celebrations

Having announced in last week's newsletter about our 50th Anniversary Summer Fayre, we have already received some brilliant old team, school play and friends photos. Do please keep them coming in to the office for our 'Through the Decades' boards that will be displayed at the Fayre.

Each week, between now and the Fayre we will provide a bit more information about what is planned, but needless to say it will be a great day for children old and new! Invitations to past staff that we are still in touch with will go out soon and we hope you are spreading the word to any past pupils.

All monies raised at the Fayre will go towards our fundraising for a cycle track and red ash pitch replacement. To help us with this, we would like to contact local businesses that might be able to support us in some way. **Do you have a business contact that we might approach for help?** If so, please pass details to the office. Thank you.

Reveal No. 1 - AN INFLATABLE ASSUALT COURSE is booked.



Thoughtfulness and Respect