

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



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STOP PRESS: Please have an enjoyable and safe half term break. Term starts again on Monday 24th February.

With great sadness

In a year that we are preparing to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, it is with great sadness that the person who, in my opinion, created the wonderful school that I am privileged and proud to lead today, died last weekend.

Mr Smith (Colin) was an inspirational, dedicated leader who showed much commitment to raising pupil's achievement and self-esteem. Indeed our very positive 'thoughtfulness and respect' ethos, within which all pupils can grow and flourish, is one of many, many aspects that are a legacy of his outstanding leadership. Mr Smith had an 'aura' (to this day, when I saw Colin, I would still address him as Mr Smith) and he was highly respected by his colleagues who shared his vision of high achievement.

I know that many parents of our current pupils, who themselves attended Sandford Hill Primary as a child, will fondly remember visiting Mr Smith's office to receive a 'happy' stamp, or to share their Record of Achievement.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been appointed as a newly qualified teacher by Mr Smith in 1993. He was a fabulous mentor and friend, and his influence on me professionally and personally has been profound. Mr Smith will be greatly missed.



Spring Term Dates for your Diary

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

School closed - Bank Holiday

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May

KS2 SATs week

Congratulations

- A special well done to **Eli H** who became the first person to complete a second Reward Chart. He has now collected an amazing 100 stickers and has set himself a target of achieving 200 by the end of Y5.



- Congratulations also to **Evie B, Skyla P, Julia D** and **Lacey-J A** on completing their reward charts.



- Well done to **Josh V** who this week shared his Level 6 Learn to Swim award.
- Congratulations also to **Modou K, Erin D, Isabelle Y, Atu S** and **Jordell A** for completing their reward charts.



School Attendance Target - 96.5% This week's attendance is 96.7%.

F1/1	100%	Y2/2	88.5%
F1/2	97.0%	Y3/1	96.4%
F1/3	97.0%	Y3/2	98.5%
F1/4	97.0%	Y4/1	97.9%
F2/1	93.6%	Y4/2	96.2%
F2/2	94.4%	Y5/1	98.6%
Y1/1	94.6%	Y5/2	98.2%
Y1/2	98.5%	Y6/1	96.7%
Y2/1	100%	Y6/2	98.9%

Parent/Carer Notices

- Spring Term Open Evenings** - Bookings for this term's Open Evenings, on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March, will go live on ParentMail next Monday 17th Feb at 6:00 p.m. A crèche will be provided for both evenings from 3:30 p.m. Any problems please speak to the office in the first instance.
- Snow protocol** - a reminder that should there be snow, we will only notify you should the decision to be made to close the school. Should the snow require you to collect your child(ren) early, then that is at your discretion.
- Clubs** - Clubs start again **week beginning 2nd March, the 2nd week after half term.**



Safer Internet Day

This week, across the school we have celebrated Safer Internet Day and have been amazed by the fact that there are now over 8 billion users of the internet across the world. A focus of our e-safety lessons and assemblies this week has been on **'What makes up our online identities?'** We have encouraged the children to express themselves creatively online, whilst still recognising the importance of being the same person in the online world as they are in the off-line world. We also spoke to the children about 'A Wolf In Sheep's Clothing', to show them that not everyone online is always who they claim to be. A final message which we shared is one which we're sure you'll continue to remind the children of at home and that is of always telling a trusted adult if they see something of which they are unsure.

A guide to support parents in helping the children manage their online identities is attached along with this week's newsletter. Many thanks for your continued support.

Recent blog posts to check out

⇒ [Pear Group Visit Longton Library](#)

⇒ [Amazing Mathematicians](#)

Y6 Learn the Drill

Huge thanks to Mr Campbell, from SOT 6th Form who, last Friday, talked to the Y6 children about earthquakes. They learned about 'Drop, Cover, Hold!' - what to do in an earthquake. As well as some memorable earthquake-like eruptions, thanks to the wonders of science, the children heard about how geology tells us about what has happened in the past.



Welcoming Reception Parents

Thank you to the parents/carers of our Reception children that came and joined the children for a phonics session. We do hope you found it useful to appreciate the learning process the children go through when developing their phonics.

Spring Term Open Evenings

A huge well done to the KS1 children who took part in yesterday's gymnastics competition at Eaton Park Academy. They represented our school fantastically and really impressed the audience. Well done to **Amilia P, Chloe T-W, Evie W, Katie B, Liam B, Molly B** and a special mention to **Isla J** who won silver in her category and **Lily-Rose A** who won bronze in her category.



The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

F1/1	Salem S
F1/2	Malachi M
F2/1	Lillie-Jo R
F2/2	Mia G
Y1/1	Parker F
Y1/2	Martha-Rose L-C
Y2/1	Lucy B
Y2/2	Bentley D
Y3/1	Olivia M
Y3/2	Sienna-Mae H-J
Y4/1	Patryk W
Y4/2	Sian S
Y5/1	Jack T
Y5/2	Ryan H
Y6/1	Jasmine-Rose W
Y6/2	Jessica B

'Sandford Hill's Got Talent' at the Summer Fayre

Our Reveal No. 2, is that we will be inviting the children to get up on stage and 'do a turn' at our 50th Celebration.

There will be no judges or buzzers, just a stage for anyone that would like to share their hidden, or not so hidden, talent. It might be a musical piece, solo or as a group, a dance performance, a poem or story recital, a comedy joke or sketch, a magic trick or demonstration of a skill in martial arts - in fact anything you think others will be interested to watch. Maximum 5 minutes.



So, to all our children - Would you like to take part in Sandford Hill's Got Talent? If so, then get practicing and when your parents/carers receive a ParentMail form, after half term, asking for applications, then make sure they fill it in. More information to come.

All monies raised at the Fayre on Saturday 27th June 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.

