



# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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Have a  
great half  
term  
week

Week 21 - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Ready for Half Term....

Well what a busy and eventful week we have had this week. On Monday we welcomed many of you Y1 parents and carers to our Y1 Phonics Meeting. Thank you so much for coming along and we do hope you found it useful.

On Tuesday and Wednesday all the classes (except Nursery) had the most fabulous experience with ScootFit, racing around a track, going over ramps and even disco dancing on scooters. This has been a fantastic start to all our planned scooting and cycling activities to come and it is such a brilliant way to get the heart racing and enjoy the outside.



Yesterday the children and parents/carers of Y2/2 class enjoyed their Valentine's Day assembly. Well done to all the Y2/2 children for their contribution. A super effort by all.

Their assembly was about loving each other and in other assemblies we have been talking about 'Random Acts of Kindness'. Maybe, during half term next week, we can all try to do at least one act of kindness, either to someone we love or to a total stranger! Have a good week.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day with KS1 and KS2 discos

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Nursery and Y6 Class Photos

Dance 2019 - Victoria Hall - evening

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Y3 to 'Awful Egyptians' at Regent Theatre

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March and Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Open Evenings

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Last Day of Spring Term

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Summer Term starts

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May PLEASE NOTE**

**School Closed to Children** - Polling Day

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May PLEASE NOTE**

**School Closed** - Bank Holiday

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

KS2 SATs Week

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**HALF TERM**

## A MESSAGE FROM STOKE-ON-TRENT FOODBANK

Dear SANDFORD HILL PRIMARY,

On behalf of Stoke-on-Trent foodbank I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation in January. We will use your donation of **43.9kgs** of food to help feed people who are hungry in Stoke-on-Trent.

At the moment our warehouse is particularly short of:

- UHT milk
- pasta sauces
- Tinned tuna
- Biscuits
- Mash
- tinned tomatoes
- fruit juice
- chocolate
- soup
- teabags

If you can support us with any of the above items we would greatly appreciate it.

As always, we are moved by the generosity of people, and we thank you for your donations.

Yours faithfully,

Stoke-on-Trent foodbank

**Many thanks to all that support this worthy cause.**

## School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	93.8%	Y2/2	98.0%
N2	81.0%	Y3/1	95.7%
N3	93.0%	Y3/2	90.6%
N4	92.3%	Y4/1	99.0%
F2/1	91.3%	Y4/2	97.4%
F2/2	94.7%	Y5/1	98.0%
Y1/1	99.0%	Y5/2	98.0%
Y1/2	97.1%	Y6/1	92.9%
Y2/1	92.9%	Y6/2	97.1%

## Congratulations

- Well done to **Isabelle Y** who has passed her Shark 3 swimming award. Congratulations Isabelle.
- Many congratulations to our former pupil, Emily Brennan, who has been selected for the England Ladies Golf Team. An amazing achievement Emily.

## Info for Parents

**Clubs** - Please be aware that there are no clubs now until week beginning 4th March. This is except for Belinda Latimer's Artists, the KS2 Gymnastics Team and the John Muir Outdoor Project groups which carry on every week.

**Changes to Penalty Notices for Absence from School** - Please ensure that you read the ParentMail sent out last Friday, 8th Feb 2019 which gives information about penalty notices issued as a result of unauthorised absence from school. If you have any questions regarding this information, please ask to speak to Mrs Brennan, Home School link Worker.

## Library van fun

During Wednesday and Thursday our Reception children had a great time visiting the 'Little Library Van' that parked itself up on the red ash. The children loved hearing and taking part in the stories.



## Spelling game on the Spelling Frame

Spellingframe is a great online resource, which we use in class, to support the children with their spellings. We'd encourage the children to try it at home too. Short regular practice can make all the difference!

<https://spellingframe.co.uk>

## This week's blog posts to check out

[Fairy Tale Ball](#)

[Nursery Celebrate Chinese New Year](#)

[Nursery Chinese New Year](#)

[Orange Groups Visit To Longton Library](#)

[Reception PE](#)

[Reception Come Dancing!](#)

[Busy Bees Scootability](#)

[Ladybirds Scootability](#)

[Y2/1 Scoot Fit Ready](#)

[Year 2 Scoot-Fit](#)

[Scoot-Fit in Year 2](#)

[Y2 - Rainforest Clay Animals](#)

[Year 3 French](#)

[A Busy Day In Year 3](#)

[Year 4 Make Exchanges!](#)

John Muir - [The Project Begins...](#)

John Muir - [Bushes and Brambles](#)

## Sandford Hill Primary News

Read more and watch videos on the blog - [sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org](http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org)

## Dressing Up Days

This year teachers have chosen not to have a whole school dressing up day on World Book Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March) but instead are choosing a day which fits best with the learning taking place in their classroom. In the Autumn Term Year 5, for example, enjoyed a fabulous Greek Day.

Then today our Foundation Stage were invited to come to school in a costume for their Fairy Tale Ball linked to their learning about Traditional Tales. All the children looked amazing and had such a fun time too.



## Sports News

Well done to all the children (Taku N, Saimone S, Samuela T, Lauchlan S, Ethan P, Ryan B, Eddie L, Joel F, Tyler H and Joshua Ly) who represented the school in the Stoke South Futsal Competition that took place on Wednesday afternoon.

## 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	Aliza A
N2	Vinny W
F2/1	Macie L
F2/2	Sophie-Rae M
Y1/1	Coby D
Y1/2	Molly B
Y2/1	Kayden S
Y2/2	Jamie O
Y3/1	Jessica M
Y3/2	Tristan D
Y4/1	Mason L
Y4/2	Skye Z
Y5/1	Samuela T
Y5/2	Jasmine C
Y6/1	Ryan H
Y6/2	Ethan P

## John Muir Award - Progress at a Pace

Our JMA children have worked brilliantly these last couple of weeks and are really making a fantastic difference to our woodland area. I do hope they've taken some Before and After pictures, as I think the transformation is going to be amazing. Well done to all the children for all their hard work - it looks like you had a fair bit of fun too!



## 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	Grayson C	Y3/1	Jesse S
N2	Vinny E	Y3/2	Brooke M
FS2/1	Lily-Grace S	Y4/1	David S
FS2/2	Poppy J	Y4/2	Ethan B
Y1/1	Noah B	Y5/1	Lille-Mae W
Y1/2	Jude K	Y5/2	Joshua L
Y2/1	Emelia B	Y6/1	Isabel S
Y2/2	Anna D	Y6/2	Erin M

## World Thinking Day

It was lovely to see so many of our children wearing group uniform to school today to celebrate World Thinking Day which falls during half term.



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And there is loads of information on our school website

[www.sandfordhill.org.uk](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk)



## Class Assembly Dates for Spring Term:

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar Y1/1 Mrs Smith's Class at 9:00 a.m.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 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.