



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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**Clubs start
again next
week**

Week 22 - Friday 1st March 2019

Pavement Graffiti???

Welcome back from what I hope was an enjoyable half term break. On our return to school you may well have noticed that coloured paint markings on the entrance pathways have mysteriously appeared. They are not the work of some mischievous artist, but are in fact signs of our now confirmed building works.

We are pleased to be able to share with you that planning permission has been confirmed for the following works:

- New 2 classroom block on the front grass entrance area;
- Replacement 2 classrooms of the existing old mobile block, but joined to the hall;
- Newly repurposed and refurbished kitchen; allowing space for
- New Technology Room for cooking, science, design technology, etc; and a
- Repurposed staff room.



The preparations and building works are scheduled to start in the May half term holiday and running through until the end of the Autumn Term.

We are extremely excited about this long awaited increase in space and the upgrading of facilities here at Sandford Hill. However, it will be a very disruptive period of time and we will all need to be mindful of the safety implications of the site during the works.

Indeed, having carefully considered the Local Authority Site Constraint Plan that has been produced for the proposed works, sadly a decision to cancel this year's planned Summer Fayre has had to be taken.

Scooter News

Following our fantastic ScootFit days last half term, we are pleased to inform that we have now taken delivery of a number of scooters for use across the school. These will be planned for the children to use from next week onwards.

In order for the children to scoot safely they will be provided with shared helmets and pads to wear. Normal, sensible shoes are fine for scooting, but those with long hair will need to remove bows, etc to wear the helmets.

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	96.9%	Y2/2	97.3%
N2	100%	Y3/1	99.3%
N3	97.4%	Y3/2	95.6%
N4	96.9%	Y4/1	97.3%
F2/1	98.7%	Y4/2	96.8%
F2/2	98.0%	Y5/1	99.0%
Y1/1	98.3%	Y5/2	97.7%
Y1/2	96.5%	Y6/1	98.6%
Y2/1	97.7%	Y6/2	98.7%

Dates for your Diary

Tues 5th & Wed 6th March

Y5 Space Workshops in school

Thursday 7th March

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

Monday 11th March

Red Noses go on sale for the week

Tuesday 12th March

Archie F in Junior Chef Competition

Y1/1 visit Longton Fire Station

Friday 15th March

Y1/2 visit Longton Fire Station

Red Nose Day Non-uniform

KS1 and KS2 Comic Relief discos

Monday 18th March

Nursery and Y6 Class Photos

Dance 2019 - Victoria Hall - evening

Friday 22nd March

Y3 to 'Awful Egyptians' at Regent Theatre

Tues 26th March and Thurs 28th March

Open Evenings

Wednesday 3rd April

Y2/1 trip to Ford Green Hall

Thursday 4th April

Y2/2 trip to Ford Green Hall

Thursday 4th April

Governor's Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 12th April

Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 29th April

Summer Term starts

Thursday 2nd May PLEASE NOTE

School Closed to Children - Polling Day

Monday 6th May PLEASE NOTE

School Closed - Bank Holiday

Monday 13th - Friday 17th May

KS2 SATs Week

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

Info for Parents

World Book Day - As stated on the last newsletter "This year teachers have chosen not to have a whole school dressing up day on World Book Day (Thursday 7th 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." **Open Evening Booking for Tues 26th March and Thurs 28th March** will go live tonight Friday 1st March at 6:00 p.m. A crèche will be provided by staff on both evenings.

Clubs - Please be aware that clubs start up again next week.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Disco tickets will go on sale on Monday 4th March at 6:00 p.m. and red noses will go on sale from Monday 11th March.

SATs Evenings

Many thanks to the Parents/Carers of our Y6 children that attended the KS2 SATs information evening last night. We do hope you found the session useful and we thank you in advance for all the support we know you provide to the children in the run up to the SATs in May.

On **Thursday 7th March** we welcome our Y2 Parents/Carers to a Y2 SATs Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the school hall. Again, teachers will be sharing a wealth of information about the process and the support you can provide.

This week's blog posts to check out

[Nursery Fairytale Ball](#)

[Reception Fairytale Ball](#)

[Y2 Phonics Detectives](#)

[Super Sharing Year 2](#)

[Y3 Scare Share](#)

[Y4 A message if something upsets you Online!](#)

[A Busy Day In Y5](#)

[Y5 Teacher's Post on Wed, 27 Feb 2019](#)

[Litter!](#)

[Councillor Bridges' Visit](#)

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

Councillor meets the School Council

Yesterday morning we were extremely pleased to welcome Councillor Bridges to Sandford Hill Primary. Our school council had written to invite Councillor Bridges to visit our school as she had not been here before. Following a tour of the school, Councillor Bridges met with the School Council who asked some really thoughtful questions to find out how we can all make our wonderful city even better. Then the Councillor asked the School Council some questions of her own, including what would they like to be doing in the future and what the Council should be doing for them.

Many thanks to Councillor Bridges for making the time to come and visit our school and for her support for education across the city.



Scare Aware

As parents / carers, many of us will be aware that scare – shares, can give unwarranted publicity to a craze and can also cause worry to those who were previously unaware. There have been a number of media reports recently about a scary thing (we're deliberately not naming it) circulating online, which is causing some children to become upset in some schools. The advice which schools are receiving about this issue is that most upset is actually caused from the warnings/reports rather than 'the thing' (which is a recycled hoax / scam) Within school, we regularly remind the children of the importance of telling a trusted adult if they see something which upsets them online. We also remind the children not to believe everything to be true on the internet. As always, we'd very much ask parents to continue to support us by regularly talking to your children about their online world, reminding them that not everything online is true. Help the children develop general strategies to cope with worrying things online and stress the importance of not sharing or forwarding worrying or nasty things.

There are a number of useful guides for parents, covering a range of e Safety issues, available on our school website: <https://bit.ly/2B9TA16>

SCARE-SHARES CAN CAUSE:

1. False sense of security
2. Free publicity
3. Unproductive panic

WHAT CAN WE DO INSTEAD?

1. Drip feed information
2. Focus on the positives
3. Help establish a dialogue

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	Flynn H
N2	Darci-Jade C
F2/1	Hollie-Anne D
F2/2	Sonny L-P
Y1/1	Chloe T-W
Y1/2	Luke H
Y2/1	Lucas C
Y2/2	Henri D
Y3/1	Modou K
Y3/2	Jasmine E
Y4/1	Finley J
Y4/2	Jack T
Y5/1	Amelia O
Y5/2	Grace W
Y6/1	Tyler H
Y6/2	Skye B

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	Lillie-Jo R	Y3/1	Caleb J
N2	Jack H	Y3/2	Noah F
FS2/1	Ayda T	Y4/1	Leo W
FS2/2	Leo B	Y4/2	Julia D
Y1/1	Martha J	Y5/1	Salata L
Y1/2	Olivia M	Y5/2	Olivia O
Y2/1	Bobby M	Y6/1	Delilah-Rose W
Y2/2	Sereana V	Y6/2	Caitlin C

Friends of Sandford Hill PTFA

Next Wednesday 6th March will be our regular, first Wednesday of the month, PTFA meeting. Whether you are a regular, or would like to come along for the first time, you will be most welcome. We will be discussing social event ideas and fundraising, as well as having a general chat and get to know each other.



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Twitter

[@sandford_hill](https://twitter.com/sandford_hill)

And there is loads of information on our school website

www.sandfordhill.org.uk



Class Assembly Dates for Spring Term:

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

Thurs 28th 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.