



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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**Bookings
for Summer
Term clubs
open
tonight**

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17th April

John Muir Woodland Workers

Thursday 25th April

John Muir Woodland Workers

Monday 29th April

Summer Term starts

Wednesday 1st May

Y2 Learn to Ride

Thursday 2nd May PLEASE NOTE

School Closed to Children - Polling Day

Governor Finance Meeting

Monday 6th May PLEASE NOTE

School Closed - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May

Y3 Learn to Ride

Friday 10th May

Swimming starts for Y2 and Y6

Monday 13th - Friday 17th May

KS2 SATs Week

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th May

Y5 Bikeability Level 2

Friday 17th May

Stanley Matthews Non-uniform Day

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

PLEASE NOTE:

The EU elections are taking place on **Thursday 23rd May** and so our school **will be CLOSED to children** as it will be used as a polling station.

We apologise for the short notice for making alternative child care arrangements, but the decision was only confirmed today.

Week 28 - Friday 12th April 2019

Happy Easter!

Looking back over this long and busy term, there are so many exciting activities that have happened and so many achievements made by the children: we started the term with the new Bagels and Dick Whittington; our transformed KS1 playground came into action; our choir had an amazing trip to Young Voices; we kicked off our Cycling School project with our Scooterability Day; our art work continued with artist, Belinda Latimer; the John Muir project was launched to rejuvenate the woodland; we celebrated Young carers, World Thinking Day and World Autism Awareness; the Library Van visited EYFS; Archie F won the city's Chef of the Year competition; our Y6 Dance Troupe took Victoria Hall by storm; and finally we have had a busy Lenten week collecting money for charities. We now need to say farewell to Mrs Stillwell and Mrs Richardson. We thank them for their hard work and commitment to the children of Sandford Hill Primary and we wish them every success in the future.



Congratulations

- Well done to Alex S for his 5 kilometres run last weekend raising money for The Dougie Mac. Fantastic! 
- Sienna-Mae (Y2) Stanley 6 swimming award. 
- Congratulations to Katie B who received this impressive trophy from her troop dance group. 
- Congratulations to Stanley R who was awarded his Learn to Swim 2 award. 
- Well done to Skyler who won the 'Football Skills Development Award' trophy and certificate at her football presentation evening on Friday. Great work Skyler. 
- Many congratulations to former pupil, Cameron Lavery, who won his previously shared fight and will now compete for his country in the European Junior Championships 

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	89.2%	Y2/2	91.0%
N2	97.0%	Y3/1	92.3%
N3	92.2%	Y3/2	98.1%
N4	93.1%	Y4/1	98.3%
F2/1	96.7%	Y4/2	93.5%
F2/2	98.7%	Y5/1	97.7%
Y1/1	98.6%	Y5/2	98.3%
Y1/2	99.7%	Y6/1	100%
Y2/1	98.4%	Y6/2	95.2%

Info for Parents

- Clubs** - The John Muir, Science, Art, Gym and Gardening clubs will be **the only clubs running** the first week after Easter. All sign-up clubs will start the second week back.
- Last chance for lost property** - During the Easter break we will be taking all the lost property to the clothes bank, so please come in next week to check for lost items.
- Dudson** - You may have heard about the sudden closure of the ceramic company Dudson, with the loss of 400 jobs which for those involved will be extremely worrying. This will make home-life stressful for all, including youngsters, who may be pupils at our school. Council services are supporting, but there are also key events for Dudson employees:
 - A Dudson Support event, Tuesday 16th April, Tunstall Library, 10am to 3pm. There will be a host of support agencies available to help people.
 - A Jobs Fair, Thursday 18th April, Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent College, 10am to 2pm.
 If you have any queries about the support on offer to Dudson employees please contact kelly.tomlinson@stoke.gov.uk

Clubs

Tonight you should receive a ParentMail form to complete the clubs your child(ren) would like to attend in the Summer Term. Please ensure that this is completed before they return for the Summer Term as this will enable us to organise for the majority of the clubs to start on the second week back after Easter. As there are various events next term which might cause disruption to clubs, e.g. Bank Holiday, SATS week, please make sure you check your child's club record card and the newsletter for when their clubs are running.

Super Heroes

Yesterday our Y1 children very much enjoyed their SuperHero day. They began by parading in their outfits and talking about the special powers that their super hero had, which they then wrote about. After break they tried some super hero healthy food in the way of fruit and vegetables for a healthy diet. After a super hero lunch break, they enjoyed super hero games in the hall. All round a super day was had by all!

Can you help?

We hope you'll agree that our KS1 playground is now is full of exciting activities for the children to do and to support their learning. However, there are still some items which we would like for the children, so do you have:

- any dolls
- doll's pushchairs
- doll's clothes
- Washing line pegs



in good condition that are no longer needed and might be donated for our KS1 children.

- **Frames please!** - Also we are still after any old wooden picture frames, about A4 size-ish for an art project. Thank you.

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

Y6 to Park Hall

After a term of hard slog preparing for SATs, our Y6 children paid a visit to Park Hall yesterday afternoon to enjoy the blue skies, the sunshine and some fresh air. They walked around the quarry, looked for treasure (don't think they found any!), made bridges and played on the sandbank. Have a great Easter Y6, but don't forget to do a bit of daily study.



This week's blog posts to check out

Reception [Eggs-periment](#)

Reception [Easter Egg Hunt](#)

Y1 [Hero Art](#)

Y1 [Hero Day](#)

[Easter in Year 2](#)

Y2 [Floating Fun](#)

Y2 [Recycling](#)

[Year 2 Star Readers](#)

[Y2 Easter Creations](#)

[A Song And Dance In Y5](#)

[Y5 Vehicle Project](#)

Y5 [Rocket Power](#)

Y5 [Rocket Power 2](#)

Y5 [Diary Of a Mountain Climber.](#)

[John Muir Friday Group](#)

[Gardening Club Helpers](#)

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	Sulieman J
N2	Archie R
F2/1	Michelle W
F2/2	Zara W
Y1/1	Liam C
Y1/2	Bessie R
Y2/1	Dominik W
Y2/2	Henri D
Y3/1	Owen W
Y3/2	Isabelle B
Y4/1	Seth H
Y4/2	Kai A
Y5/1	Connor S
Y5/2	Yvie J
Y6/1	Alex S
Y6/2	Zack D

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	Niamh J	Y3/1	Amelia M
N2	Mya G	Y3/2	Maisy-Lee B
FS2/1	Rowan J	Y4/1	Seth H
FS2/2	Isla J	Y4/2	Jack T
Y1/1	Alecia O	Y5/1	Malwina J
Y1/2	Naomi D-S-D	Y5/2	Lilli F
Y2/1	Tayla D	Y6/1	Ewan R
Y2/2	Daniel I	Y6/2	Ruben E

Glorious Gardeners

Our band of gardeners, this week supported by some very welcome family helpers, were yesterday after school busy in the sunshine. Between them they managed to: empty the playground planters, moving the plants and emptying the soil; plant some potatoes in tyre plant tubs; sow some carrots and parsnips; and generally did some digging and tidying. Many thanks to all the children, the family helpers and Mrs Carney and Miss Gerrard. We look forward to seeing the results of your labours.



Termly Star Awards

In assemblies this week I have been very pleased and proud to present the Termly Star Awards to children who had been selected by their class teacher as having a positive attitude and demonstrating thoughtfulness and respect throughout the spring term. Very well done to:

Class	Teacher	Award Winner	Class	Teacher	Award Winner
FS1/1	Mrs Morton/ Mrs Moss	Layla Morris	Y3/1	Mrs Frost	Ava Toothill
FS1/2	Mrs Gater/Mrs Powell Mrs Welsh	Jack Highfield	Y3/2	Miss Harrison	Sian Smith
FS2/1	Mrs Richardson/Mrs Powell	Vinnie Colclough	Y4/1	Mr Alcock	Charlotte Beard
FS2/2	Miss Hodgson	Isla Johnson	Y4/2	Mr Hunt	Alfie-John Griffiths
Y1/1	Mrs Smith/Mrs Sawyer	Coby Davies	Y5/1	Mrs Carney/ Miss Gerrard	Jimmy Rushton
Y1/2	Mrs Stillwell	Reggie Lewis	Y5/2	Mr Frost	Summer Walker
Y2/1	Miss Heath/Mrs Sawyer	Bethan Bloor	Y6/1	Mrs Hassall	Ashton Burton
Y2/2	Miss Gregory	Jayden Burton	Y6/2	Mrs Bullock/ Mrs Martin	Lilly Cartlidge

Lenten Activities

Thank you to everyone for all your support with this week's Lenten fund raising activities for NSPCC, Dougie Mac, Alzheimer's and RSPCA. Our non-uniform raised **£270.41**. Our Coin Collection total was **£311.67** The winning classes in EYFS/KS1 was Y2/2 And in KS2 was Y6/2. The grand total with the Bake-Off total below included is an amazing **£768.80** A fantastic amount and one which the charities will I am sure be extremely grateful.

Easter Bake-off - Raised £186.72

Thank you to all the children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 that made some really fantastic cakes for our Easter Bake-Off. It was an impossible task to pick our winners as they were all so good and so all the children who brought in cakes will receive a certificate. Below are the finally selected winners, but just have a look at some of the amazing cakes brought in below.

Year	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Winner	Lenny M	Mawgan H	Brooke B	Lucy-Mae H
Design	Easter Picture	Easter themed	Bunny Ears Cup Cakes	Garden & Vegetable patch



Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs Winners

A very well done also to all of the children who brought in an Easter Bonnet or a Decorated Egg. All of them will receive a certificate, for joining in and taking part. Well done to all of our entry winners listed below! See some pictures of the winners on the back page.

Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg	Class	Easter Bonnet	Decorated Egg
N	Archie R	Henry R	N	Ralphie S	Molly M
R1	Olivia W	Ellie T	R2	Elizabeth D	Theo C
Y1/1	Kian D	Caleb B	Y1/2	Naomi D	Max B
Y2/1	Mconnel B	Woodrow T	Y2/2	Neve B	Darcey C
Y3/1	Kai B	Lexi W	Y3/2	Oliver C	Blake W
Y4/1	Ruby L	Lily D	Y4/2	Alana M	Evie B
Y5/1	Jessica B	Mya F	Y5/2	Manni R	George H
Y6/1	Romannie J	-	Y6/2	Romy S	Rebecca H



A final thank you - As we reach the end of another term and the Easter holidays are about to begin, can I please thank everyone for their support over the last, very busy term. The support that parents/carers have provided for all the school meetings, fund-raising and home learning activities have been very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the all the efforts made by our staff, who provide the best possible learning experiences, extra-curricular activities and pastoral care for all the children. Thanks also to the PTFA Friends of Sandford Hill for their ongoing support and to the experts who have been working in school to provide brilliant experiences for the children in their Art, their outdoor pursuits and their Enterprise work. By working together for the children of Sandford Hill Primary, we manage to achieve some pretty amazing things.

I would like to wish you all a restful break, but I would also ask that you continue to encourage all of the children to keep reading and throw the occasional mental maths problem at them over the holiday break. I would also ask our Year 6 parents/carers to keep encouraging their children to keep doing a little bit of work regularly throughout the holiday, so that they are as fully prepared as they can be for their forthcoming SATs. Let's all hope for a bit of sunny weather, so that the children can all return to school on Monday 29th April with their batteries fully recharged.

Have a lovely Easter Break

Mr Wardle