



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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**No Choir
and Cricket
next week
due to
SATs**

Week 30 - Friday 10th May 2019

The results are in!

You'll remember that last Friday was our voting day for next year's School Council. We had a fantastic group of candidates who had made speeches and campaigned to get elected, so an enormous well done to the following for having the enthusiasm and nerve to put themselves forward: **Saimone S, Ben T, Amelia O, Suneyna A, Esme R, Ruby F, Troy M, Josh L, Imogen E, Grace W, Yvie J, Olivia O, Samuela T, Jimmy R, Mya F, Kayleigh W, Malwina J, Lucy G or T, Archie F, Ruhi J, Gabrielle M, Jessica B, Brooke B, Oliver M, Jasmine C, Summer W, Jasmine-Rose W, Leya E, Lacie M and Evie E.** You should all feel very proud of yourselves.

Now the votes have been counted and verified and following the KS2 assembly this afternoon, we can now send many congratulations to the successful candidates elected as our School Council of 2019 - 2020:

- Archie F
- Ben T
- Samuela T
- Jimmy R
- Saimone S
- Malwina J
- Jasmine C
- Amelia O
- Summer W
- Evie E
- Grace W
- Jasmine-Rose W



Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th May

Y5 Bikeability L2

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May

KS2 SATs Week

Friday 17th May

Sir Stanley Matthews - non-uniform for £1

Monday 20th May

Y4 Bikeability L1

Tuesday 21st May

Y2 to 'Down the Rabbit Hole'

Y6 to Ceramic Workshop

Wednesday 22nd May

Y6 non-Bikeability 3 - On road practice

Thursday 23rd May PLEASE NOTE

School Closed to Children - Polling Day

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

Wednesday 12th June

Sports and other Team photos

Y5 Bikeability next week



As we will be having a lot of Y5 children bringing bikes into school next Monday and Tuesday, can we ask that you please ensure your children know the following rules:

- Non-uniform must be worn. Please dress suitably for the weather;
- If cycling to school, wear a helmet and cycle safely;
- Dismount before the gate, walk your bike when on the school grounds, taking care of others;
- Park your bike up near the minibuses as directed.

If your child does not have a bike, then bikes and helmets will be provided.

If you wish to leave your child's bike at school on Monday night, then you are free to do so, but the school will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Sports Day Dates

We do try to give as much notice for parents/carers as we can, so please find below the dates of this year's Sports Days:

FSU	Wed 12 th June - 9:10 a.m.
Reserve	Thurs 13 th June - 9:10 a.m.
Y1/Y2	Tues 18 th June - 9:10 a.m.
Reserve	Thurs 20 th June - 9:10 a.m.
Y3/Y4	Tues 25 th June - 1:15 p.m.
Reserve	Thurs 27 th June - 1:15 p.m.
Y5/Y6	Tues 25 th June - 9:10 a.m.
Reserve	Thurs 27 th June - 9:10 a.m.

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	100%	Y2/2	98.3%
N2	87.5%	Y3/1	91.7%
N3	72.9%	Y3/2	94.5%
N4	96.4%	Y4/1	99.2%
F2/1	95.4%	Y4/2	96.4%
F2/2	100%	Y5/1	96.7%
Y1/1	90.1%	Y5/2	96.7%
Y1/2	91.9%	Y6/1	92.0%
Y2/1	93.5%	Y6/2	96.1%

Info for Parents

- **Parents/Carers of Early Years children PLEASE NOTE** - Due to our need to keep the children safe, when collecting your child at the end of the day, from next Monday 13th May **the gates will not be released until 2:55 p.m.**
- **Co-op cash-** as we are currently the nominated charity for the Co-op on Heathcote street, we have received £573.01 for the last 6 months. This is as a result of customers that have chosen us as their preferred charity on the co-op website and then spent on Co-op items. So many thanks to you all - it will help make a fantastic difference.

Y6 SATs - YOU are what counts!

We have been made aware of a letter from 'Sparky Teaching'. As we feel that its sentiments ring so true, we'd like to share it with you, their parents, who have been extremely supportive during our preparations for the SATs, which begin on Monday (THANK-YOU!)

Over the past few weeks – maybe even months – you have put in lots of effort in preparation for your SATs. You will nail them. We know you will.

At the moment, you've been doing lots of English and Maths, but you have lots of other skills. Not every skill is taught in school and even less are tested. You might be a great skateboarder, fantastic at fashion design or have got green fingers... You might be a people-person, a problem-solver or a poet. SATs are never going to show off all of these amazing skills.

They don't test whether you're a creative person, can write code, whether you're good at teaching IT skills to your grandad or have a rapport with animals. They don't test your speaking skills or whether you can mend anything put in front of you. They don't measure whether you're arty or sporty, musical or love science. Although subjects like Maths and English are important, never forget you've been given talents in plenty of other areas too.



Please try your best to think of these tests as 'something I've got to do, but not the most important thing in the world.' Try always to remember this, that when you were born, no one said; "What I want for this child is for them to be working at or above the National Expected Standard in English and Maths when they hit Year 6!" (that would have been slightly weird!) The big things – are things like your personality, what you believe and think, how you treat others, the thoughtfulness and respect you share with others and your willingness to work hard and try YOUR best. They're what counts and that's the spark inside you that makes you you.

Good luck to all our Y6 children next week.

Y6 SATs

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	Ralphie S
N2	Amelia C
F2/1	Macie L
F2/2	Lowry B
Y1/1	Adrian P
Y1/2	Emma B
Y2/1	Francesca C
Y2/2	Sereana V
Y3/1	Hayat H
Y3/2	Lenny M
Y4/1	Ella W
Y4/2	Lacey A
Y5/1	Jimmy R
Y5/2	Jasmine C
Y6/1	Romannie J
Y6/2	Zack D

Bounteous batteries!

Much to the delight of Mrs Gerrard and our Eco Team, on Wednesday both of our giant battery recycling boxes were emptied. The batteries which will now be recycled weighed an incredible 75 kg, that's heavier than Mr Walford! Thank you so much for your battery donations and do please do keep sending in the batteries in as we have two empty ones to try to fill again! Thank you for your support.



This week's blog posts

[Reception Balanceability](#)

Y2 [Mad Hatter Inspired Hats](#)

Y2 [Arithmetic Hunt](#)

[Year 2 Learn To Ride](#)

Y3 [Scrumdiddlyumptious](#)

Y5 [Couscous Salad](#)

[Perfect Gardening Weather!?](#)

[Friday John Muir Group](#)

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	Flynn H	Y3/1	Hayat H
N2	Mya G	Y3/2	Blake W
FS2/1	Michelle W	Y4/1	Leo W
FS2/2	Zara W	Y4/2	Ava C
Y1/1	Max W	Y5/1	Aiden S
Y1/2	Reggie L	Y5/2	Jessica B
Y2/1	Vinnie L	Y6/1	Ryan H
Y2/2	Jayden B	Y6/2	Rosa A

Sir Stanley Matthews Day

Next Friday (17th May) we are holding a 'Succeed With Stan' Day in school to celebrate the achievements of Stanley Matthews. Often regarded as one of the greatest players of the British game, he is the only player to have been knighted while still playing football. He was born in Stoke-on-Trent and played football for Stoke City and Blackpool. Matthews' nicknames included "The Wizard of the Dribble" and "The Magician".

The aim of the day is to encourage the children to reflect on the values which Stan tried to live by and to which he attributed a lot of his success. These are things like sportsmanship, teamwork and honesty. Next Friday, the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and donations of £1.00 are most welcome to support the work of The Stanley Matthews Foundation – a local charity which supports young people to gain access to sport.

Further information about the Succeed With Stan' Day is available through this link: www.sirstanleymatthews.co.uk

