



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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Sign-up
clubs start
2nd week of
term
(Exceptions
below)

Week 32 - Friday 24th May 2019

Funding worry

We, as a school, pride ourselves on the amount of exciting and inspiring learning and extra-curricular activities that we provide the children. Sadly, due to school funding levels not keeping up with the increasing costs, we now face the situation that we are having to consider every pound that we spend.

One area that we value hugely is our fabulous school trips and we thank all of you who support these with contributions towards the cost. Your contributions enable us to continue to offer a fantastic menu of subsidised trips and visits throughout your child's time at Sandford Hill Primary School.

Unfortunately, due to budgetary pressures as described above, the school will no longer be able to subsidise visits and trips in 2019-20 to the same extent as it has in the past. We will endeavour though to ensure that we maintain, if not expand, our range of trips, but always making sure they are affordable and good value for money. Where we might be considering a trip that might be a bit more costly, we will consult with parents/carers to gauge opinion and ensure that the trip is viable. Thank you for your support.

New councillor visits

Yesterday, I was very pleased to meet with the newly elected City Councillor, and former resident of Sandford Hill, Ally Simcock, who dropped into the school to introduce herself. The Councillor had a whistle stop tour of school and was very impressed to meet with our children. It was also very pleasing to have a quick chat and hear that we both have a shared interest in football. We both have allegiances for local teams- even if we're not both Stoke City fans! I'm very much looking forward to once again forging a productive partnership with our local councillor to ensure we keep abreast of all the local developments in the council.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

Wednesday 12th June

Sports and other Team photos

Thursday 13th June

Y2/2 to Alice Event

Wednesday 19th June

Y2 trip to New Brighton Lighthouse

Monday 24th June

Y5/1 trip to Sudbury Hall

Monday 1st July

Y5/2 trip to Sudbury Hall

Y6 Bikeability L3 - non-uniform

Tuesday 2nd July

Y6 Cycle Ride - non-uniform

Wednesday 3rd July

Y2/1 to Alice Event

Friday 5th July

Y4 to Llandudno

Wednesday 17th July

Y6 to West Midlands Safari Park

(Sports Day dates are on previous 2 newsletters.)

Science Scores!

We are delighted to announce that, following a huge amount of hard work from Mrs Carney, along with the support of the staff, the school has achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark.



Hopefully your child has enjoyed and told you about some of the practical science activities they have been doing through the year, even if they didn't realise it was science they were doing! We look forward to providing even more exciting science activities for the children in the future, including a Science Week, beginning on 21st October, next term.



Congratulations

• Congratulations to **Lily H, Lucy D, Jessica M** and **Amelia M** who received trophies and medals, for their amazing football skills. I am sure that the girls will be cheering along the England Ladies Team who begin their quest to bring home the FIFA Women's World Cup on 9th June 19.



• Huge congratulations to **Evie W** who took part in a sponsored walk around Longton Park to raise funds to support people affected by stroke. We're all very proud of you Evie. Very well done indeed!



• Finally, congratulations to **Max S** on a successful football season at Stone Dominoes. Well done Max.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	79.8%	Y2/2	96.7%
N2	78.8%	Y3/1	94.6%
N3	91.7%	Y3/2	85.2%
N4	94.6%	Y4/1	97.5%
F2/1	92.9%	Y4/2	96.8%
F2/2	94.6%	Y5/1	95.8%
Y1/1	98.0%	Y5/2	97.1%
Y1/2	95.2%	Y6/1	97.3%
Y2/1	96.7%	Y6/2	93.0%

Info for Parents

- **CLUBS** - NO clubs first week back for majority of clubs as per dates on the club record. **Exceptions are:** John Muir, Belinda Latimer's Art and Ceramic Challenge.
- **Open Family Ride sessions** - You and your children are invited to come along after school and have a cycle on the Red Ash and field (weather permitting), on Thursday 13th, Fri 14th June, Thurs 11th, Fri 12th July. Nick Simms, Cycling instructor, will be on hand to offer advice and direction to support any parents/carers that would like to learn to ride a bike themselves, but have never managed it before OR would like advice on how to teach their child to ride. **Please respond to ParentMail sent today.**

Summer Sporting Events

• A huge well done to our Hockey Players, who on Wednesday played in their first hockey tournament. The players were divided into an A, B and C team, and the A and B teams ended up playing each in the final, finishing with a draw. So Sandford Hill most definitely won overall! Congratulations to all the players: **Eddie L, Ryan B, Ethan P, Rosa A, Libbie G, Joel F, Samuela T, Lauchlan S, Jamie G, Rio C, Taku N** and **Saimone S** on a great win for Sandford Hill.



Future fixtures we have teams going on:

- Tues 4th June - Girls Kwik Yr 5-6 Cricket-8 a side at Longton Cricket Club
- Wed 5th June - Longton PSSA Track Finals at Northwood Stadium
- Mon 10th June - Longton PSSA Field Finals at Northwood Stadium
- Fri 28th June - County School Games-Level 3 - Girls X-C team at Keele University

Good luck to all our teams over the coming weeks. If you follow Sir Stan's 7 values (right), we will all be really proud of you.

This week's blog posts

[Nursery Pond Dipping](#)
[Reception Pond Dipping](#)
[Y2 Exploring Wonderland](#)
[Y2 Our Alice Adventures Continue](#)
[Y4 Congratulations new riders](#)
[Y4 Bikeability Level 1](#)
[Y5 Maya God Statues](#)
[Y5 Pancakes](#)
[Dementia Awareness](#)

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

Y2 Down the Rabbit Hole

On Tuesday, our Y2 had their dressing up day for their visit to the tearoom 'Down the Rabbit Hole' in Stoke. The children looked amazing and had fantastic time eating delicious treats, drinking juice from china teacups and then icing their own cakes. They even had a visit from Alice with the opportunity to ask lots of questions.



The Ceramic Challenge 2019

Also on Tuesday, Y6 visited The Potteries Museum to look at the ceramic work as part of the Ceramic Challenge 2019. The children looked closely at The Potteries Museum's frog mug collection and cow creamers. They sketched pieces that caught their eye looking at pattern, shape, colour and form.



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	Amber S
N2	Nathan-Lee B
F2/1	Daniel C
F2/2	Lowry B
Y1/1	Noah B
Y1/2	Bessie R
Y2/1	Leila H
Y2/2	Georgia B
Y3/1	Jessica M
Y3/2	Harry-George D
Y4/1	Seth H
Y4/2	Eli H
Y5/1	Tianna B
Y5/2	Josh L
Y6/1	Corey R-M
Y6/2	Romy S



Dementia

On Monday morning's KS2 assembly, we welcomed Mrs Gaynor Morton from the local charity Approach as we marked Dementia Action Week in school. We were pleased to see that a number of our children were able to recognise the blue forget-me-not symbol of a Dementia Friend! Mrs Morton explained to the children that dementia is a disease of the brain and that Approach are a locally based charity who provide specialist support and advice for older people with dementia and related health issues in North Staffordshire. At the end of the assembly, representatives of our School Council were very proud to present a cheque for £200 to Approach to support their work. This donation was made possible as a result of the children's previous Lenten fundraising efforts. Thank you boys and girls!

Following the assembly, our Year 5 and Year 6 children then took part in classroom workshops to further raise their awareness of dementia. Further information about dementia is available on the [Dementia Action Week website](#).



Further information, and advice about the support available through Approach is also available on their website: <https://www.approachstaffordshire.co.uk/>

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	Ingrid S	Y3/1	Jamie T
N2	Layla M	Y3/2	Emily S
FS2/1	Mollie-Mae E	Y4/1	Leo W
FS2/2	Sophie-Rae M	Y4/2	Kane K
Y1/1	Lilly-Rose A	Y5/1	Melissa S
Y1/2	Sebastian H	Y5/2	Grace W
Y2/1	Logan T	Y6/1	Amie-Mae C
Y2/2	Sienna Mae H-J	Y6/2	Tyler T