

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 8 - Fri 25th Oct

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STOP PRESS: Have an enjoyable and safe half term. Remember to keep safe when you return with the building works started.

Super Science

This week the children have had the most amazing time during our STEM Week (Science Technology Engineering Maths). Monday morning's assemblies kicked off the week with exciting science experiments provided by Sublime Science - a firm favourite was the bouncing smoke bubbles! All classes have had hands-on sessions trying out all sorts of amazing science experiments learning about upthrust, resistance, gravity, magnets and so much more. Many thanks to Mr Walker from Keele who came in to support Y5 and 6 with their work on Forces. The rocket launchers were a particularly big hit with Y5 and Y6. A huge thank you also to Mrs Carney and Mrs Frost for organising the week's activities.

Well done to all the children for all your enthusiasm. We hope you have enjoyed the week and learned a lot in the process.



Y5/1 Science Magic assembly

A huge well done and thank you to Mrs Carney's class for their supersmart science assembly yesterday morning. With the whole class dressed for the occasion wearing black bow ties, they wowed the audience with science facts about forces and shared some magical experiments - the Amazing Glove Trick, the Amazing Water in a Cup Trick, the Amazing Anti-Gravity Trick and many more. Watch out for the children trying these out at home! Well done Y5/1 and many thanks to the parents/carers that came along to support the children.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This weeks 96.7% - Well done ALL

F1/1	94.7%	Y2/2	97.3%
F1/2	100%	Y3/1	94.2%
F1/3	100%	Y3/2	98.0%
F1/4	91.1%	Y4/1	94.3%
F2/1	97.1%	Y4/2	93.1%
F2/2	87.8%	Y5/1	98.7%
Y1/1	96.5%	Y5/2	95.7%
Y1/2	98.7%	Y6/1	98.7%
Y2/1	93.8%	Y6/2	94.7%

Dates for your Diary

Sat 26th Oct

BUILDING WORK STARTS!

Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov

HALF TERM

Mon 11th to Fri 15th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November

Y6 MIND workshops

Parent's Evening 1

Thursday 14th November

Parent's Evening 2

Friday 15th November

Y6 Music Share - Discovery Academy

Monday 18th November

School closed to pupils - Staff Training

Thursday 21st November

Full Governors' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 22nd November

School Council visit Dementia home

Tuesday 26th November

Y2/2 trip to Stafford Castle

Wednesday 27th November

Y2/1 trip to Stafford Castle

Tuesday 3rd December

Influenza vaccination for Reception to Y6

Y1/1 trip to Toy Museum

Wednesday 4th December

Y1/2 trip to Toy Museum

Friday 20th December

Last Day of Term

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May

KS2 SATs week

Parent/Carer Notices

- **CLUBS** - There will be NO clubs the first week back after half term, except John Muir which will run until the end of November.
- **FLUENZ VACCINATION** - We have now had confirmation that the Fluenz nasal vaccination will be provided to the children from Reception to Y6 on **Tuesday 3rd December**. Consent forms will be sent home on **Monday 4th November**.
- **SCHOOL PHOTOS** - The closing date for FREE postage for photograph orders has been extended to 9:00 a.m. Mon 4th November. If you have already placed an order thank you, if not or you wish to order more photographs, simply enter your image reference number and website access code (found on your original order form) at www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest 01736 751555 (option 3).
- **BUILD LETTER** - Please ensure you have read the important letter on ParentMail about the building works that start over half term.
- **PAYING ON PARENTMAIL** - To pay for trips, milk, tickets or to purchase items, in fact everything except dinners, go to **Payments and then SHOP**. Dinners are paid for in Accounts.

Class and Christmas Assembly notice

Until the building work starts on the refurbishment of the kitchen area from half term, we are unsure of the amount of disruption and noise that will occur. As this would directly impact on the activities taking place in the hall, we have yet to determine what class and Christmas assemblies are going to be possible. We apologise for any inconvenience and will keep you informed as soon as we are able to make a decision. Thank you for your patience in these uncertain times.

Litter picker inventors

What a fantastic time the children have had across the school becoming inventors and developing their design technology skills. The children had to come to invent the very best litter picker they could. Following a basic design, the children had to consider how they could improve the effectiveness of their litter picker and they did not disappoint! We had some superb inventions and then of course the children had to go out and test them helping to tidy up the school. A fantastic activity for all and the environment. Well done children!



Build Information letter

Yesterday you were sent via ParentMail a letter regarding the building works starting over half term and continuing until next Summer. Please do make sure you have a read and note the impact that the works will have on the front of the school particularly. We have also carried out a letter drop to the local residents to make them aware.



Children in Need

On **Friday 15th Nov** we would like to invite the children to wear something spotty or yellow for a non-uniform Children in Need day. Donations of £1 would be gratefully received for this worthy cause for children less fortunate than ourselves.



Aldi Vouchers

Thank you to all of you that have brought in the vouchers from Aldi for the "Kit for Schools" and the chance of winning £20,000. We have now completed 2 full posters and so will receive 2 free sports kits and will be entered into the prize draw. If you collect any more vouchers over half term, please bring them in on Mon 4th Nov as we will need to send off our posters that day. Thank you.



Cross Country

Correction from last week - **Lillie-Mae T** was missed from last week's Cross Country congratulations, which is doubly disappointing as she did really well in that race. Well done Lillie-Mae!

Well done to this week's Cross Country runners, who on Monday raced at Discovery High School. Another great effort by: **Alfie H, Amethyst G, George H, Lewis D, Lillie-Mae T** and **Lucy G**. Particular well done to: **Joshua Ly** who came 3rd, **Joshua La** who came 4th and **Max S** who came 7th out of 49 boys.

Attendance Matters

Many congratulations to the 138 children from Key Stage2 and 118 Children from Key Stage 1 and Early Years who have achieved 100% attendance this half term. These children will be bringing home their certificate today for their school achievement book. In July 2020, 100% attendance for the whole academic year will be acknowledged through the presentation of medals and shields. However there will not be an end-of-year trip.

A request for help

Volunteers are required at Bethel shop/Church. Many different positions are available including shop work, help with community food and general organisation. Should anyone have the spare time and would like to support this wonderful organisation in community work, full training will be given. Should you require any further information contact Pastor Peter Woodall Tell 07792116353

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA.

F1/1	Mollie M
F1/2	Archie P
F2/1	William B
F2/2	Kylan M
Y1/1	Rowan J
Y1/2	Jenson W
Y2/1	Maab H
Y2/2	Deni R
Y3/1	Kayden S
Y3/2	Darcey C
Y4/1	Ava T
Y4/2	Jasmine E
Y5/1	Skye Z
Y5/2	Thomas S
Y6/1	Summer W
Y6/2	Lucy G

Recent blog posts to check out

[Autumn In The Nursery](#)
[Autumn In The Nursery \(cont\)](#)
[Y1 Investigating Push and Pull Forces](#)
[Year 1 Autumn Walk](#)
[Year 1 Litter Picker/Autumn Walk](#)
[Year 1/1 Sublime Science](#)
[Year 1/2 Birds Nest](#)
[Y2/1 Litter Pickers](#)
[Y2 Super Science](#)
[Y4 Sublime Science](#)
[Y5 Rocket Mice](#)
[Y5 Rocket Mice 2](#)
[Y5 Rocket Launch](#)
[Forces With Scott](#)

Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Bella B	Y3/1	Belle-Elise F
FS1/2	Maddison C	Y3/2	Jessica W
FS2/1	Amber S	Y4/1	Jayden W
FS2/2	Suleiman J	Y4/2	Isabelle B
Y1/1	Eva R	Y5/1	Ethan B
Y1/2	Bobbi M	Y5/2	Jessica B
Y2/1	Isla B	Y6/1	Lilli F
Y2/2	Sebastian H	Y6/2	Lillie-Mae T

Thoughtfulness and Respect

Firework Code

We have been celebrating STEM all week in school (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths). On Wednesday we spoke to the Key Stage 2 children about the space race. We talked about the Apollo 11 rocket in which astronaut Neil Armstrong travelled as he took 'One small step for man and one giant leap for mankind', to become the first man to walk on the moon.

As Bonfire Night is approaching, we also talked to the children about rockets of a different kind. So that we all enjoy safe Bonfire Night celebrations, we would like to remind everyone of the following advice from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service:



- ⇒ **Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.**
- ⇒ **Never give sparklers to a child under five.**
- ⇒ **Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.**
- ⇒ **Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.**
- ⇒ **Keep fireworks in a closed box.**
- ⇒ **Follow the instructions on each firework.**
- ⇒ **Light them at arms length, using a taper.**
- ⇒ **Stand well back.**
- ⇒ **Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.**
- ⇒ **Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.**
- ⇒ **Always supervise children around fireworks.**
- ⇒ **Keep pets indoors.**
- ⇒ **Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.**

[Further information is available from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Trick or Treating?

As Halloween falls during the middle of the half term break, we'd ask that our parents/carers remind the children that if they are out 'trick or treating' to make sure that they stay safe. Keeping with family and friends can really help the children keep safe and we'd encourage all of our children to remember to show 'thoughtfulness and respect' at all times. Lots of useful advice for parents and carers is available on [The RoSPA website](#).

