



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Thoughtfulness and Respect

Week 28 - Friday 23rd April 2021

Clayfield Grove, Longton, ST3 5AQ ☎ 01782 235518 /235781, parent@sandfordhill.org.uk www.sandfordhill.org.uk

Summer Term starts with sunshine

It has been lovely to welcome back all our children and parents this week, especially with the beautiful border flowers in the sunshine - thanks again to Y4 for planting them. We do hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and are ready for a busy and productive summer term.



At Sandford Hill, we strongly believe that your child's progress is heavily influenced by having an excellent working partnership between parents/carers and school staff. As part of this newsletter you will find below two key elements of this partnership. One is the offer of a virtual parent/carer meeting with your child's teacher on 4th or 5th May. The second is the big school priority we have on ensuring that all the children become fluent readers, hopefully with a love for reading too.

Can we thank you in advance for your continued support this term and hope we continue to enjoy more sunshine as Covid rules begin to ease. Thank you.



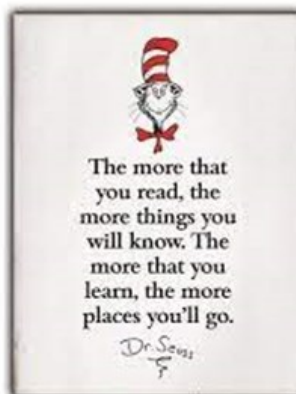
Let's Read for Pleasure

In school this term, we are having a greater focus on the teaching of reading and developing a culture of reading for pleasure. To help with this, we would be grateful if you could support your child with reading at home over the next few weeks, by hearing your child read regularly. This will help to develop reading fluency and by asking them questions about what they have read, will check their understanding. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you require additional reading material to further support reading at home.

As part of a summer reading challenge the school is taking part in, it would be lovely to hear children's opinions about books. As part of a summer reading challenge, in which the school is taking part, we will shortly be seeking out the children's opinions on books. Please keep an eye out in next week, when we will share details of how we will be encouraging the children to tell us all about their favourite books.

From our children who are reading an Accelerated Reader book, we are really pleased to have nine word millionaires, whose photographs will soon be displayed on our 'Millionaire's Row' display. We look forward to announcing more word millionaires soon and having them share their love of reading with our younger children by sharing stories with them.

Now that the children have returned to school, if you have any school reading books at home, we would be grateful if these could be returned to the class teacher.



The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

The medal, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a child from each class.

F1/1	Lyla F
F1/2	Akuila T
F2/1	Salem S
F2/2	Theodore T
Y1/1	Darci-Jade C
Y1/2	Flynn H
Y2/1	San A
Y2/2	Kayden C
Y3/1	Kian D
Y3/2	Oliver H
Y4/1	Daniel D
Y4/2	Rae B
Y5/1	Ellie H
Y5/2	Isabel S
Y6/1	Eli H
Y6/2	Callum D

Year	Text Theme
EYFS	Books linked to the topic of 'Growing' 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Alison Bartlett 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle The Life-Cycle of a Frog
Y1	Texts linked to space 'One Giant Leap: The story of Neil Armstrong' by Don Brown 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon
Y2	Texts about The Great Fire of London 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' by Sam Cunningham 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' by Margaret Nash
Y3	'Billy and the Minpins' by Roald Dahl 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne
Y4	'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl Short stories from another culture
Y5	'Street Child' by Bertie Doherty 'Simply the Quest' by Maz Evans
Y6	Barrowquest 'Treasure Island' by Robert Louis Stevenson 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell

Open Evenings



On **Tuesday 4th** and **Wednesday 5th May** we will be holding Parent/Carer Open Evenings.

Due to continued Covid restrictions we are still unable to offer face to face meetings in school, but we have purchased a simple to use, web-based product called 'SchoolCloud'. This provides video calls via a smartphone, tablet or computer.

You should receive a ParentMail e-mail today at 6:00 p.m. with information about how to sign up to the new SchoolCloud system and book an appointment.

As always, if you have any queries or issues please contact school, preferably via e-mail to: parent@sandfordhill.org.uk

Y4 and Y5 Bikeability next week

Y4 Bikeability - Monday 26th April; Y5 Bikeability - Tues 27th and Wed 28th April

Parents/carers of Y4 and Y5 children should have received e-mails with specific information regarding their child's Bikeability session(s).

However, as we will be having a lot of Y4 and Y5 children bringing bikes into school next Monday and Tuesday, can we ask that you please ensure those children know the following rules:

- P.E. kit must be worn. Please dress suitably with a waterproof for the weather.
- If cycling to school, wear a helmet and cycle safely.
- Dismount before the gate, walk your bike slowly when on the school grounds, taking care of others.
- Park your bike as directed - Y4 to the top playground, Y5 down to the bike store.

If you wish to leave your Y5 child's bike at school in the bike shed on Tuesday night, then you are free to do so, but the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.



Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who were given this week's Head Teacher's Star Award.

Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Oliver B
FS1/2	Jaxon B
FS2/1	Gracie-Mae D
FS2/2	Archie P
Y1/1	Oliver B
Y1/2	Mia G
Y2/1	Genevieve G
Y2/2	Evie W
Y3/1	William C
Y3/2	Olivia M
Y4/1	Logan T
Y4/2	Henri D
Y5/1	Arman H
Y5/2	Aston M
Y6/1	Lacey-J A
Y6/2	Finley J

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 97.5% - above our school target.

F1/1	91.7%	Y2/2	98.4%
F1/2	91.3%	Y3/1	99.3%
F1/3	99.3%	Y3/2	98.0%
F1/4	98.8%	Y4/1	100%
F2/1	96.0%	Y4/2	97.7%
F2/2	97.7%	Y5/1	99.3%
Y1/1	96.3%	Y5/2	99.3%
Y1/2	96.7%	Y6/1	98.7%
Y2/1	94.7%	Y6/2	96.3%

Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very *Happy Birthday* for the next week:

- Lucy M
- Isabella N
- Charlie B
- Quinn-Rose B
- Patryk W
- Belle-Elise F
- Noah M
- Oluwateniayo K
- Oluwatoni K
- Katie B
- Stanley W-L
- Darci M-N
- Jesse S
- Lola F
- Leila H

