



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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## Next week - short but busy!

This has been another week full of activity both inside and out. Our Y4 and Y5 children have greatly enjoyed their Bikeability sessions and it is lovely to see the children out cycling again. Do subscribe to our Twitter and/or Facebook page to keep informed about activities the children get up to.

Next week we look forward to a 3 day week for the children. Monday 3rd May is May Bank Holiday when we shall all hope for a bit of sunshine. Then, on Thursday 6th May, the school is closed to children due to the Police Commissioner elections. See below for a fun bit of Science learning for the children to do at home on Thursday.

Also next week on Tuesday and Wednesday, starting at 3:40pm we have our Parent's Evenings hosted on SchoolCloud. If you haven't signed up yet then it's not too late. Our teachers really would like the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you. See more information on the next page.

## Home Learning Activity for Thursday's Closure

### Paper Flowers - Science Day

On Thursday next week when the school is closed to children, we will be providing a lovely science activity for them to complete at home. The activity is very straightforward and requires only a few resources which school will provide. The instructions will be sent home with the children on Wednesday and we would like the work returning on Friday. As the activity will be the same for all of the children in school, we are more than happy for brothers and sisters to work together. Have fun and we look forward to seeing how you got on.



Here's a video if you want a sneak peek or if you need help on the day. [Paper Flowers video](#)

## Summer Reading Challenges

In the newsletter last week, we shared that we would be taking part in a range of summer reading challenges. The first challenge titled 'Book Commercials' is now live on our school website and can be found following this link <https://sandfordhill.org.uk/reading/book-commercials/>. Children are encouraged to share a review of their favourite book or author via a video message. Children wanting to leave a review should make sure they share the Title and Author of the book and why they like it. They may also read the blurb or their favourite part of the story. When recording, please be mindful of dressing appropriately and having a suitable background.

Y1 and Y2 have also enjoyed the addition of 'Reading Stops' to our outdoor playground area. These have enabled the children to enjoy sharing stories at break and lunch times. As you can see they certainly proved

Where is your favourite spot to read?



Please do encourage your child to add their review to the website. It's really easy - on the link above, just click the plus + at the bottom right of all the book reviews and add your own. Once approved it will be displayed.

## The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

F1/1	Haiza N
F1/2	Olivia C
F2/1	Megan W
F2/2	Cole H
Y1/1	Amber S
Y1/2	Amelia G
Y2/1	Sonny L-P
Y2/2	Imogen W
Y3/1	Lyla-Rai D
Y3/2	Michelle M
Y4/1	Tilly H
Y4/2	Dominic M
Y5/1	Lily H
Y5/2	Sian S
Y6/1	Alana M-I
Y6/2	Keira C

## Note to Nursery and Reception Parents

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) are taking part in the Book Trust event 'Pyjamarama' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. On this day the children are invited to come to school dressed in pyjamas with shoes or trainers and we will be sharing lots of bedtime stories (50p donation please).

Pyjamarama is all about getting children excited about reading, whilst raising funds to make sure every child gets their bedtime story. Children around the country spend a day reading, enjoying and sharing stories, all in the comfort of their pyjamas, and donate to BookTrust to help all children have access to stories and to reading.



## Health and Wellbeing

### National Walking Month

Living Streets, a charity promoting active travel and walking to school, has published a range of free resources that can be used to get more active whilst we spend increased time at home. These range from a scavenger hunt to drawing a walk to school and we know that lots of our children would find these really enjoyable. We would welcome any photos of completed activities to be sent to school and you can find all of the resources at the following link:

[www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools)



### Congratulations and Well Done

- Many congratulations to **Jack T** who this week, after quizzing on his last book, reached the milestone of reading 3,115,224 words since September!!! A fantastic achievement Jack, well done.
- Well done to **Tayla D** who last weekend had a major haircut and has donated her hair to the [Princess Foundation](#) who provide for children and young people experiencing the devastating effects of hair loss. A very kind thing to do Tayla. We are sure it is much appreciated.



### Birthdays

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

- **Jessica O'T**
- **Marcus W**
- **Gracie H**
- **Caden H**
- **Vinny W**
- **Ashton P**
- **Anna D**
- **Cadi R**
- **Amelia C**
- **Noah D**
- **Kai B**



**Headteacher's Star Awards:**  
Congratulations to these children who were given this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.

Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	<b>Lola W</b>
FS1/2	<b>Nathan P</b>
FS2/1	<b>Travis M</b>
FS2/2	<b>Noah D</b>
Y1/1	<b>Bellamy M</b>
Y1/2	<b>Kaiden A</b>
Y2/1	<b>Ollie E</b>
Y2/2	<b>Lily-Grace S</b>
Y3/1	<b>Caleb B</b>
Y3/2	<b>Isaac P</b>
Y4/1	<b>Charlie B</b>
Y4/2	<b>Sereana V</b>
Y5/1	<b>Owen W</b>
Y5/2	<b>Skye S</b>
Y6/1	<b>James H-B</b>
Y6/2	<b>David S</b>

### School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 96.9% - above our school target.

F1/1	100%	Y2/2	94.9%
F1/2	95.2%	Y3/1	98.5%
F1/3	98.5%	Y3/2	96.3%
F1/4	90.3%	Y4/1	98.8%
F2/1	98.5%	Y4/2	98.6%
F2/2	93.7%	Y5/1	98.8%
Y1/1	95.6%	Y5/2	96.1%
Y1/2	97.4%	Y6/1	97.1%
Y2/1	97.4%	Y6/2	96.7%

### Open Evenings



Many thanks to all parents/carers that have booked a virtual appointment via SchoolCloud with their child's teacher on our Open Evenings next **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

If you have yet to make an appointment, there is still time to do so. All the information you need was sent out in an e-mail last week, but you just need a smartphone, tablet or computer with sound and camera. You don't have to be seen, but teachers would prefer it!

If you have any issues logging on or booking an appointment then please contact the school office, who will be happy to help you.

Once you have booked your appointment we recommend that you try joining the meeting as a test in advance. You can do this at any time.