



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

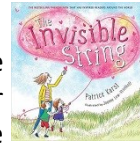
Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Happy Half Term

Well we have safely and successfully reached half term, having coped with all of the Covid staffing shortages and now weather issues! As we go our separate ways for our half term break the message from our KS1 assembly is rather poignant for the message below. In the book 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst, a mother tells her two children that they're all connected by an invisible string made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love. Our Sandford Hill family also has many invisible strings for all of our children, parents/carers and staff both past and present.



With great sadness

I was deeply saddened to hear about the recent death of a former colleague and dear friend of the school. June Masterson was a warm, caring, gentle member of our community who would go out of her way to help others. June was one of the very first teaching assistants at Sandford Hill and I consider myself very lucky to have worked alongside June when I was a Year 6 teacher in the 1990's. At the time of her appointment in 1992, the role of the teaching assistant was in its infancy. Today, teaching assistants fulfil a vital role in all schools. June, to the children and to me, was most definitely 'worth her weight in gold' and a proud 'Sandford Hillian'! She will be greatly missed, as well as fondly remembered, by all of us who knew June and, on behalf of everyone at Sandford Hill Primary School, I send my condolences to June's husband Derek and her other family members.

Below is June's contribution to the book '25 Years on the Hill' which was published in 1995 to celebrate the school's silver jubilee.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 21st - Fri 25th February
HALF TERM
Fri 11th March
Y6 & Nursery group photos
Mon 14th March
Victoria Hall Dance Show
Thurs 24th March
Full Governors Meeting
Wed 30th & Thurs 31st March
Parents Evenings
Fri 8th April
Last day of Spring Term
Mon 9th - Thurs 12th May
Y6 SATS
Wed 18th May
Young Voices Concert

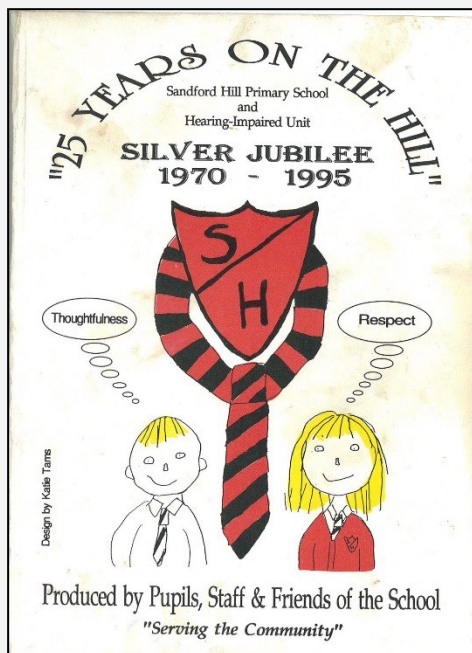
The Tony Hughes medal for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' awarded each week to a child in every class.

N1	Kacy-Kristen B
N2	Amber T
R1	Jensen B
R2	Michaela L
Y1/G3	Reggie J
Y1/G4	Keegan A
Y2/G1	Eliza P
Y2/G2	Miller C
Y3/F4	Rowanjay J
Y3/F3	Ellie T
Y4/F2	Liam C
Y4/F1	Bessie R
Y5/RBL	Jamie O
Y5/RBR	Emelia B-S
Y6/FBR	Jordell A
Y6/FBL	Jamie T

Mrs June Masterson: Ancillary Assistant and Local Resident

Sandford Hill in the early 1900's consisted mainly of a small farming, mining and pottery community. Gaslamps and unmade roads were still to be seen until around 1968 and green fields were in abundance. Many will remember the games of football being played on the fields where Sandford Hill school now stands, haymaking when it always seemed to be sunshining and everyone lending a hand bringing the horse-drawn crops. Carnivals and cricket matches with marching bands, troupes and decorated floats were held at Mossfield Colliery sports field.

In the early 1950's the area began to be developed and Adderley Green, Grafton Road and Woodhouse schools become overcrowded. These were reorganised and Woodhouse became a senior school, being fed by the other two infant and junior schools. Still further development led to the birth of Sandford Hill school in 1970 built on Sandford Hill farming land. This school has grown and flourished and has become not only a school but a community centre in its own right. A welcoming place for 'Sandford Hillians' to be proud of (an acorn grown into an oak!)



Stoke Reads Kindness Trail

Stoke Reads has created a 'Random Acts of Kindness Trail' taking place on **Wednesday 23rd February** between 10.00am – 3.00pm. Starting from the Community Hub in Hanley Park, this is a free self-led activity where families can explore the park by following a trail and recommends a whole host of kind things to do in the park and at home. Every child will receive a FREE book and a kindness activity sheet to take home. Please see below for more exciting activities for half term.

TT Rockstars Competition

We are very proud of Y4 who came 2nd in last week's Top of the Rocks competition. A fantastic achievement. A huge well done to **Reggie L** and **Chloe T-W** who both received a medal for their outstanding effort during the competition. Get ready Y3, your Top of the Rocks competition starts on 29th March!



Can you help?

In preparation for our Forest Schools activities, we are in need of:

- Tree stumps to use as seats
- Pots and pans
- Plates, cups and bowls
- Cutlery and cooking utensils

All for use in our woodland area. If anyone can help with any items then please get in touch with the office. Thank you.



Day	Where/Who	Time	Activity	Starting Point
Monday	Meir Library	10.30	<i>Same, Same...But Different</i> is a family show mixing dance, storytelling, and hints of live music Suitable for children aged 5+. Booking essential	Contact Meir Library to book your place
	City Central Library	14.30		Contact City Central Library to book your place
	Middleport Matters	13.00-15.00	Family bird watch – make some tasty treats for the local wildlife and enjoy a bird watching walk along the canal – booking essential	Middleport Matters Community Trust
	Hanley Park	13.00-15.00	Magic Monday - Wild Winter Stories	Band stand
Tuesday	Hanley Park	13.00-15.00	Sensory Trail delivered by Students from Staffordshire University	Sensory Play Area
	Hanley Park	13.00-15.00	Scavenger Hunt with Family by Family	ST1 4DX
Wednesday	Hanley Park	Anytime between 10.00 – 15.00	Random Acts of Kindness Trail around Hanley Park delivered by Stoke Reads	Community Hub
	Hanley Park	13.00-15.00	Wild Wednesday - Wild Signs of Winter	Community Hub
	The Whitfield Valley Centre	13.00 – 15.00	Family holiday club with activities, fun and food – booking essential	The Whitfield Valley Centre, Fegg Hayes Road, ST6 6HG
Thursday	Hanley Park	13.00-15.00	Craftnoon session delivered by students from Staffordshire University	Community Hub
	Dudson Museum	11.00-12.00	Storytime with Mrs Potts	Dudson Museum
	West End Centre	13.30 – 16.30	Family holiday club with activities, fun and food – booking essential call 01782 437 591	West End Centre. 405 London Road, Stoke
Friday	Hanley Park	13.00-15.00	Fantastic Friday - Wild Winter Games	Top car park and opposite the children's playground

School Week's Meals After Half Term—all served with a dessert and drink

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Pizza, Diced Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potato and Beans	Cottage Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Veg and Gravy	Roast Turkey, Roasts Stuffing, Veg and Gravy	Battered Fish, Chips and Peas
Alternative Option (Reception to Y6 only)	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Sandwich/Roll

Parent/Carer Notices

Parent/Carer Open Evening - We will once again be holding our parent/carers open evenings face to face in school on **Wednesday 30th** and **Thursday 31st March**. Open evening appointments will be available on ParentMail from **6:00pm on Wednesday 2nd March**.

Clubs - Clubs will start again the first week back after half term. Due to the open evenings above, there will be no clubs **at all** during the week of **28th March 2022**.

Dinner Money Increase - We regret to inform parents/carers that the price of school dinners will be increasing to £2.60 per day, (£13.00 per week) from Monday 25th April 2022. This is due to an increase in the charges made to us by City Catering. Even with this price increase however, this still does represent good value for money for a two course meal with a drink.

Red Nose Day - We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March 2022. Pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for a small donation. Red noses will be on sale via ParentMail shortly after half term.

World Book Day - World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 3rd March but we are not asking children to dress up. We will be celebrating in school with a range of activities and your child will come home with a voucher for a free book.

Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Marshall H** for swimming 25 meters and achieving his Rainbow Certificate.
- Congratulations to **Mollie M, Ieuan P** and **Flynn H** who have become our latest Accelerated Reader superstars and have all read over 25,000 words. A huge well done also to **Lyla-Rai D** and **Summer W** who have read half a million words. A fantastic achievement!
- Congratulations to **Adam R** who this week has achieved his Stanley 3 swimming award. Well done Adam!
- Well done to **Erin L** who has recently achieved her Bronze swimming award. Congratulations Erin!
- Congratulations to **James M** who won Bronze, Silver and Gold medals in recent County Swimming Championships. Amazing!
- Well done to **Gracjan P** who was the winner of the PlayStation game in our recent Stoke City competition.



School Attendance Target -96%
This week attendance is 91.3% which is below our school target.

N1	82.1%	Y2/G2	93.9%
N2	65.5%	Y3/F3	96.2%
N3	82.1%	Y3/F4	90.4%
N4	75.6%	Y4/F1	8.8%
R1	91.5%	Y4/F2	93.5%
R2	94.3%	Y5/RBL	98.0%
Y1/G3	94.8%	Y5/RBR	96.3%
Y1/G4	92.2%	Y6/FBL	96.0%
Y2/G1	87.4%	Y6/FBR	90.6%



Y1 Afternoon Tea

On Thursday, the children in Y1 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea, sampling foods from around the United Kingdom. They tried Irn Bru and shortbread from Scotland, Welsh cakes from Wales, soda bread from Northern Ireland and scones with jam and cream from England. Pupils made their own United Kingdom hats and crowns and wore them proudly as they stood to sing the national anthem.



Headteacher's Star Award
Congratulations to these children who received this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.

N1	Delilah M-J
N2	Isla P
R1	Eeligh R
R2	Olivia C
Y1/G3	Josiah D
Y1/G4	Adrian D-K
Y2/G1	Aliza A
Y2/G2	Cooper W
Y3/F4	Jack E
Y3/F3	Kaiden F
Y4/F2	Lucy B
Y4/F1	Olivia M
Y5/RBL	Jessica W
Y5/RBR	Poppy J
Y6/FBR	Aston M
Y6/FBL	Jesse S

Welcome Mrs Grocock

We would like to welcome Mrs Grocock to our Sandford Hill Family who will be joining our Year 2 team as a teaching assistant. Coming from a medical background, Mrs Grocock has a wealth of knowledge and experience and we look forward to her starting with us after the half term break.

Thank you National Literacy Trust!

Thank you to the National Literacy Trust who gifted Key Stage 1 copies of 'The Best Bear in All the World' after they took part in Winnie the Pooh day in January. On this day, pupils listened to a live reading of the book by the author and joined a Q&A session. Enjoy your books children!



Birthdays

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

- Bella B
- Elizabeth R
- Amelia T
- Ingrid S
- Bradley B
- Ava H
- Archie H
- Seraphina S
- Reggie L
- Kyiah I
- Oliver B
- Sienna D
- Dominic M
- Chloe G
- Lola C
- Martha J



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Headteacher Star Awards and Merit Certificates

Many congratulations to all our medal and certificate winners this half term. We are very proud of you all.

Nursery - Oranges, Apples, Strawberries and Pears

Tilly H

Blake M
Amber T
Noor A

Chloe G
Clayton L
Harrison W

Beatrix S

Ollie S
Delilah M-J
Charlie D

Kacy-Kristen B
Izzabella P
Storm H-M



Reception - Miss Hodgson

Eeligh R

Lyla F
Jaxon B

Robert B
Leah H
Charlie H



Reception - Miss Humphries

Olivia C

Akuila T
Lettie-Rose B

Jacob C
Xander H
Neveah S



Year 1 - Mrs Smith/Miss Gerrard

Millie P

Spencer He
Adam R

Spencer Hu
Austin P
Jessica R



Year 1 - Miss Ridgway

Lottie S

Alexis L
Jessica G

Maddison C
Gracie W
Samuel C



Year 2 - Miss Gregory

Layla M

Darci-Jade C
Alfie H

Scarlett W
Amber S
Henry R



Year 2 - Miss Harrison

Kylan M

Flynn H
Mya G

Winnie M
Lewis T
Mia M



Year 3 - Mr Frost

Jenson W

George C
Levi K

Ollie E
Jacob M
Sophie-Rae M



Year 3 - Mrs Frost

Tansey M

Parker F
Hollie-Anne D

Kayden C
Vinnie B
Katie B



Year 4 - Mr Alcock

Emma B

Leighton B
Max B

Deni R
Evelyn T
Zeen A



Year 4 - Mrs Hassall

Liam C

Caleb B
Kian D

Lilly-Rose A
Callum C
Ellie-Mae G



Year 5 - Mrs Carney /Mrs Drakeford

Erin L

Marium A
Jessica W

Erin L
Oscar S
Jamie O



Year 5 - Miss Jones

James M

Woodrow T
Tilly H

Emelia B-S
Bethan B
Sophie M-P



Year 6 - Mrs Bullock

Harry-George D

Erin D
Joseph S
Thomas H

Lenny M
Isabelle B
Tristan D



Year 6 - Mr Jones

Alex S

Patryk W
Jamie T

Jesse S
Tamzin P
Lily H

