



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Shrove Tuesday

Pupils across school have celebrated Shrove Tuesday this week. Shrove Tuesday is traditionally a day of celebration and feasting before starting the Lenten fasting period. Often people will give up something for the period of Lent. Pancakes are linked to Shrove Tuesday as part of the feasting and so pupils in each year group have tasted pancakes with a range of toppings added. Some had chocolate spread or strawberry sauce, some topped theirs with pineapple, whilst others took a more traditional take of lemon and sugar. Years 4 and 5 made their own pancakes in the technology room, putting their measuring and cutting skills to the test. As well, some of the children enjoyed the traditional pancake races.



WOW Walls

This week, we have introduced WOW walls in all of the classrooms throughout school. The purpose of the WOW wall is to celebrate occasions when our children do amazing things. This might be some work that they have done, a wonderful attitude they have displayed or a super thoughtful action they have done. All the children are encouraged to have their name put on the WOW board each day, so ask your child about it tonight.



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

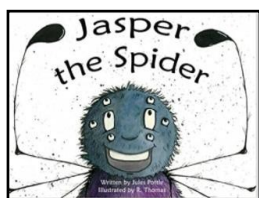
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N2	Ariana W
R1	Robert B
R2	Jacob C
Y1/G3	Spencer He
Y1/G4	Gracjan P
Y2/G1	Amelia C
Y2/G2	Mia M
Y3/F4	Isabella W
Y3/F3	Bobbi M
Y4/F2	Noah B
Y4/F1	Reggie L
Y5/RBL	Sereana V
Y5/RBR	Ella B
Y6/FBR	James W
Y6/FBL	Caleb J

Jules Pottle

On Wednesday our Y6 children welcomed Jules Pottle in her role as palaeontologist Mary Anning. The children learned lots about how fossils are formed and what skills a palaeontologist would need. We also considered how Mary didn't receive any credit for her hard work due to the fact that she was a woman!! Later this month the Y6 children will be attending a puppet theatre event at the Mitchell Memorial theatre which will highlight other females who have contributed to our understanding in science. We are sure that it will be a fantastic event.



The Y5 children were also thrilled to meet author Jules Pottle this week. Jules shared her book 'Jasper the Spider' and discussed the process of creating a picture book. The children were particularly pleased to finally meet Jules as last year, in Y4, they were involved in testing out the book and sharing their suggestions on some of the sentences and pictures. In light of some of our suggestions, Jules made some changes before sending her book to the publishers. As it was World Book Day, Jules also shared some of her other stories and has hopefully inspired some of the boys and girls to be writers or illustrators when they are older.



Dates for the Diary

Fri 11th March
Y6 & Nursery group photos
Mon 14th March
Victoria Hall Dance Show
Thurs 24th March
Full Governors Meeting
W/C 28th March
No clubs all week
Wed 30th & Thurs 31st March
Open Evening
Thurs 24th March
Full Governors Meeting
Fri 8th April
Last day of Spring Term
Mon 9th - Thurs 12th May
Y6 SATs

Next Week's School Meals—all served with a dessert and drink (vegetarian option available)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Sausage, Mash, Veg & Gravy	All Day Breakfast (Sausage, Oatcakes, Hash Browns and Beans)	Cheese Pie with Diced Potatoes and Beans	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Mash, Veg and Gravy	Fish Fingers, 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

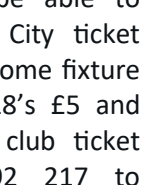
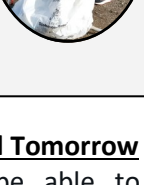
Mobile Phones

We would like to appeal to parents to only allow their children to bring mobile phones to school if it is **REALLY** necessary. The children should hand their phones to the office as soon as they arrive in school and then collect it at the end of the day. Children who need to bring a mobile phone in to school are asked to **complete a mobile phone permission letter**, which is available from the front office.



Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Henry R** who has received four swimming certificates including Duckling 1 and 2 and his 5 metres Rainbow award. Fantastic Henry!
- Well done to **Olivia W** whose performance, last weekend for her football team Blurton Reds, earned her the player of the match. A wonderful achievement Olivia.
- During half term, **Bella B** not only donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust, she has also raised over £800 for the charity too. A most thoughtful and kind thing to do. Well done Bella!
- Congratulations to **Elliot L** who has achieved his Crab Award – Little Stars Level 1 at swimming. We're all super proud Elliot!
- Many congratulations to **Reggie L**, who has achieved his Bronze swimming award over the recent half-term break. A fantastic achievement. Well done Reggie and on to Silver now!
- Well done to **Darci-Jade C** who, last week, competed in the North West Taekwondo Championship and met Paralympian Taekwondo fighter Amy Truesdale.
- Thank you to **Ingrid S** and **Elsie S** who during half term, gave up some of their



Birthdays

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

- Briar B
- Amber S
- Poppy T
- Jenson W
- Woodrow T
- Isabelle Y
- Ellena P
- Keaton M
- Lilly-Rose A



time to go outside litter picking in the local community. What a thoughtful thing to do. Well done to you both.



Stoke City vs Blackpool Tomorrow

We're delighted to be able to share another Stoke City ticket offer for tomorrow's home fixture v. Blackpool. Under 18's £5 and Adults £10. Call the club ticket office on 01782 592 217 to purchase tickets.

Parent/Carer Notices

PE Kit - A reminder that our school PE kit is a plain black hoody, red polo top/t-shirt and plain black joggers or shorts. We appreciate that there may be small logos on your child's plain black clothing, but these should be no bigger than a 50p piece. Should you have any concerns about sending your child into school in the correct PE kit, then we have some nearly new items which have been kindly donated. Please contact the school office on 235781 or speak to an adult outside first thing in the morning if your child requires any items.

A reminder that **all jewellery** must be removed for PE and swimming. Plasters cannot be used to cover earrings.

Open Evening - Bookings for open evening can now be made via ParentMail. All appointments are being held in person. If you're having difficulty making an appointment, please speak to the office. A crèche will run in the school hall and pupils must be signed in and out.

A reminder that no clubs will take place the whole week commencing 28th March due to our open evenings.

School Uniform Shop - we are really excited to be opening a second hand uniform shop which we will be launching in the hall on both open evening. All payments for all items purchased will be via ParentMail on the night. More details will follow about regular shop opening times.

Reception Phonics Workshops

Parents/Carers of Reception pupils should have received a ParentMail form inviting them to come into school to observe a phonics lesson. The aim of the observation is for you to see what your child is learning in phonics and how to best support your child with their reading at home. Please respond to the ParentMail form to confirm your attendance.

School Attendance Target -96%

This week attendance is 95.1% which is below our school target.

N1	94.0%	Y2/G2	94.8%
N2	88.6%	Y3/F3	95.9%
N3	96.6%	Y3/F4	98.5%
N4	96.7%	Y4/F1	97.8%
R1	97.0%	Y4/F2	94.3%
R2	93.9%	Y5/RBL	97.2%
Y1/G3	92.1%	Y5/RBR	97.4%
Y1/G4	94.8%	Y6/FBL	94.8%
Y2/G1	98.1%	Y6/FBR	87.8%

Headteacher's Star Award

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

N1	Matei D
N2	Noor A
R1	Quinn-Rose B
R2	Haiza N
Y1/G3	Megan W
Y1/G4	Charlotte W
Y2/G1	Freddie W
Y2/G2	Ralphie S
Y3/F4	Lacey-Mae C
Y3/F3	Martha-Rose L
Y4/F2	Florence B
Y4/F1	Jessica O
Y5/RBL	Lola F
Y5/RBR	Leila H
Y6/FBR	Charlie S
Y6/FBL	Jessica M

World Book Day

We had a wonderful day yesterday in school celebrating World Book Day. As well as stories being read, some pupils went on a vocabulary hunt and others created their very own story boxes. Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Y1 were invited to bring their favourite book to school to share with their class, whilst Y3 became authors themselves.

In the afternoon, members of the school council went into each classroom to share a story that they had chosen. Tonight, your child will bring home a world book day token that they can use to redeem a free book.



Introducing Scientist of the Month.

For those children that enjoy doing their own research and projects, Mrs Carney is inviting the children to find out about a different scientist each month. If any child wishes to complete the monthly activities, they can return their completed work to Mrs Carney. Examples will be displayed in our new Science room and also on the newsletter. There may even be a prize or two! Our first scientist to research is **Jane Goodall**. What is she famous for? Why is she holding a camera? What do you think about her? You can include facts, pictures, thoughts and opinions. We can't wait to see your work on or before March 31st.



Delightful Dodgeball

Today, some of our Y4 children have competed brilliantly against Sutherland, Belgrave, Park Hall, Crescent & Eaton Park at our annual Longton Sports Association Dodgeball Tournament. Well done to Coby, Peter, Reggie, Caleb, Max B, Harrison C, Harrison D, Harry, Maab, Deni, Emma and Leighton. You have represented the school brilliantly. Scores and our final standing will follow in the next week's newsletter.



Red Nose Day

On **Friday 18th March**, pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for a small donation to Comic Relief. Red noses are now available to purchase via the ParentMail shop. They are £1.50 each and there are 8 designs this year. Each nose comes in a mystery box.

Which nose will you get?

All proceeds from nose sales and non-uniform will go to Comic Relief. Noses purchased on ParentMail will be sent home on Wednesday 16th March.

