



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Spring is here and we're planning for Summer!

With the clocks going forward this weekend, we may lose an hour's sleep, but we also nudge closer to summer. With that in mind, we are already planning for summer activities and hoping that events we have been unable to hold for the last 2 years will return. One such event that we know has been missed is our annual Summer Fayre and so we would like to invite you all to put Saturday 2nd July in your calendars to join us again for an afternoon of fun. Watch out for more information after Easter. In the meantime, can we wish all mums a special Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope you have an enjoyable day.



Understanding Attendance Matters

We send the children to school everyday and think nothing of it, but what happens when your child is off school for any reason.

The school is required to closely track children's absence for morning and afternoon sessions and provide a code for any reason they might be off.

If your child needs to have a medical appointment during school time, please do try and arrange it so they can get there attendance mark by only keeping them out of school for the appointment time.

As soon as a child's absence falls below 90% this is called Persistent Absence (PA). If this occurs the following procedure starts:

1. Parent/carers are contacted and are sent a '1st Letter of Concern' to notify that this is the case. If attendance does not improve then stage 2.
2. Parent/carers are sent a '2nd Letter of Concern'
3. Parent/carer will be invited to an attendance clinic.
4. Should there be a further number of unauthorised absences then parents/carers can be fined.

If a child has 90% absence across a whole school year it equates to almost 4 weeks of school or 120 guided learning hours - that is an awful lot of learning missed and an almost impossible gap to make up.

Thank you for supporting school in ensuring the highest attendance possible .

Dates for the Diary

W/C 28th March
No clubs all week
Mon 28th March
Y2 visit to Potteries Museum
Tues 29th March
Y5/6 Easter cake sale
Wed 30th March
Y3/4 Easter cake sale
Wed 30th & Thurs 31st March
Open Evenings
Fri 8th April
Last day of Spring Term
Mon 25th April
First day of Summer Term
Mon 2nd May
Bank Holiday - no school
Thurs 5th & Fri 6th May
Swimming restarts
Mon 9th - Thurs 12th May
Y6 SATs

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

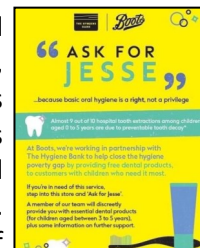
N1	Vinnie B
N2	Blake M
R1	Maisie S
R2	Isaac P
Y1/G3	Henry F
Y1/G4	Benjamin B
Y2/G1	Chavindu B
Y2/G2	Aaron M
Y3/F4	Evie W
Y3/F3	San A
Y4/F2	Adrian P
Y4/F1	Grace H
Y5/RBL	Riley W
Y5/RBR	Daniel D
Y6/FBR	Atunasia S
Y6/FBL	Bethany P

'Ask for Jesse'

Currently almost nine out of 10 hospital tooth extractions among infants aged up to five years old are down to preventable tooth decay.

'Ask for Jesse' is a new campaign fronted by Boots to provide free dental products to customers with children who need it most.

If you're in need of this service, go to a Boots store with this sign outside and 'Ask for Jesse'. A member of their team will discreetly provide you with essential dental products (for children aged between 3 to 5 years), plus some information on further support.



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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Pizza, Diced Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Cottage Pie, Mash and Vegetables	Griller Chicken, Beans, Mash and Vegetables	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Mash, Vegetables and Gravy	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

A REMINDER - NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK DUE TO PARENTS EVENINGS

Open Evenings in school - We look forward for the first time in over 2 years to welcoming into school our parents/carers for our Open Evenings next Wednesday and Thursday. If you haven't yet made an appointment but would like one, then please contact the school office. A reminder that a crèche will run in the school hall, along with our newly opened **Nearly New School Uniform shop** (50p for shirts, £1 for al other items). Do pop along and have a look.

Early Years Early Morning - Could we please ask that parents/carers of Early Years children ensure that they do not allow their children to play with the activities put out on the playground. This is because they have been set out by staff in preparation for the children's learning that day.

Respect to neighbours - Please can we remind parents/carers to be considerate of our neighbours when parking in surrounding streets to school. Thank you.

School Council Art Competition

Do you love a chocolate Easter egg? Well the School Council would like to announce a lovely Easter competition in which all pupils are invited to draw a design for a brand new Easter Egg. The egg should be created using any materials and labelled with what it's made of, what's inside it, what the flavours are and maybe design the wrapping. Councillors will choose one lucky winner from EYFS; Year 1-2; Year 3-4 and Year 5-6.

To enter, children need to bring in 50p and will be given an entry form. All money raised will go to our charity for this year, The Alice Charity. Completed designs must be returned for judging by **Tuesday 5th April**. Thank you.



Y3 Times Table Rockstars Competition

It's Year 3's turn to have a go in the 'Top of the Rocks' times table competition. It runs from the 29th March at 9:00a.m. until 31st March at 3:00p.m. The children can earn points playing any game between the hours of 7:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.



Birthdays

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

- Jake M
- Florence B
- Delilah M
- Maab H
- Molly B



Easter Celebrations - Charity Collection Updates

Easter Bake Off - NEXT WEEK (Cakes from 20p to 50p each)

We do hope that our KS2 children are busy designing and making their Easter cakes ready to sell in our Easter Bake-Off next week. A winner from each year group will receive a small prize but all entries will receive a certificate.

- **Tuesday 29th March - Y5 and Y6** cakes for sale to Nursery, Reception Y5/Y6.
- **Wednesday 30th March - Y3 and Y4** for Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 to buy.

Coin Columns gone Crazy!

Coins are now pouring into classes for our coin stacking competition. All coins go to your child's class and the winning classes announced on **Thursday 7th April**.

Easter Bonnet & Decorated Egg Competition

We are looking forward the Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs created by the children for the end of term. Bonnets and Eggs can be brought into school from Thursday 1st April ready for judging on **Tuesday 5th April**.



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

N1	Logan P
N2	Clayton L
R1	Jack S-G
R2	Elliot D
Y1/G3	Malachi M
Y1/G4	Maddison C
Y2/G1	Lexi L
Y2/G2	Vinny E
Y3/F4	Roman A
Y3/F3	Jenson W
Y4/F2	Max W
Y4/F1	Michelle M
Y5/RBL	Seren C
Y5/RBR	Charlie B
Y6/FBR	Isabelle Y
Y6/FBL	Ellie H

School Attendance Target -96%
This week attendance is 89.7% which is below our school target.

N1	94.9%	Y2/G2	83.0%
N2	74.5%	Y3/F3	93.3%
N3	78.6%	Y3/F4	99.6%
N4	76.7%	Y4/F1	89.6%
R1	92.2%	Y4/F2	86.4%
R2	91.6%	Y5/RBL	97.2%
Y1/G3	66.7%	Y5/RBR	94.8%
Y1/G4	97.0%	Y6/FBL	91.3%
Y2/G1	95.2%	Y6/FBR	92.1%

Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Theo C** who proudly shared the certificate and medal he received after successfully completing a junior football programme.
- Congratulations to **Lucy M** who has achieved her Octopus 2 Award at swimming. Well done Lucy!
- Well done to more of our super readers: Jenna B who is read more than 600,000 words; and **Bellamy M, Darci C** and **Vinny W** in Y2 who have all read over 25,000 words. Fabulous work all of you.
- Congratulations to **Darci C** also for her green tag grading in Martial Arts.

