



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Happy Easter

At the end of another busy but rewarding Spring Term, we wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break, whatever you may get up to. Hopefully, the weather will be kind so we can spend time outside in some long missed sunshine. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and staff for all their hard work this term and for our parents and carers for your continued support of the school.

During the Easter break, Miss Danks, Y1 teaching assistant is getting married. We wish her a wonderful wedding celebration and look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Smith.

Today we also pass on our very best wishes to Mrs Johnson who has been with us as a lunchtime supervisor in the Nursery for the last 14 years. On behalf of all the children and staff we say a huge thank you for all your support.

We would at the same time like to welcome Mrs Stanway and Mrs Thirlwall who are joining us as two new lunchtime supervisors.



Happy
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Dates for the Diary

Mon 25th April
First day of Summer Term
Tues 26th April
Strawb's/Pears Open Evening
Wed 27th April
Oranges/Apples Open Evening
Mon 2nd May
Bank Holiday - no school
Thurs 5th & Fri 6th May
Swimming restarts
Mon 9th - Thurs 12th May
Y6 SATs
Wed 18th May
Choir to Young Voices Concert
Thurs 19th May
Interim Governor's Meeting
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June
Half Term
Fri 15th July
Last day summer term

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

N1	Matthias D-S-D
N2	Ellena P
R1	Alexander R
R2	Joshua T
Y1/G3	Mason H
Y1/G4	Frankie C
Y2/G1	Abdullah S
Y2/G2	Lily-Grace D-S-D
Y3/F4	Bradley B
Y3/F3	Maisie C
Y4/F2	Isla B
Y4/F1	Leighton B
Y5/RBL	Isabella J
Y5/RBR	Alex H
Y6/FBR	Noah F-J
Y6/FBL	Declan B

Your survey said!

This week, to coincide with our Open Evenings, we invited parents/carers to respond to our survey on ParentMail about their child(ren) in school. We had a fantastic 318 responses and we are extremely pleased with the results. As you can see below, they are overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to all that responded and for the many kind comments. We acknowledge that we are not perfect and there are always areas that we can improve on. So, please do not wait for another survey, if there is anything that your child is worried about in school, let us know immediately. Thank you.

Question Asked	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at school.	84%	15%	1%	0%
My child feels safe at school.	91%	8%	1%	0%
My child is making good progress.	86%	14%	1%	0%
The information shared at open evening is helpful.	90%	8%	1%	1%
The school responds well to concerns I raise.	83%	15%	2%	0%
I feel comfortable approaching the school with a question.	89%	11%	0%	0%
Adults expect my child to work hard and to show thoughtfulness and respect.	96%	4%	0%	0%

First Summer Term 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	Chicken grill, beans and potato wedges	Cottage pie, mash, vegetables and gravy	Chicken dinner	Fish and chips
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

Uniform Donations - For those parents/carers that came into the hall on our open evenings, you will be aware that we are now offering nearly new uniform items (shirts, trousers, skirts, jumpers, summer dresses). From after Easter there will be an option on ParentMail to request and purchase items. If there are school uniform items that your child has grown out of and are still in a really good condition, then we would be really happy for them to be donated to our uniform shop.

Friends of Sandford Hill - In preparation for our Summer Fayre on **Saturday 2nd July**, we will be re-convening our ‘Friends of Sandford Hill’ group for any family or friends that would be willing to help out with preparations and on the day. We will start with a brief planning meeting on Thursday 5th May at 9:00 a.m.

Dinner Money Price Increase - A reminder that school meals will be increasing to £2.60 per day after the Easter holidays.

Pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will continue to receive free meals. Means tested free school meals are also unaffected.

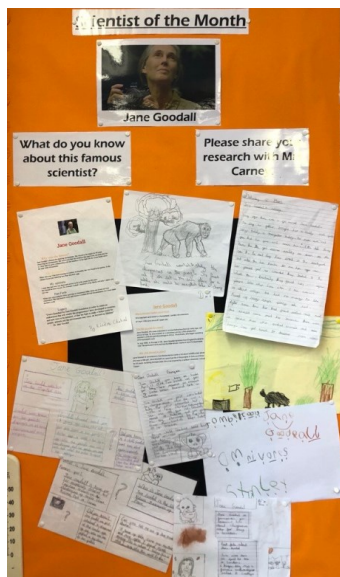
Charity fundraising and School Council

It has been a busy term for our School Council - helping out with so many Easter activities, as well as organising their own. We thank them for all their hard work and for the wonderful work they have been leading on collecting monies for their chosen charities. With the Easter bake sale, the coin collection and the art collection we have raised a total £635.02. You can read all about what the school council have been doing in their very own newsletter sent out with this one.

Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** over the next 3 weeks:

- Oluwateniayo K
- Oluwatoni K
- Woody E
- Jessica G
- Skylar M-W
- Maisie C
- Charlie S
- Alexander H
- Joshua V
- Grace M
- Kyla M
- Marley C
- Flynn H
- Harper C
- Jayden B
- Lucy M
- Isabella N
- Charlie B
- Quinn-Rose B
- Patryk W
- Belle-Elise F
- Noah M
- Emma B
- Jasper B
- Katie B
- Stanley W-L
- Jesse S
- Lola F



Scientist of the Month

Well done to everyone that completed their own research into the scientist Jane Goodall. We were very impressed with all of your writing, drawings and animations and hope that you were proud to see your work displayed in the science room. Everyone has earned a certificate and two children, Stanley W-L and Summer W, received a small prize for their amazing efforts! See Summer’s brilliant animated video from this [link](#).



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

N1 Bella H-T

N2 Beatrix S

R1 Pyper J

R2 Harry R

Y1/G3 Tommy C

Y1/G4 Marshall H

Y2/G1 Oliver B

Y2/G2 Sophie G

Y3/F4 Lil-Grace S

Y3/F3 Mia King

Y4/F2 Ravyn M

Y4/F1 Oliver H

Y5/RBL Lucy M

Y5/RBR Archie M

Y6/FBR Emily S

Y6/FBL Tamzin P

School Attendance Target is 96%

This week attendance is 92.0% which is below our school target.

N1 94.6% **Y2/G2** 95.3%

N2 74.8% **Y3/F3** 97.7%

N3 83.1% **Y3/F4** 92.7%

N4 61.1% **Y4/F1** 83.9%

R1 90.0% **Y4/F2** 99.6%

R2 88.6% **Y5/RBL** 96.4%

Y1/G3 95.0% **Y5/RBR** 96.7%

Y1/G4 94.0% **Y6/FBL** 91.8%

Y2/G1 93.3% **Y6/FBR** 92.6%

Congratulations and Well Done

- Very well done to **Isla J** who has achieved her Goldfish 3 swimming certificate.
- Many congratulations to **Seraphina S** who recently achieved 5th place with her team whilst competing at HipHop UK Stand Out. As well as this, Seraphina also reached the semi finals with her solo performance.
- Well done to **Harry E** on achieving his Goldfish 2 swimming certificate.
- Congratulations to **Kaiden F** who has been awarded a medal for his most impressive maths skills. Well done Kaiden.
- Well done to **Katie B** on receiving a dance medal after her performance with her dance troupe. Fantastic Katie.



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Headteacher Star Awards and Merit Certificates

Nursery - Strawberries and Apples

Charlie D

Ariana W Neave K
Beatrix S Clara W
Harley C Eliza M-B



Nursery - Oranges and Pears

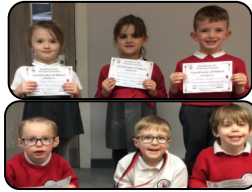
Harlee D

Freedie B Mathias D-S-D
Macie W Amelia T
Mya W Tilly H

Reception - Miss Hodgson

Robert B

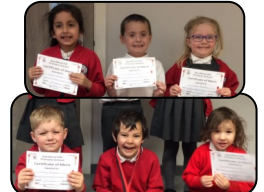
Jack S-G
Archie D Alexander R
Leah H Pyper J



Reception - Miss Humphries

Christopher P

Haiza N
Harry R Cadi R
Michaela L Joseph C



Year 1 - Mrs Smith/Miss Gerrard

Noah M

Faith A
Charlie A Salem S
Freddie M Ellise P



Year 1 - Miss Ridgway

Sammy C

Myla H
Frankie C Layla C
Freya H Alice G



Year 2 - Miss Gregory

Amber S

Lillie J
Abdullah S Jaxon H
Amelia C Eliza P



Year 2 - Miss Harrison

Mia G

Jake M
Kaiden A Miller C
Amelia G Lila L



Year 3 - Mr Frost

Martha-Rose L-C

Thomas H
Evie G
Bobbi M
Maisie C
Kaiden F



Year 3 - Mrs Frost

Jack E

Roman A
Evie W
Olivia D
Imogen W
Daniel C



Year 4 - Mr Alcock

Sebastian H

Luke H
Noah K
Deni R
Poppy T
Max B



Year 4 - Mrs Hassall

Adrian P

Ravyn M
Max W
Briley S
Liam C
Sophie L



Year 5 - Mrs Carney /Mrs Drakeford

Oscar S

Sienna-Mae H-J
Neve B
Dominik S
Joshua V
Evelyn L



Year 5 - Miss Jones

Leila H

Lexi-Jean B
Kayden S
Logan T
Alex H
Olivia-Grace M



Year 6 - Mrs Bullock

Kelsie W

Jasmine E
Brooke M
Marley C
Skye S
Isabelle Y



Year 6 - Mr Jones

Jessica M

Ava T
Alex S
Modou K
Lucy D
Jasper B



Swimming Successes

This term our KS2 children have continued their weekly swimming lessons and we are proud to share those that have received swimming certificates this half term:

Y3 Mrs Frost

Beginners Certificate: Evie W and Sienna D; **Elementary Certificate:** Theo C

Y3 Mr Frost

Beginners Certificate: Sonny L-P, George C, Harper C and Kaiden F

Y4 Mrs Hassall

Length Certificate: Lucy B, Coby D, Ellie-Mae G and Caden H; **Elementary Certificate:** Ellie-Mae G, Chloe T and Abby-Jaye T

Y4 Mr Alcock

Beginners Certificate: Luke H, Molly B, Madison M; **Length Certificate:** Frankie M, Emma B, Max B, Zeen A

Elementary Certificate: Evelyn T and Liam B; **ASA Challenge Bronze and Silver:** Reggie L

Y5 Miss Jones

Beginners Certificate: Logan T, Tilly H; **Elementary Certificate:** Olivia-Grace M, Ella B

ASA Challenge Silver: Dominik W, James M and Lucas C; **ASA Challenge Gold:** James M and Lucas C

Y5 Mrs Carney/Mrs Drakeford

Beginners Certificate: Dominik S; **Length Certificate:** Rae B and Evelyn L; **ASA Challenge Bronze and Silver:** Isabella L

Y6 Mrs Bullock

Beginners Certificate: Erin D, Thomas H and Tristan D; **Length Certificate:** Marley C and Brooke M;

Elementary Certificate: Kelsie W and Jamie K

ASA Challenge Silver: Isabelle Y

Y6 Mr Jones

Beginners Certificate: Oliver H-N, Lily H, Arman H and Ava T; **Length Certificate:** Jessica M



Y3 are Rockstars!

We are extremely proud of our Year 3 pupils for their fantastic efforts towards our Times Table Rockstars competition last week.

A particular well done to **Theo C** and **Ellie T** who were our top scorers and will receive an award for being in the Top 20 in the whole of Stoke-on-Trent. Well done everyone!



Charity Coin Columns Collection

Thank you to everyone that brought in small coins for our coin column challenge. We had a brilliant response and it raised £425.26 all from 1p, 2p and 5p pieces!

The classes that managed to stack the most 15cm columns were:

- ◇ Nursery
- ◇ Y1 - Miss Ridgway
- ◇ Y4 - Mr Alcock
- ◇ Y6 - Mrs Bullock



Easter Fun Story Quest

This Easter, [Stoke Reads](#) will launch an exclusive Story Quest around Stoke titled '**Duck Bills' Great Railway Adventure**'. Written and illustrated by local creative Kidda Kinsey, the free trail invites families with primary school aged children to complete various challenges and discover fun facts about Stoke and its railway station.

Upon completion of the trail, young people are encouraged to write a letter to Duck Bills' sibling Duck Small, relaying the facts they discovered on the trail. Stories sent to Stoke Reads will be entered into a prize draw to win a Family and Friends Railcard, giving discounted travel across the rail network, as well as a bundle of books. Copies of the trail are available to collect from any [Stoke-on-Trent library](#), Stoke-on-Trent Railway Station or can be downloaded at storyquest.org.uk.

Free Family Fun Event

To celebrate the release of Duck Bills' Great Railway Adventure, Stoke Reads is hosting a launch event on **Tuesday 12 April, 10.00-14.00** at Stoke Library. This event is free for all ages and will stage several activities including:

- Drawing workshops with Story Quest illustrator Kidda Kinsey
- Railway themed storytelling from Alan Barrett
- Stories on the Little Library Van
- Craft activities led by Stoke Library
- Activities from the Community Rail Partnership

All attendees will also receive a free book and free copy of the trail courtesy of Stoke Reads.

This one-off Story Quest has been created by Stoke Reads in partnership with North Staffordshire Community Rail Partnership. It's jointly funded by Avanti West Coast and the Community Rail Network.



Easter Bonnets and Eggs Celebration

We have been really overwhelmed this year by the absolutely brilliant decorated Easter bonnets and eggs. The creativity, skill and sheer joy that the children’s creations have shown has been a real credit to all the children and an absolute pleasure to share.

With a truly fantastic 192 children taking part, Mrs Smith and Mrs Drakeford were faced with the almost impossible task of trying to pick winners from each year group. A huge well done to all the children who made the most wonderful creations - every child who joined in will be receiving a well done certificate.

Winning Bonnets and Eggs			
Nursery	Lennon J Clayton L	Reception	Jaxon B Archie H
Y1/G3	Spencer He Austin P	Y1/G4	Jessica G Freya H
Y2/G1	Ieuan P Millie H	Y2/G2	Woody E Cooper W
Y3/F3	Isla J Ellie T	Y3/F4	Hunter H Daniel C
Y4/F1	Grace H Liam B	Y4/F2	Peter K Harrison D
Y5/RBL	Isabella L Sienna-Mae H-J	Y5/RBR	Belle-Elise F Leila H
Y6/FBL	Isla S Owen W	Y6/FBR	Oliver C Isabelle Y

