



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,  
Respect and  
Hard Work

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## Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone and welcome to quite a short, but very busy Summer Term. As I write, there are just 20 school days remaining until the half termly break. With this in mind, I spoke to the children about time in our assembly on Thursday afternoon. During the assembly, I spoke about time zones and the children seemed fascinated to learn that this morning, as I was getting dressed to come to school, a child in Los Angeles might still be tucked up in bed as it would be close to the middle of the night! As my assembly drew to a close, I explained to the children that time really is very precious to us all – so precious in fact that it is actually priceless! Time is the best gift that life has to offer us. You cannot put a monetary value to time and you cannot redeem it with any form of money or property. If that were the case, then many wealthy people would have traded their billions of dollars to enjoy more time on this lovely earth. With this in mind, let us all resolve to make sure that we all continue to work hard, show 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' and **make every second count!**



## Dates for the Diary

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday - no school  
**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> & Weds 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y5 Bikeability (PE Kit)  
**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y6 SATs  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Choir to Young Voices Concert  
**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
Interim Governor's Meeting  
**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Half Term  
**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June (Reserve 16<sup>th</sup> June)**  
EYFS Sports Day  
**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June (Reserve 28<sup>th</sup> June)**  
KS1 Sports Day  
**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Reserve 27<sup>th</sup> June)**  
KS2 Sports Day  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Last day summer term

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

N1	Ollie S
N2	Arthur R
R1	Elijah F
R2	Harrison F
Y1/G3	Ava P
Y1/G4	Stanley W-L
Y2/G1	Freddie W
Y2/G2	Henry H
Y3/F4	Mollie-Mae E
Y3/F3	George C
Y4/F2	Max W
Y4/F1	Evelyn T
Y5/RBL	Georgia B
Y5/RBR	Tayla D
Y6/FBR	Maisy-Lee B
Y6/FBL	Oliver H-N

## Y5 Space Camp

On the last day of the Spring Term, Y5 pupils took part in our very first Sandford Hill Space Camp, with tents and mats set up in the school hall.

Pupils took part in a cricket tournament and completed a Mars Rover challenge. Although the weather wasn't on our side, we were able to take the iPads out onto the playground to do star gazing and many pupils even found Mars!

They then settled down for the evening with a cup of hot chocolate (and a biscuit or two!) and watched the film 'Home'. The children's behaviour was fantastic and a wonderful time was had by all.



## Jubilee Preparations

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are planning a week of celebrations during the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Each year group will learn about a decade of the Queen's 70 year reign. The week will end with a **non-uniform day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** when the children can come to school in either party clothes or in clothes/fashion from the decade which they have studied. The decades for each year group are:

Year 6 – 1950s  
Year 5 – 1960s  
Year 4 – 1970s  
Year 3 – 1980s  
Year 2 – 1990s  
Year 1 – 2000s



Reception and Nursery 2010 – 2022  
More information will follow.

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

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main meal</b>	Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	All Day Breakfast (Sausage, Hash Brown, Cheese Oatcake and Beans)	Cheese Pie with Roast Potatoes and Beans	Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas
<b>Alternative Option</b> (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

## Parent/Carer Notices

**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.** Please let the office know if you are attending.

**Dinner Money Price Increase** - A reminder that school meals have increased to £2.60 per day. Pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will continue to receive free meals. Means tested free school meals are also unaffected. Please ensure you top up your child's dinner money account accordingly.

**Milk Thirds (Y1-Y6)** - Milk has now gone live on ParentMail should you wish to purchase it for your child. Milk is a semi-skimmed carton that they will receive daily. Pupils eligible for Free School Meals have already been offered milk directly.

**Clubs** - Club letters have gone home tonight and we are pleased to say we have just about managed to offer at least one club to every child that applied. Your club letter will state the dates, times and any specific things your child might need to wear. Please make sure you check this, especially regarding P.E. kit that might need to be brought or worn. PLEASE NOTE: Clubs may have to be cancelled at short notice due to staff absence. You will be notified by ParentMail if this occurs.

## Year 2 Super Scones

This week, Year 2 have been into the technology room. They followed a 17th century recipe that was recorded in a diary found many years ago, dating back to the year of the Great Fire of London. Pupils followed the instructions that were provided to make delicious traditional scones using flour, butter, currants and nutmeg. Well done Year 2!



## Mental Health Ambassadors

This week, Evie-Rose, Harry-George and Emily have talked to the children in assembly about the School Council members becoming Mental Health Ambassadors. The key message from the ambassadors is that we all have a mental health and a physical health of which we have to take care. So, after the Easter holidays the ambassadors will be promoting different ways to keep mentally healthy, just as we promote keeping physically healthy.



## Birthdays

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

- Darci M
- Leila H
- Jessica O
- Vinny W
- Caden H
- Cadi R
- Noah D
- Amelia C



## Headteacher's Star Award

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

N1	Macie W
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N2	Sunny M
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R1	Alicja P
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R2	Briar B
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Y1/G3	Keira M
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Y1/G4	Ethan B-S
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Y2/G1	Jaxon H
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Y2/G2	Winnie M
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Y3/F4	Roman A
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Y3/F3	Zara W
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Y4/F2	Chloe T-W
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Y4/F1	Zeena A
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Y5/RBL	Dominik S
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Y5/RBR	Skylar H
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Y6/FBR	Thomas H
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Y6/FBL	Amelia M
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## Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Myla H** for achieving her Stanley 5 award certificate for swimming. Congratulations!
- Well done to **Woody T** for achieving his third yellow tab on his red belt in Judo. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to **Isaac P** for his fantastic fishing skills. He was awarded a certificate for catching 10 perch and 1 gudgeon. Well done!
- Well done to **Sienna D** and **Lizzie D** who were very proud to share with us their badges, which were awarded to them at Sandford Hill Brownies. Well done girls!
- Congratulations to **Chloe T-W** for achieving her Level 9 award at trampolining and Goldfish 2 award at swimming. Well done!
- Well done to **Sofia P** who was thrilled to share her certificate for great dancing, which she was awarded with during the holidays. Well done Sofia.
- Congratulations to **Layla M** and **Miller C** who became the latest Y2 super readers for reading over 25,000 words. A fantastic achievement!
- Well done to **Katie B** who has proudly shared the 5 medals she won when performing with her dance troupe, The Kaytelles. Well done Katie!
- Well done to **Ellie-Mae G** who has drawn the fabulous illustrations in the book, Meet Millie, which she proudly shared with me. Fantastic art work Ellie-Mae!



## School Attendance Target is 96%

This week attendance is 94.8% which is below our school target.

N1	95.7%	Y2/G2	95.9%
N2	95.8%	Y3/F3	94.8%
N3	100%	Y3/F4	98.9%
N4	91.1%	Y4/F1	93.0%
R1	95.2%	Y4/F2	98.6%
R2	83.9%	Y5/RBL	95.2%
Y1/G3	95.2%	Y5/RBR	87.8%
Y1/G4	98.5%	Y6/FBL	96.8%
Y2/G1	98.1%	Y6/FBR	93.9%





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Dear Parents/Carers

We wanted to take this opportunity since our last letter sent in October 2021, to remind you that there are a number of ways in which you can still help us tackle County Lines across Staffordshire.

County Lines is the term used to describe the activity of organised criminal gangs (OCGs) who exploit young and vulnerable people into the distribution of illegal drugs within the county. These gangs target and manipulate young and vulnerable people into moving and storing drugs and money, often doing so by using blackmail, intimidation and violence.

We are working with our partners as part of a County Lines operation which has two aims;

- To arrest members of organised crime gangs who target young and vulnerable people
- Identify young people who are at risk of criminality and to help divert them away from criminal exploitation.

We are asking education establishments as well as parents to know what signs to look for that may indicate someone is involved in County Lines and therefore help identify anyone who may be at risk so they can get support.

The signs to look out for:

- Repeatedly going missing from school or home and being found in other areas
- Decline in school or work performance
- Having money, new clothes or expensive items and they can't explain how they paid for them
- Getting more texts or phone calls than usual and being secretive about who they're speaking to
- Significant changes in emotional or physical well-being
- Having injuries that they can't explain how they received them

No one school in Stoke-on-Trent is more or less affected by these problems and we know that the overwhelming majority of young people will never be affected by this issue. However, a conversation with your child about County Lines will help us collectively make a difference.

It is important that young people are aware that there is help and support available to them if they are involved in County Lines, not just from us but at home, school and agencies who work with young people. This information can be found on the enclosed leaflet and on our website here: <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/countylines>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Detective Superintendent Tom Chisholm  
Head of Major & Organised Crime, Staffordshire Police

Cllr Abi Brown  
Leader of Stoke-on-Trent City Council

