



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Good luck to all of our children taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)!

After all the disruption the children have experienced over the past 3 years, my heart goes out to all of them who are having to sit tests, this month. Sadly, the Government say the children have to take them, so we have no choice but to follow this expectation. This week, Year 2 have been working very hard and have completed their reading SAT and next week, Year 6 will be taking tests in reading, mathematics and spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG). The most important thing to remind your child, if they are in Year 2 or Year 6, is to try their best and to remember that they all have many skills, talents and qualities that a test does not measure. As well as this, please remind your child that all of the adults in school are there for them and if your child does feel at all anxious – please remember that talking is good. A problem aired is a problem shared.



Attendance Matters—Today and Everyday

Over the last year, there have been many changes in guidance relating to attendance about when to keep your child at home. Whilst COVID is ongoing, it is important that if your child tests positive, they stay home for 3 days before returning to school. That said, it is vital that your child attends school whenever they are well enough to do so. We understand that there have recently been cases of chicken pox and that some absence is unavoidable but if your child is well enough to be in school then please ensure that they attend. A reminder that we are able to administer medicines in the event your child feels slightly unwell. Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day Dates

You may have seen on the diary dates that Sports Days have now been arranged. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers back into school for these events. Dates are as follows:

- EYFS— Weds 15th June (Reserve 16th June) 9:15a.m.
- KS1 - Tues 21st June (Reserve 28th June) 9:15a.m.
- KS2 (Y3 & Y4) Weds 22nd June (Reserve 27th June) 1:00p.m.
- KS2 (Y5 & Y6) Weds 22nd June (Reserve 27th June) 9:15a.m.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 9th - Thurs 12th May
Y6 SATs
Wed 18th May
Choir to Young
Thurs 19th May
Interim Governor's Meeting
Mon 23rd May - Fri 27th May
Jubilee Week in School
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June
Half Term
Weds 15th June (Reserve 16th June)
EYFS Sports Day
Tues 21st June (Reserve 28th June)
KS1 Sports Day
Weds 22nd June (Reserve 27th June)
KS2 Sports Day
Mon 21st & Tues 22nd June
Y6 Bikeability
Fri 15th July
Last day summer term
Weds 7th September
Pupils return to school

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

N1	Harlee D
N2	Tilly H
R1	Lola W
R2	Joseph C
Y1/G3	Charlie A
Y1/G4	William L
Y2/G1	Leo P
Y2/G2	Kaiden A
Y3/F4	Sienna D
Y3/F3	Sophie-Rae M
Y4/F2	Summer W
Y4/F1	Leighton B
Y5/RBL	Jamie O
Y5/RBR	Olivia M
Y6/FBR	Lenny M
Y6/FBL	Isla S



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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Pizza, Roast Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Cheese Oatcake, Potato Balls and Beans	Cheese Whirl, Diced Potatoes and Beans	Pork Dinner, Mash, Mixed Veg and Gravy	Fish Cakes, 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

Y6 Swimming - Y6 pupils will not swim next week due to SATs. Other year groups will swim as normal.

Gate Closure - The Bambury Street gate entrance will be locked for the next 2 weeks from 12:30pm to 2:30pm for the Forest School programme. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but the safeguarding of our pupils is of the utmost importance.

Chicken Pox/Scarlet Fever - We have received communication that chicken pox and scarlet fever may be doing the rounds. We are aware that a lot of pupils have recently been absent with chicken pox but we wanted to make you aware of the symptoms.

Chicken pox is a red itchy rash that turn into spots. These spots then fill with clear liquid before rupturing and turning crusty. Before the spots appear, your child may seem generally unwell, have a high temperature or loss of appetite. If you're child develops chicken pox, it is important that they do not return to school until **ALL** spots have crusted over as they are highly contagious until then. **Scarlet Fever** can cause flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands. A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper. Scarlet fever is contagious but is easily treated with antibiotics

Return of the Races

This week, our KS2 cross country teams returned to Northwood stadium to compete in this year's cross country competition. For many, this was their first opportunity representing Sandford Hill and we are very proud of them all. The behaviour of all pupils was outstanding. A particular mention to Isabella from Year 5 who finished 3rd and will go on to represent Sandford Hill at the finals at Keele.



Congratulations and Well Done

- Many congratulations to **Theo C**, **Ellie T** and **Levi K** who were presented with medals for their performance in the recent Y3 TT Rock Stars competition. Well done!
- Congratulations to **Spencer H** who has achieved his first certificate at 'Boxingtots' for completing the module where he had to show a 'straight lead hand' Fantastic Spencer!
- Well done to **Charlie A** and **Tommy C** who took part in their first 'real' football match this week. The boys had a brilliant night and loved every second of the match.
- Congratulations to **Brooke M** who has read 4 million words since September 2021! A fantastic achievement Brooke well done!



Scientist of the Month

This half term, the Scientist of the Month could be you!

We would like to invite the children of Sandford Hill to take part in the Great Bug Hunt 2022 organised by the Association for Science Education (ASE). You can explore the bug world by identifying a habitat and investigating what 'minibeasts' live there.

'Look under those rocks, move those leaves aside, watch which insects go in and out of each flower to discover the bugs around us'.

Then simply record what you see! Find out about the minibeasts, draw them, count them, research them...

Completed surveys/ projects should be returned to Mrs Carney by Friday 27th May so that our entries can be submitted by the competition deadline.

We hope that you have lots of fun, carrying out the research and then presenting your findings in any way that you wish e.g. tally charts, poems, fact-files, drawings, models, videos...

We can't wait to see what you've discovered. Good Luck!



Birthdays

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

- Kai B**
- Alicja P**
- Harrison W**
- Frankie M**
- Lexi-Jean B**
- Michelle W**
- Isla B**
- Genevieve G**
- Jenna B**
- Rae B**
- James W**



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	Harrison W
R1	Henry R
R2	Christopher P
Y1/G3	Noah M
Y1/G4	Charlotte W
Y2/G1	Ieuan P
Y2/G2	Kylan M
Y3/F4	Harper B
Y3/F3	Ollie W
Y4/F2	Leah B
Y4/F1	Isaac P
Y5/RBL	Asinate L
Y5/RBR	Sophie M-P
Y6/FBR	Gracie-Mae C
Y6/FBL	Jesse S

School Attendance Target is 96%

This week attendance is 94.1% which is below our school target.

N1	92.3%	Y2/G2	93.3%
N2	83.7%	Y3/F3	92.9%
N3	87.5%	Y3/F4	98.8%
N4	95.0%	Y4/F1	88.1%
R1	97.1%	Y4/F2	93.5%
R2	94.0%	Y5/RBL	96.4%
Y1/G3	96.7%	Y5/RBR	95.0%
Y1/G4	98.8%	Y6/FBL	95.4%
Y2/G1	90.4%	Y6/FBR	94.5%

The Jackie Smith Memorial Fund

We have recently received a very generous donation from The Jackie Smith Memorial Fund. Jackie sadly passed away from COVID during the pandemic and a memorial fund was set up in her memory. The donation will go towards the subsidy of schools trips in the next academic year, providing pupils with opportunities they may not otherwise have had. So on behalf of all of the pupils and staff at Sandford Hill, thank you.

Cycling Superstars

Recently, pupils in Y4 and Y5 have taken part in a Bikeability course with Cyclist Training. Y4 pupils completed the Level 1 training and Y5 pupils completed Level 2. The training has provided pupils with the knowledge and skills to become confident riders in the future. One thing that was clear during the training was that our pupils are extremely resilient and determined and even when some struggled, they never gave up and continued to try their best. They behaved impeccably and we look forward to seeing them progress further on our next round of cycle training in September. Well done everyone!



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Monday 9 May

14:00-18:00

Bridge Centre

Birches Head Road

Stoke-on-Trent ST2 8DD

SatNav users can also use
ST1 6NA

Weds 11 May

13:00-19:00

Town Hall

King Edward Place

Burton

DE14 2EB



COME AND
TALK TO US

Thurs 12 May

13:00-18:30

Rising Brook

Community Church

Burton Square

Stafford

ST17 9LT

*No need to book. Just come along and have a chat with our teams.
Bring your ID documents & any certificates you may have with you, we
could interview you on the day.*

For more info, contact ICSRecruitment@mpft.nhs.uk