



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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## ParentMail Issues

Sincere apologies for the technical issues that we experienced last Friday. The Valentines Disco is now live on ParentMail for Y1—Y6 and all club letters have been sent out. Please ensure that you look at the letter to see the dates your child is expected to attend, as some clubs have 2 groups. If you are not yet connected to ParentMail or have problems with receiving communications, please call into the office so that we can help to rectify this issue.

## School Assemblies

Last week, we spoke to the children in the assemblies about Louis Braille and Stevie Wonder, highlighting the importance of **equality**. We spoke about the challenges that people might face and adaptations that some people may require in their everyday life.



In our KS1 assemblies this week, we spoke to the children about the importance of a good nights sleep and the benefits of this. How much sleep you need can vary depending upon age and the NHS recommends that whilst babies will sleep for around 17 hours per day, older children may need 9-10 hours each night.

In our KS2 assemblies, we spoke to the children about dreams, aspirations and Martin Luther King linking to Martin Luther King day on Monday 16th January 2023.



## Free School Meals

As you may be aware, pupils eligible for free school meals generate additional funding for schools and we still use the LGfL Free School Meal Checking System. Over the next few weeks, we will be contacting parents who have not yet registered to request that you sign up to the system whether or not you are eligible at this point.

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

## Birthdays

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

- Max B
- Hunter H
- Harry E
- Lettie-Rose B
- Lillia-Grace B
- Keegan A
- Clara W



## Admissions

A reminder that the deadline for Nursery and Reception places are as follows:

- Nursery—31st January 2023
- Reception—15th January 2023

Please visit [www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions) to complete your application. If you can apply online, you will receive an email to notify you which school your child has been allocated. Paper forms can be obtained from the office. The offer dates are:

- Nursery—May 2023
- Reception—16th April 2023
- Secondary—1st March 2023

## Weekly Maths Challenge 1

One lap of the MUGA is 40m. How many laps would it take for someone to run a 500m race?

## Weekly Maths Challenge 2

What number is twenty-one less than six thousand?

5,981                      5,790                      4,001  
3,900                      5,979

## Weekly Maths Challenge 3

Which has the greatest value?

50% of 10              40% of 20              30% of 30

## Phonics in School

Below are the phonemes (sounds) the children have been learning about this week.

Year Group	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Rec	w x	wet, wig, win fox, six, mix, box
Year 1	oy	toy, enjoy, boy, royal
Year 2	er	happier, funnier, easier

N	Rosie-M C
R1	Beatrix S
R2	Ariana W
Y1/G3	Jaxon B
Y1/G4	Christopher P
Y2/G1	Charlie A
Y2/G2	Myla H
Y3/F3	Lillie-Jo R
Y3/F4	Ava-Rae M
Y4/RBL	Harper-Lee C
Y4/RBR	Rowanjay J
Y5/1	Abby-Jaye T
Y5/2	Leighton B
Y6/FBL	James M
Y6/FBR	Oscar S

## Parent Notices

- **Milk**—Milk will start on **Monday 16th January** for those who have ordered it for this term.
- **Parent Plea**—If your child has any old wellies that they no longer use, we would appreciate if these could be donated to school for use in our woodland area. We are looking for all sizes to fit children from Nursery to Year 6. Please hand in all donated items to the office.
- **May School Closures** — School will be closed on **Monday 1st May** for the Mayday Bank Holiday and on **Thursday 4th May** as our school is being used again for local elections. The government has also announced a one-off bank holiday on **Monday 8th May 2023** to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. School will be

closed to all pupils on the days listed above. SATs for Y6 pupils will start on Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023.

### Headteacher's Star Award

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

N	Chester P
R1	Skyla-Grace T
R2	Eliza-Mae B
Y1/G3	Emily L
Y1/G4	Briar B
Y2/G1	Spencer Hu
Y2/G2	Gracjan P
Y3/F3	Vinny W
Y3/F4	Henry H
Y4/RBL	Ellie T
Y4/RBR	Sienna D
Y5/1	Alecia O
Y5/2	Jessica O
Y6/FBL	Belle-Elise F
Y6/FBR	Emori S

### Congratulations and Well Done

- Huge congratulations to Isla J who has worked extremely hard to achieve her Angelfish 2 swimming award. Well done Isla—we're very proud of you!



**School Attendance Target is 96%**  
This weeks attendance is 95.9% which is below our school target.

N1	96.4%	Y3/F3	95.7%
N2	96.9%	Y3/F4	96.3%
N3	96.9%	Y4/RBL	97.4%
R1	92.2%	Y4/RBR	94.7%
R2	93.0%	Y5/F1	98.6%
Y1/G3	98.0%	Y5/F2	94.5%
Y1/G4	95.3%	Y6/FBL	94.0%
Y2/G1	98.0%	Y6/FBR	98.3%
Y2/G2	96.4%		

Everyday counts  
Attend Today  
Achieve Tomorrow

## Dates for the Diary—Spring Term

### Friday 20th January

Swimming starts for Y4 and Y5

### Thursday 26th January

Interim Governors Meeting 5:00 p.m.

### Friday 27th January

Choir to Young Voices

### Monday 31st January

Y3/F4 to Gladstone Pottery Museum

### Tuesday 1st February

Y3/F3 to Gladstone Pottery Museum

### Thursday 9th February

EYFS & KS1 non-uniform 'Wear what you love'

KS1 Valentines Disco 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

### Friday 10th February

KS2 non-uniform 'Wear what you love'

Y3/4 Valentines Disco 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Y5/6 Valentines Disco 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**\*Mon 20th to Fri 24th February—Half Term\***

### Friday 3rd March

Swimming starts for Y3 and Y6

### Monday 6th March

Dance 2023 at The Victoria Hall

### Tuesday 7th March

Y1/G4 to Brampton Museum

### Wednesday 8th March

Y1/G3 to Brampton Museum

### Wednesday 15th March

Y2/G1 to Hanley Museum

### Thursday 16th March

Y2/G2 to Hanley Museum

### Monday 20th March

Y3/4 Easter Bake Off

Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday 21st March

Y5/6 Easter Bake Off

Y4/RBR Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

### Wednesday 22nd March

Y4/RBL Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday 29th March

Easter Bonnet and Egg Parade

### Thursday 30th March

Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### Friday 31st March

Last Day of Spring Term

**Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April—Easter Holiday**

## Dinner Menu—Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

All meals are served with a dessert and drink (vegetarian options available). An alternative option of jacket potatoes and sandwiches are available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza with Paprika Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Meat and Potato Pie or Quorn Nuggets	Chicken Korma or Cheese Oatcakes	<b>*CENSUS SPECIAL*</b> Chicken Curry, Chicken Chow Mein, Chips, Rice, and Spring Rolls	Fish, Chips and Peas