

Stanbridge Lower School



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A Report from John Symonds - Chair of Governors

As Chair of Governors I take a particular pride to have been part of the school over the years of which I have served both as a governor and Chair. We are very fortunate we have a very good cross section of governors with a wide selection of experience to offer the school. I would like to thank them all for their support and guidance which has helped to improve the school. You can see from this report we have had an exciting year 2017/18 and are set to go forward with the help and support of all the staff, particularly Miss Godwin who continues to improve the lives of all the children who attend Stanbridge Lower School. I am sure you would all like to join me and thank all the staff for a happy school we can be proud of.

Curriculum

- > Mr Wilkins, the Maths Subject Leader has continued worked with members of the LC2 (schools in Leighton Buzzard) and has lead staff INSET training focusing on children mastering their key objectives and how teachers are planning for this.
- > The ICT curriculum has been revised completely to include more learning opportunities across the year groups. Learning now focuses on digital productivity, digital creativity, digital citizenship and technology and computing. These are available to view on our website. Please also look at the resources in the parent's section about keeping your child safe. All sorts of useful information is available for parents to refer to about keeping your child safe online, as well as our recommended e-safety rules for children.
- > We continue to use our Sports Premium funding to buy back into the LC2 Sport's Partnership and I would like to congratulate Miss Waller for ensuring competitions across the ages are well represented. We know the children really enjoy taking part in the competitions and festivals across the year. Once again we have achieved the Gold Sport's Mark which is proudly displayed in school. Further details of how this funding is spent and the impact of the funding can be found on the school website at www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk.
- > The Reception outside play area was re-organised across the year to allow the children greater access to resources in the outside play area. New storage cupboards were added to smarten up the area.
- > Cooking: We continue to employ a cookery teacher for Years 3 and 4, as this is now part of the curriculum. These lessons take part in the spring term and we use Pupil Premium funding to support the development of these essential skills. The Food for Life programme is followed and this is available to view on our website at



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www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk. Our school meals provider offers Big Cook, Little Cook lessons to the children in Year 2 and Reception and Year 1 cook at different points across the year with their class teacher.

Premises

- > The Governors continue to maintain the internal/external parts of the school and the school grounds and through the Premises Committee we have ensure the school meets the requirements for all aspects of Health and Safety across the year. It has taken a while to implement some of our internal changes eg hall doors, because of the budget constraints, but some of these projects are to be completed very soon.

Staffing

- > Interventions for Children: We continue to recognise children need extra support in their learning whether it is to extend and challenge, or support those who need extra help. Interventions have been enhanced and extra staff have been employed to continue help and give support to individual children. Our team of dedicated and highly skilled LSA's support learning very well and a percentage of our Pupil Premium funding is spent within this area.
- > Miss Hughes will become a full time SENCO and class teacher from September and this is a positive step for the school. Staff and parents will be able to access her skills, knowledge and advice more readily because of this.
- > We say a fond farewell to Mrs Kateley who has worked at Stanbridge for 28 years. We wish her well in her retirement and will miss her outstanding teaching at Stanbridge.

Governance

- > The Governors and Miss Godwin, as well as the Senior Leadership Team at Stanbridge have continued to work effectively together addressing areas for development identified on our last OFSTED report. Governors are now more able to challenge progress and attainment at full governing body meetings as our reports now include information about progress across each year group from September to July. We have monitored the action points about attendance and the Family Liaison Officer continues to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to those who have unexplained absences and poor attendance. A range of other actions are in place address poor attendance and attendance is, as always, monitored regularly.
- > Thank you for all completing the Annual Questionnaire that was sent out in May. The Governors and Miss Godwin have reviewed these questionnaires and overall these are very positive with parent's being very happy with the education their children receive at Stanbridge. As usual we are happy to work on any points for development that parent's feel could be improved.

John Symonds
Chair of Governors
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