

# Stanbridge Lower School



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Dear Parents/Guardians

### The Pegasus Award for Year 3 and Year 4 Children

In keeping with our on-going drive to provide our pupils with opportunities to progress in an enjoyable and rewarding learning environment, we are delighted to announce that we have become affiliated to The Pegasus Award. This award programme is similar to the well-known Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme which is available from the age 14. Pegasus can be started in primary school and can be continued in secondary school and is based on the reward of effort and relative progression. The award has a number of levels - each one lasting approximately a term. All levels cover 4 themes: Healthy Living: Skills for Life: Helping Others and Exploring the Environment and these are summarised at the end of this letter. At the end of each level, pupils receive a certificate and an enamel badge which they can wear on their school uniform. We regard this as a wonderful opportunity to encourage our children to be the best that they can be and hope that your child will be prepared to rise to the challenge of the award. There is no charge for participation.

The award has been running successfully in schools and other settings around the country and Duncan Smith who leads the award has come into school to run a staff training session. He is visiting again on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November to launch the award to the children. Schools that have successfully run the programme have reported that the children enjoy working towards each of the four themes and the children find the award very motivating and enjoyable. The scheme will be run in school and be led by Miss Godwin, who will help the children to set targets that are achievable for them. There might be some instances where the children need to work on their target at home and the children should be able to communicate this to you. Each child will be given a folder where all their achievements can be recorded across the year. We are all very excited about running the award in school and look forward to working with the children to help them complete their objectives.

If you are interested in finding out anything further about the award please go to [www.learnandgrow.co.uk/pegasus/](http://www.learnandgrow.co.uk/pegasus/)

### Christingle Service - Christmas Eve, 4pm.

On behalf of Stanbridge Village Mrs McGregor is organizing the Christingle Service. It will be on Christmas Eve at St John's Church, Stanbridge at 4pm. All are welcome. Mrs McGregor will send out more information and Christingle order forms nearer the time.



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## Holidays in Term Time

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that rules relating to holidays in term time changed and ***no holidays will be authorised in term time***. If there are circumstances where you need to take your children out of school for exceptional reasons, please can you speak to me about this. The form to request holidays for exceptional reasons is available to download on the school website and must be submitted to the Head Teacher for approval.

**Diary Dates:** These will be included on the school calendar on the website. Teachers are currently planning school trips for their classes and other curriculum events will also be organised and as the teachers plan their topics for the term. You will be notified of these accordingly.

8 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby 1.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service in Leighton Buzzard for Yr3/4 members of Student Council
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics 1.45pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production: PS, Rec, Yr1 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production: Yr2,3,4 2pm
Tbc	Christmas Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties 1.15pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term
7 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term
W/B 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr3/4 Ukulele lessons start for 10 weeks
W/B 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 4 Cooking lessons start with specialist cooking teacher
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr3/4 Tag Rugby 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
25-27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Grafham Residential Field Trip
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
W/B 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 3 Cooking lessons start with specialist cooking teacher
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr1/2, 3/4 Inclusion Sports Festival 2pm
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - all year groups
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr3/4 High 5 Netball 2pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Science Day - all year groups
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr1/2 Sports Hall Athletics 2pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Yr3/4 Girls Football 2pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Pre-school Class Assembly, 2.45pm
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 1/2 Sports Hall Athletics
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3/4 High 5 Netball 2pm
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Yr 4 Residential Field Trip for Year 4
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 3/4 Kwik Cricket 10am
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 1/2 Tri Golf 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport's Day on Field
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 2.45pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr3/4 Quick Sticks 4pm



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2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Yr 3/4 Orienteering 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Children meet their new teacher for the following year
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports and New Class Lists to Parents
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon 2pm
tbc	Yr 4 End of Term Treat
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 4 Award Ceremony
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term

The Pegasus Award

# The 3 Strands

## HEALTHYLIVING

Participants are rewarded for displaying an awareness of the importance of exercise and healthy diet. Can be incorporated into lessons or food technology and reader project-based work.

## HELPING OTHERS

10 volunteering sessions. Ideally outside of school but opportunities within school night are appropriate. Links with Step-up to Serve campaign.



## EXPLORING THE ENVIRONMENT

An outdoor activity such as an old trip, forest school, walking bus or a school road ride out to a class project/existing school trip or rural/urban environments.

## SKILLS FOR LIFE

An opportunity to develop important key skills in a range of subjects as well as literacy and numeracy. Could also be used to promote manners, punctuality and communication skills.

