

Stanbridge Lower School



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Staff Update

Miss Waller will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this half term and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well. Miss Bunn will be joining us until Miss Waller returns next year.

Performance of Charlotte's Web

Tomorrow the children will be enjoying a performance of Charlotte's Web in school by a local theatre company.

Pets in School

Please remember school pets/dogs are not allowed on school premises. The children have been visited today by Blue Cross Pet Care and have listened to a presentation about how to care and look after their pets. Guide dogs as always are welcomed into school.

Clean Air Outside of School

The Royal College of Physicians estimate **40,000 deaths a year in the UK are linked to air pollution**, with engine idling contributing to this. The Government is working to address the issue as a whole, but what can you do to help the situation? Cutting out engine idling will help for a start - not only will it improve air quality in congested areas but it is also a potentially fine-able offence.

Why is idling bad? Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

If you park anywhere around school, please be considerate and turn off your engine. Everyone's health is affected.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all your children and we would like to encourage them to take part. The local library will be visiting school to launch this exciting challenge to the children in the summer term. For further details please contact your local library.



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Bus Bay Update

As you are aware after Easter we returned to see a bus bay had been painted onto the road which we all agree is dangerous because it

1. Blocks disabled access and the uncontrolled crossing point.
2. Blocks parents crossing the road physically and visually
3. Drivers pulling out of Orchard Way opposite the bus lane find it hard to pull round
4. It's too long
5. It's been placed in the wrong place

School was not consulted over where to position the bus lane and since then I have been liaising with the Team Leader of Traffic Management (Highways).

Mr Salmon states in his letter.

As I understand matters, this change was implemented due to the issues our public transport team were having with the buses and dropping off and picking up pupils.

We have utilised the area where the existing School Keep Clear markings were to ensure there was no detriment to available parking, including parking bays for residential homes close to the new bay.

The marking and amendment was assessed and although we appreciate the fact it is where the uncontrolled crossing point is, and how many buses were on site, we assessed that people could still cross as they had done previously.

It was our understanding that this was discussed with ourselves by the transport team and the bay was therefore implemented at their request.

We will continue to monitor the situation, but have no immediate plans to amend the bay as now installed.

Obviously I am not happy with this response and I now awaiting a reply to the above points. I will keep you informed of any developments and in the meantime if a parent wishes to issue a formal complaint, then they need to do it direct to the customer services team, customerservices@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Reminders

Year 1 Class Assembly: 20th May at 2.45pm.

Windsor Castle Trip for Yr 1-4: Please send in any outstanding money as soon as possible

Woburn Safari Park Trip for Pre-school and Reception: Please send in any outstanding money as soon as possible.

INSET DAY: 3rd June. Children return from half term on Tuesday 4th June.

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.

20 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
20 th - 22 nd May	Yr 4 Residential Field Trip for Year 4
27 th - 31 st May	Half Term
6 th June	Yr 3/4 Kwik Cricket 10am



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13 th June	Yr 1/2 Tri Golf 2pm
14 th June	Sport's Day on Field
20 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 2.45pm
27 th June	Yr3/4 Quick Sticks 4pm
2 nd July	Yr 3/4 Orienteering 2pm
11 th July	Children meet their new teacher for the following year
12 th July	Reports and New Class Lists to Parents
15 th July	Open Afternoon 2pm
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19 th July	Yr 4 Award Ceremony
19 th July	Last Day of Term

Yours sincerely

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