

Stanbridge Lower School



A FEW REMINDERS!



Flu Jab Reminders

Please remember to register online for your child's flu jab – this needs to be done by 3rd October – you can find the link on the school website under letters.

PTFA Bag2School Collection

The more we collect, the more we raise! Drop your bags off in the playground on **12th October by 9am** and they do the rest!

Harvest Festival Weds 4th October
PS, Rec and Year 1: 9.30 – 10.00
Year 2,3,4: 10.30 – 11.00

Can children bring donations for the Leighton Buzzard Food Bank into school on Mon 2nd/Tue 3rd Oct - tins, cans and packets please.

	PE Days	Forest School
R	Jan: Wed PM	Weds
1	Tues & Thu	Thu
2	Thu & Fri	Weds
3	Mon & Wed	Spring
4	Mon & Wed	Monday

Newsletter 2: Thu 28th Sept 2023

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents & Carers,
 I am trialling a more informal newsletter to share updates, reminders and celebrations with parents. I will continue to send a more formal newsletter when needed, but hope you find this useful.

Over the last few weeks, I have been visiting classrooms and I continue to be impressed by how much the children enjoy learning here at Stanbridge; forest school in Pre-School, phonics in YR & Y2, amazing stories in Yr1, French in Yr3 and impressive art in Yr4. Lots of great learning going on!

Thankyou to those of you who were able to support the parent information sessions over the last two weeks. If you were unable to attend, please visit your child's class page and do speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thankyou also to those teachers who presented.

I look forward to seeing you at next week's Harvest; we will do our best to accommodate everyone, but it will be tight, so we ask that you leave pushchairs outside and limit the amount of guests you bring.

Finally, appointment letters for the Autumn Parent Consultation will be going out tomorrow. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
 Miss Gooding (Headteacher)

Be Smart & Be Proud

All children should be wearing the correct school uniform; this is an important part of the Stanbridge identity.
 PE kits must be in school on PE days; we are happy for children to leave kits in school if this helps.

Stanbridge Pumpkin Patch for Harvest

All children are invited to decorate a pumpkin for Harvest; cutting, decorating, drawing or marking their pumpkin are some of the ways they might be creative. Pumpkins should be brought into school on **Monday 2nd October** and placed on the front patch of grass for everyone to see; pumpkins will be judged on Tuesday 4th October, so please ensure you can identify which is yours. Good Luck.



School parking



Courteous & Safe Parking

Please be mindful of our neighbours when picking up and dropping off at the school. Remember to park considerately and not across driveways, as well as turning the engine off when waiting to avoid unnecessary fumes.

Please also avoid parking in the allocated bus parking. This is for buses or those with a blue disabled badge only. Thankyou for your support with this.

Children MUST wear seatbelts at all times; it is the law.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less
absence per year
97% or above
VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
BELOW
EXPECTATIONS

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
POOR
ATTENDANCE

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance is currently 93% -
we need to be at least 95%

Please continue to ensure your child is in school and on time every day. We will be monitoring attendance closely and will be in contact if we have concerns about your child. Your child's attendance should be 97% or above.

ATTEND TODAY

ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Autumn Dates & Events 2023: newly added dates in red

October- awaiting date	Pegasus Award – Induction Training for children
Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th Oct	Harvest Pumpkin Patch; design or decorate your own pumpkin for the Stanbridge Pumpkin Patch – prizes for the most original pumpkins!
Weds 4 th Oct	Harvest Festival: PS, R, Yr1: 9.30 – 10.00 Yr 2,3,4: 10.30 – 11.00
Thu 5 th Oct 2pm	Yr1,2,3,4 Run for Fun Event
Thu 5 th Oct; times TBC	Flu Immunisations in school
Mon 9 th Oct – Fri 20 th Oct	Mrs Brewer on Jury Service – Mrs Kately covering Yr4
Weds 11 th Oct 3.45-6.00	YR, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 Parent Consultations; face to face meetings in school
Weds 2 nd Nov 3.45-6.00	Re-scheduled Parent Consultations for Yr4
Tues 31 st Oct 2pm	Yr3 & Yr4 Cluster Festival; information to follow
Thu 16 th Nov	School Photographer for individual photographs and group photos of siblings in school
Mon 6 th - Thu 9 th Nov	We Will Remember Project Week: Art & Writing Focus
Fri 10 th Nov	Whole School: We Will Remember Exhibition – parents & carers invited – Yr groups allocated time slots throughout the morning
Thu 16 th Nov	Yr3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics; information to follow
17 th Nov	Children in Need
13 th Dec	Christmas Production: PS, R, Yr 1: 9.45am Yr 2,3,4: 1.45am
To be confirmed	Christmas Dinner at School
Mon 18 th Dec	Carols & Cakes: Carols on the Playground followed by a Christmas Bake Sale: 3.30pm – 4.30pm – parents and carers invited
Tue 19 th Dec	Christmas Parties in school
Community Event: Christingle Service at St Johns Stanbridge – date to be confirmed	
Other key dates for Spring already agreed:	
Thu 7 th March	World Book Day – more details to follow
Wed 13 th March	Parent Consultations: choice given of face to face or telephone consultations
Wed 22 nd - Wed 24 th May	Grafham Residential Field Trip – Year 3 and 4 – more details to follow



Guest speakers from PoetsIN a Creative Mental Health Charity.

A Charity Created For People Struggling With Their Mental Health By Two Poets Who Have Struggled Too.

Parent Session

Thursday 28th September 2023

4.30-5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/694086420167?aff=oddtcreator>

Resources will be shared after the workshop.

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:

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