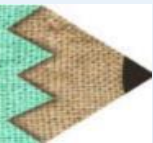


Stanbridge Lower School



A FEW REMINDERS!



Be Smart & Be Proud

All children should be wearing the correct school uniform; this is an important part of the Stanbridge identity and will be monitored more closely after half term.

PE kits must be in school on PE days; we are happy for children to leave kits in school if this helps.

Scooters, Bikes & Helmets

We are more than happy for children to cycle or scoot to school, but we encourage helmets for safety; we also ask that children dismount their 'wheels' on the playground please.

No Mobile Devices

Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile devices into school.

KS1 SATs Update: Yr2

The Department for Education have decided that the KS1 tests are now optional. Schools may still use the assessment materials to support teacher judgements at the end of Yr2. This will be done in a supportive and informal manner to ensure the accurate assessment of each child.

Newsletter 2: Fri 20th October 2023

A note from the Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow...what a busy, but successful half term we have had here at Stanbridge. A few of my highlights include the Pumpkin Patch, which got the whole community talking, the Yr1-4 Fun Run, where children astounded me with their determination, and finally when Miss Benesch arrived at school on a tractor...true village life!

Parents evening was also a great success; your child's education and wellbeing is a partnership between home and school, so if you do have any queries, don't wait for the next parents evening, contact the school to speak with your child's teacher as soon as something arises, so we can get it sorted. Thankyou to those parents who completed a questionnaire during the evening. I have shared the outcomes later in this newsletter – lots of lovely comments and of course some things for us to work on.

Overall, I continue to be impressed by children's kindness towards each other and their hard work in lessons; we have spent a lot of time in assemblies thinking about how we can believe in ourselves to achieve our very best, particularly when we find things difficult.

Finally, I would like to say a great big thankyou to our PTFA, who work extremely hard to raise additional money for the school. This half term alone, they have organised lollypop sales, a clothes bag collection and a very successful Halloween disco. These parents are all volunteers, but I am already impressed by their organisation, commitment and generosity towards the school....I also know they have many more brilliant ideas to come, so watch this space and please continue to support them.

Have a lovely half term holiday and remember we have a training day on Monday 30th October; **children return to school on Tuesday 31st October.**

Kind regards,
Miss Gooding (Headteacher)

We Will Remember Project Week & Exhibition

The week beginning 6th November, the whole school will embark on a project week to explore varying aspects of war and why it is important to remember the people who have sacrificed their lives for us. The children's outcomes will be displayed as part of an exhibition on Friday 10th November and parents will be invited to attend with their children in the afternoon. Due to the size of the hall, we invite you to attend during the following times with the option to take your children with you when you leave; we can of course be flexible with families who have children across both phases. We'd love to see you there:

- **Pre-School, Reception, Yr1: anytime between 1.30-2.30**
- **Yr2,3,4: anytime between 2.30-3.30**
- **All other children will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition with their friends**



Poppies and remembrance items will be on sale the first two weeks back after half term.

Little City Event for PS, YR & Yr1: Fri 17th November



For the first time at Stanbridge, we are hosting our very own Little City event for Pre-School, Reception & Yr1. This is a mobile role play City for children under 6 to explore and enjoy. Creative backdrops and specially selected high-quality toys and equipment are organised so that your child can fully immerse themselves in their own world, developing a variety of key skills. We will be asking for a small contribution of £4.00 and hope that you can support with this. More details will follow after half term.

ATTEND TODAY

ACHIEVE TOMORROW



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.

FLU VACCINE DON'T DELAY


Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

Something your little one doesn't need this winter is the flu.

Missed our immunisations team at your school?
Book a catch up appointment at one of our clinics.

#DOYOURBITESSEX



#GetTheFluVaccine

End of half term celebrations



Stanbridge Star Winners this half term

These children have been nominated and selected weekly across the half term for a variety of reasons. We have celebrated their achievements in our weekly Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to you all.

Martin (Y4)	James (Y1)	Ezra (Y3)	Freddie (Y3)
Sophia (Y1)	Khloe(Y4)	Lexi (Y2)	Olivia (Y4)

Classpoint Celebrations this half term

Children work together as a class to collect points. Totals are shared in our weekly Celebration Assembly and tallied at the end of each half term. Well done to all of our classes and special congratulations to Yr4.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
290	351	529	585	600

Something new..... a postcard from the Headteacher

At the end of each half term, selected children will receive a postcard from the headteacher in the post; this will be for upholding the Stanbridge Values; Be Kind, Work Hard, Believe in Yourself. These children will be invited for a special treat in the Headteacher's office.

I wonder, will you get a postcard from Miss Gooding this half term?



Parent Questionnaire Results October 2023

My child is happy at this school.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
71%	29%	0%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at this school.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
83%	17%	0%	0%	0%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
48%	40%	2%	0%	10%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
5%	5%	0%	5%	10%
My child has not been bullied		75%		
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
38%	57%	5%	0%	0%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
36%	29%	6%	0%	0%
I have not raised any concerns		29%		
Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?				
Yes	17%	No	83%	
If yes: the school gives them the support they need to succeed.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
43%	0%	29%	0%	28%
The school has high expectations for my child.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
20%	60%	10%	0	10%
My child does well at this school.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
44%	45%	2%	2%	7%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
31%	52%	10%	2%	5%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
36%	57%	0%	0%	7%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
40%	48%	2%	0%	10%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
33%	43%	5%	0%	19%

Summary of parent comments: What's working well?

Nurturing environment
Community feel
Children make friends easily
Very happy to come to school
Care, love and confidence to individuals
Great phonics and reading progress
Children feel safe and are well looked after
Amazing outdoor learning opportunities
Recognising child's strengths and encouraging them
Wonderful teachers
Making progress in all areas of the curriculum
Children with a high level of SEND are well supported

Summary of parent comments: What could be better?

Communication
Expectations; particularly more able
PE opportunities
Uniform with Logo
Consistency with changing reading books
Homework review
Extra curricular opportunities outside of school hours
Opps to extend building to create more space

Next Steps

- Thankyou so much for all of the lovely comments about Stanbridge; we will be exploring ways to address the areas of improvement and appreciate your feedback.
- Please also see below for some information about our up and coming Parent Forum.



Stanbridge Parent Forum Coming Soon

Parent forums are a way for parents to get more involved in school life. They're informal meetings where parents come together to raise issues with a senior member of staff, be consulted on school policy and give their views. Parent forums are not:

- **Parent governors** - they sit on the governing board to offer a parental perspective
- **Parent teacher associations (PTAs)** - [PTAs](#) are separate legal entities and must be registered as charities in certain cases

Mrs Davies will be in contact with more information after half term if you are interested in attending this forum.

Autumn Dates & Events 2023: newly added dates in red

Weds 2 nd Nov 3.45-6.00	Re-scheduled Parent Consultations for Yr4
Tues 31 st Oct 2.00-4.30pm	Yr3 & Yr4 Cluster Festival – selected children only
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 afternoon
Thu 16 th Nov	Yr3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics; information to follow
17 th Nov	Little City Event for Pre-School, Reception & Yr1 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
Sun 24 th Dec	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
Wed 22 nd - Wed 24 th May	Grafham Residential Field Trip – Year 3 and 4 – more details to follow

Half Term Competition

Design your own scarecrow and give him or her a name. This can be a 2d or a 3d design of any size. Entries to be brought into school on Tuesday 31st October. Good Luck.

