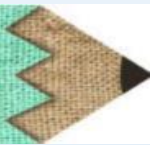


Stanbridge Lower School



© A FEW REMINDERS!



School Parking

Please help us to keep your children safe by **NOT** parking in the allocated bus parking or zig zag lines outside the school.

Parking here causes significant congestion making it difficult for cars to pass and dangerous for families to cross.

We will continue to monitor and will be asking cars to move if they choose to park here.

Newsletter 3: Mon 20th November 2023

A note from the Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, our 'Little City' event was a huge success last Friday; I had my heart rate checked, I bought a latte from the coffee stand, I asked the builders to build us an extra classroom and was charged £100 for a lolly!!! The lady hosting the event commented on how well our children engaged with the role-play; I was particularly impressed with the children's language and imagination during the session. This was a great suggestion from Miss Lacy. Thankyou to those families who contributed, as without your financial support, we can not host these opportunities for your children. See the website for some great photos.

Secondly, Mrs Davies hosted our very first Parent Forum last week and I would like to thank those parents who gave up their time to contribute. School uniform and the use of photos in school were the main agenda items this time round; your feedback is invaluable in helping us to make Stanbridge the best it can be and the SLT will be considering your suggestions this week to agree a way forward.

Finally, please do check the diary dates to ensure you don't miss out on anything, particularly as we get very busy closer to Christmas. Have a good week.

Kind regards,
Miss Gooding (Headteacher)

Thankyou to the 'Stanbridge Superheroes' ...otherwise known as our volunteers!

We currently have 5 amazing volunteers working as part of our team;

Mrs Gibbons, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Griffin, Mrs Pennington, Mrs Pryor

They are hardworking, dedicated and such an asset to our school – we just wanted to mention them because they really do make a difference and we love having you as part of the Stanbridge team.





Christmas Performances

No doubt your children have mentioned that we are already rehearsing for our Christmas performances.

Pre School, YR and Y1 will be performing The Twinkly Nativity this year. If you haven't already, please remember to send in your child's costume soon.

Y2,3,4 will be hosting a Christmas Celebration which will be a mix of song, dance and poetry.

Dates and times can be found at the end of this newsletter – don't forget to save the date.



Stanbridge Winter Wonderland 6th & 7th December

This year, the PTFA are organising a magical event in our very own woodland garden. More information will follow shortly, so check book bags for information later in the week.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023



Last week, children spent some time 'making a noise about bullying'. We talked about how 'jokes' can sometimes be hurtful and what to do if you or someone you know is being bullied; **tell a grown up**. We have also introduced 'Worry Boxes' into our classrooms for children who find it difficult to share their feelings.



NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

As part of the school's safeguarding curriculum, teachers will be delivering the age appropriate PANTS lesson over the next week; this is recommended by the NSPCC. If you would like to find out more about this, please go to: [//learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/pants-teaching](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/pants-teaching)

There is also some useful information for parents: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/

Yr3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics

Thankyou to the following children who participated at this event with gusto, pride and determination:

Indiana, Charlie, Nectaria, Sia, Esra, Billy, Archie, Olivia, George, Khloe, Abigail

Also....a special thanks to Mrs Turney and one of our volunteers, Mrs Gibbons for supporting; we can't offer these opportunities without your help.



ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Attendance & Punctuality Updates



- Whole school attendance is 93%.
 - Persistent absence is 17%.
- There have been 82 lates since the start of term.

Come on Stanbridge, we can do better. Please continue to ensure your child is in school and on time every day, so long as they are well enough. The playground door will be closed at 9am promptly as this is when our Pre-School children come in. If you arrive after 9am, you will be asked to report to the main office; this ensures our registers are accurate. If you have an unavoidable leave request, please complete the appropriate paperwork and hand to Mrs Davies or the school office.

No holidays will be agreed during term time.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

MINUTES LATE TO SCHOOL	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN 1 YEAR
5 MINUTES PER DAY =	3.4 DAYS MISSED 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES PER DAY =	6.9 DAYS MISSED 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES PER DAY =	10.3 DAYS MISSED 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES PER DAY =	13.8 DAYS MISSED 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES PER DAY =	20.7 DAYS MISSED 89.2% ATTENDANCE

Autumn Dates & Events 2023: newly added dates in red

6 th & 7 th December	PTFA Winter Wonderland event
7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13 th December	Christmas Production: PS, R, Yr 1: 9.45am Yr 2,3,4: 1.45am
14 th December	Christmas Dinner at School – menu at the end of the newsletter
Mon 18 th December	Carols & Cakes: 3.00-4.00pm Children will perform Carols on the Playground 3.00-3.20 and then dismiss to parents. PTFA will host a cake sale after the carols, so we ask that each child donates either pre-packaged cakes or if sending homemade, include a list of ingredients with your donation. Thankyou for your support with this.
Tues 19 th December	Christmas Parties; children are invited to bring in party clothes to change into. The school will provide a drink and small snack, so there is not need to send in party food.
Sun 24 th December at 4pm	Community Event: Christingle Service at St Johns Stanbridge

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



Remembrance Exhibition Photos

If you haven't seen the photos from our Remembrance exhibition, please go to our website. Every class worked hard to share their learning and we had over 80 visitors attend this event. Thankyou so much for coming if you were one of them. It was a very special exhibition.





Christmas Lunch Menu

Thursday 14th December

Roast Turkey & Trimmings

Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Chipolatas,
Rosemary & Garlic Potatoes and seasonal Veg

Stuffing & Cranberry Slice

Stuffing, Cranberries & Veggie Mince wrapped in puff
Pastry with Rosemary & Garlic Potatoes and
seasonal Veg

Cinnamon Cake

Cinnamon Cake topped with fluffy
Cream Cheese frosting

hobbs
Quality Food for Schools





CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The community policing team are asking local children age 13 and under to create a Christmas card, with a twist..

On the Christmas card there must be something linked to the police, maybe a hat or siren or a car!

Winners will receive a festive treat!

On the back of the card please ensure the child's name is clearly written, with their age and a contact number!

Closing date -

Tuesday 12th December.

Please drop off cards at

Waitrose Customer Services
Waterborne Walk

F.A.O Sgt ISON & PCSO CARNE

