

Stanbridge Lower School



 **A FEW REMINDERS!**



Next Parent Forum
Thu 7th March

Spring Parent Consultation

Reception – Yr4

Weds 13th March 3.45-6.30pm

There will be an appointment letter coming home this week. Please select your preferences and your child's teacher will do their best to co-ordinate times with any siblings.

PTFA Mothers Day Shop

Friday 8th March

£2.50 per gift



Please return the slip and money with the number of gifts you would like by **Friday 1st March**. Thankyou.

Newsletter 6: Wed 28th Feb 2024

A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,



Welcome back after half term. We had hoped that the spring sunshine would enable us to enjoy our school field with the newly refurbished trim trail, but the colder (and wetter) weather persists sadly - hopefully we can return to our lovely field soon.

Thankyou to the many parents who joined us for the Symbols of Faith Exhibition at the end of last half term. The children worked hard through the week and enjoyed sharing their work with you – lots of great learning and a reminder that treating others with kindness is a core value through all faiths. See later in the newsletter and on our website for some photos.

This half term, we are looking forward to World Book Day on Thu 7th March, where children are invited to dress up in a theme from their favourite book. Then later on in the term, we will host our annual Bake Off competition followed by a Spring Singalong on the playground – parents invited. ☺

Class topic webs and newsletters will be available on the website by the end of the week and I look forward to seeing you all on Weds 13th March for Parents' Consultation. Please do make an appointment, so we can discuss your child's progress with you; English, Maths & Science books will be available for viewing.

Kind regards,

Miss Gooding
Headteacher



Please be Vigilant during Pick Up

As a community, we do all we can to keep our children safe and we ask that you are extra vigilant when supervising your children during pick up times.

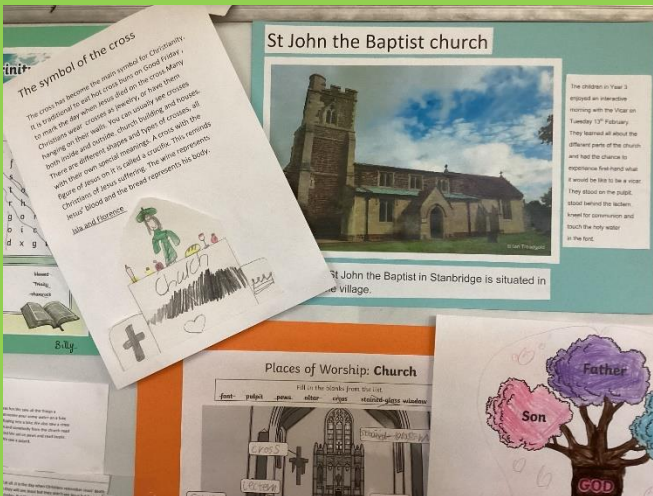
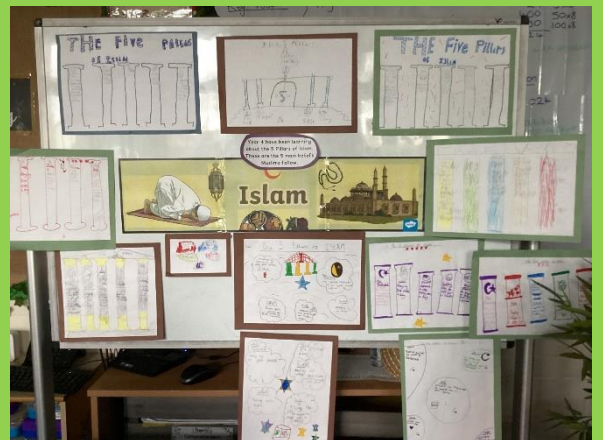
This is a busy time of day and children do sometimes wander off or get caught up in other groups. Parked cars, busy traffic and unknown members of the public all pose a risk to our children, so let's ensure we keep them safe.

If there is a change in pick up arrangements, please let the school know so your child's teacher can be informed. Otherwise, we will not dismiss your child until we have your permission.





Symbols of Faith Exhibition



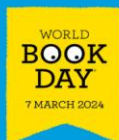
Raising the Roof on Reading

We have started to make some changes to our library space so that it inspires a love of reading as well as providing a functional, inviting reading space for our children. We have a bit more work to do, but I have enclosed some photos below to give you an idea of how the space is being developed. We will officially re-launch the library on World Book Day in recognition of our governor who retired at Christmas after 25 years service.

World Book day is next week on Thursday 7th March and we are inviting staff and children to dress up as their favourite book characters. Children will be invited to participate in a variety of book related activities throughout the day and rather than making a financial donation, we ask that each child donates a book to our library; pre-loved or new. Any child making a donation will be given a sticker to insert with their name on.



Reading aloud with your child, just **10 minutes** a day, is one of the best ways to provide learning tools for life



Save the date!
World Book Day
7 March 2024



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Last Half Term Celebrations

Stanbridge Star Winners for last half term

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



Mary S (Y3)	Lillie (Y2)	Nancy (Y3)	Indianna (Y3)
Leo (Y4)	Joe (Y2)	Amber (Y3)	Dulcy (Y1)



Classpoint Celebrations this half term

Children work together as a class to collect points. Totals are shared in our Celebration Assembly and the winning class get to keep our school mascot Stan for the week. He is very cuddly and a little bit mischievous. Classpoints are tallied at the end of each half term. Well done to all of our classes and special congratulations to our half term winners in Yr2.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
250	479	650	633	408



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. Well done to the winners from Autumn 2:

Noah B (YR), Caleb P (Y1), Bertie M (Y2), Freddie (Y3), Marley (Y4).

The winners from Spring 1 have received their postcards already and will be joining Miss Gooding for a treat this week.



Online Safety Poster Competition:

Thankyou to those children who entered...we are going to re-run this competition in school, as we would like more children to be involved and received several entries without names. We will keep you updated.



Forest School Wood Donations Wanted

With your support at events, the PTFA have kindly paid for a log storage shed, so that we can collect wood for den building as well as our fire pit in the Forest School. The shed is located on our playground next to the bins – please feel free to donate any spare wood you have collected or no longer need. Thankyou.



SPRING DATES & EVENTS 2024 (Updates in red)

Every Wednesday	Yr3 & 4 swimming – continue every Wednesday in Spring term
Mon 26 th February	Back to school for staff and children
Thu 7 th March	World Book Day; Dress Up Day & Donate a Book Parent Forum Meeting 2.30pm: Agenda - Homework & Communication
Fri 8 th March	Mothers Day Shop – info sent home by PTFA
Wed 13 th March	Parent Consultation Appointments 3.45-6.00pm
Mon 25 th March	Great Stanbridge Bake Off – more information to follow Whole School Spring Sing Along on the playground at 3pm – Bake Off Winners announced - parents invited to attend
Wed 27 th March	Last swimming day for Y3 & 4
Thu 28 th March	Last day of Spring term
Mon 15 th April	Training day – staff only
Tue 16 th April	Back to school for children – Summer term
Key dates for summer term	
Wed 22 nd - Fri 24 th May	Grafham Residential Field Trip – Year 3 and 4 only

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Current: 92%

Target: 97%



Our attendance has improved very slightly from my last newsletter and I would like to say thankyou to those families who are trying really hard to ensure their children are here every day. We are definitely starting to see an improvement, but we still have a long way to go to reach 97% which is the school target. Please continue to support your child's attendance.

Either hand your entry directly to the Michael Anthony Office in Leighton Buzzard or return your entry to the school office by 20th March and we will send all entries together. Good Luck.



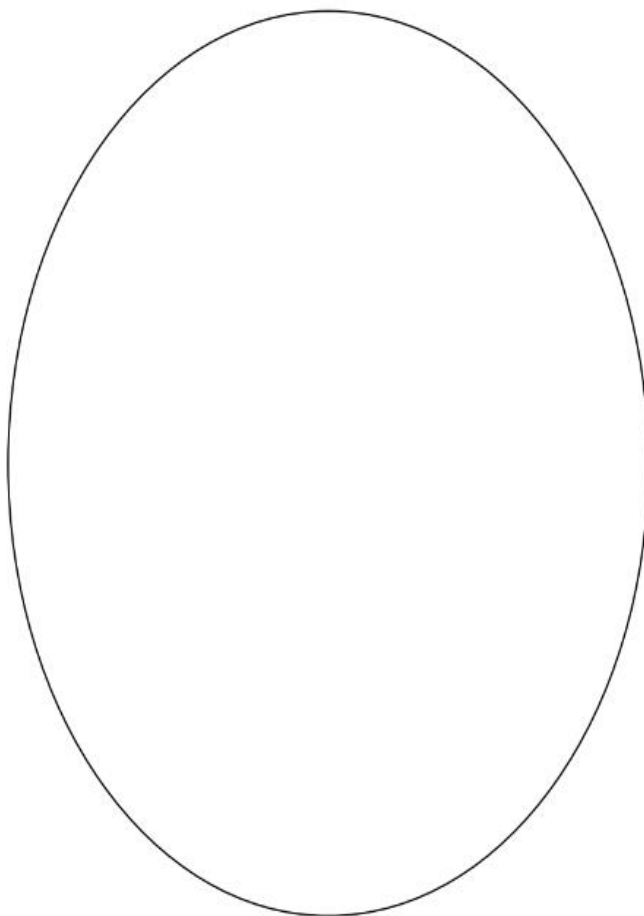
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EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Design an Easter Egg Colouring competition.

Hand this into our office by 22nd of March 2024.

1st 2nd and 3rd Chocolate Egg Prize. The winner's school will also receive book vouchers.



NAME: Age: School:

Parent/Guardian Contact Name and Number: