

# Stanbridge Lower School



**A FEW REMINDERS!**



## Next Parent Forum

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school – this will be even more important during the summer term.



## PE Kit

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit back into school after the holidays. It is really useful to have PE kits in school every day, so children are welcome to leave them on their pegs to save remembering.

## Optional Summer Uniform



- Grey shorts instead of trousers
- Summer dress/playsuit (blue and white gingham) instead of grey pinafore or skirt
- Flat, enclosed white sandals instead of black shoes
- Sun hats/caps
- In hot weather, please apply sun cream before school

## Newsletter 8: Fri 29th March 2024

### A note from the Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

Of course, we celebrated the end of the Spring term in true Stanbridge style with a wonderful 'Bake Off and Spring Singalong'. This brought the whole school community together and created an exciting buzz around our classrooms and corridors. Thankyou to everyone who supported these fantastic events.

After Easter, we have the Book Fair visiting the first week back and we will be selling books after school in the school hall; this is another great way to get children excited about books, as well as raise some additional funds for the school. You will see that we have scheduled different year groups to attend different days – this is just a guideline to reduce congestion in the hall, so if you have children in other year groups or can't make a particular day, you are welcome to come on an alternative date.

I wish you all a relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing the children back on Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April – please remember that Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April is a training day.

Happy Easter to those of you celebrating this weekend and Eid Mubarak to our staff and families celebrating Eid later in the holidays. As always, enjoy these special times with your families.

Kind regards,

Miss Gooding  
Headteacher



# PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Thankyou to the PTFA for organising an Egg Hunt for all the children at Stanbridge.  
An additional thankyou to Tesco who kindly donated some of the eggs.  
The children had a fabulous time.



## Photo Permission

We are sharing more photos via our newsletter, website and Facebook page. Feedback from the recent questionnaires on communication indicate that parents enjoy seeing photos of their children involved in school activities.

However, if you have changed your mind about photo permission, please contact the school office to update your preferences. Thankyou.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Miss Benesch & her partner on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl. They popped in to see us and the children were very excited to meet the new baby. Everyone was fighting for cuddles!!



# The Great Stanbridge Bake Off

Thankyou to all of the children, parents and staff who baked entries for our 'Bake Off' event. We were overwhelmed by everyone's efforts and are very grateful to our judging panels who had the tough job of tasting and evaluating the many bakes. See below for our Star Bakers & Runners Up. After the judging, our wonderful PTFA held a bake sale and raised £175.00 due to your generous donations - thankyou.



## STAR BAKERS & RUNNER UPS

### Children's Bakes

Judged by two of our PTFA: Polly & Michelle

Star Baker: Thea (Y1)  
 Runner Ups: Frankie (Y1), Dulcie (Y1), Janna (Y2), Olivia (Y3)

### Parent Bakes

Judged by two of our volunteers: Mrs Greenacre & Mrs Gibbons

Star Baker: Mrs Mitchell  
 Runner Up: Mrs Halliday

### Staff Bakes

Judged by our pupil panel: Dalina, Ioannis, Lexy, Florence & Marley

Star Baker: Mrs Felstead  
 Runner Up: Miss Lacy

# Y2 MEDIEVAL BANQUET

Yr2 brought their Castles & Knights topic to a finale with an amazing Medieval Banquet; making bread, preparing soup and designing jester hats. A huge thankyou to Mrs Llewelyn for supporting Mrs Hassan with this event and also to our volunteer, Mrs Johnson. A very memorable morning.



# End of 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 celebrate their achievements in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

**Congratulations to you all.**



Noah B	Cara
Skylar	Mary S



## 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
440	364	576	283	418



## A postcard from the Headteacher

At the end of each half term, selected children receive a postcard from the headteacher in the post; this is for upholding the Stanbridge Values; Be Kind, Work Hard, Believe in Yourself.

These children are invited for a special treat in the Headteacher's office. Well done to the winners from Spring 1 who have already received their reward:

**Dalina (YR), Frankie (Y1), Yolanda (Y2),  
Dottie (Y3), Leo (Y4)**

The winners for Spring 2 will receive their postcard over the Easter holidays. Will you be a lucky winner?

# 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**

## Who are the Stanbridge Attendance HEROES?

These children have 100% attendance for either Autumn or Spring term – some have 100% for both. Well done – you will receive additional playtime after the holidays to celebrate your achievement.



### 100% Attendance Autumn Term

Theo (YR)  
Lily (YR)  
Ralph (Y1)  
Ellis (Y1)  
Charlotte (Y1)  
Thea (Y1)  
Rio (Y1)  
William (Y2)  
Ava (Y2)  
Dottie (Y3)  
Archie (Y3)  
George (Y4)

### 100% Attendance Spring Term

Theo (YR)  
Lily (YR)  
Ralph (Y1)  
Thea (Y1)  
Rio (Y1)  
William (Y2)  
Ava (Y2)  
Dottie (Y3)  
Archie (Y3)  
George (Y4)

**There is still chance to be an attendance HERO**  
**during the summer term.**  
**Here....Everyday....Ready.....On time**



# Parent Forum Updates

Mrs Davies has discussed a variety of topics with the Parent Forum since it started. The school finds the feedback extremely informative and would like to thank those parents who give up their time to attend.

The main areas discussed so far have been: school uniform, homework and communication. Both the uniform and homework policies have been reviewed as a result of points raised at the meeting; these will be circulated to all parents during the summer term in preparation for September 2024.

A questionnaire was distributed at the Parent Consultation regarding communication and this helped to inform discussion at the most recent meeting. Please find outcomes of the questionnaire below – the school will be looking at these results alongside the feedback from the Parent Forum to consider some changes to improve communication - we do agree that the website is an important area to review.

**Mini Questionnaire: Communication**

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never/Don't Know
I can speak to someone at the school about any concerns or questions I have on a daily basis	39	7	4	1
Any issues or questions are addressed or responded to in a timely manner	30	13	8	0
I find the information on the school website useful and easy to navigate	15	14	21	1
I find the information on the school newsletter useful and easy to access	25	16	7	3
I find the information on the half termly curriculum newsletters useful and easy to access	24	16	8	3
I enjoy receiving updates via the school's Facebook page	30	4	6	11
It is useful to receive arising updates via text messages	37	3	9	2
I think there are sufficient photos to celebrate the children's achievements across the curriculum.	21	13	15	2

## SUMMER DATES & EVENTS 2024

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Training day – staff only
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school for children – Summer term
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Book Fair for Pre-School & Reception 3.30-4.00pm
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Book Fair for Y1 & 2 3.30-4.00pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Ukulele lessons for Yr3 & 4 – every Fri during summer term
	Book Fair for Y3 & 4 3.30-4.00pm
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day – children invited to wear rainbows/brownies/beavers/cubs uniform if they want to
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Grafham Water Residential – Parent Meeting – 3.30pm
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Yr3&4 Athletics – selected only – further info to follow
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Forum Meeting 2.30pm
	Netball Event – selected pupils – further info to follow
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr3 & 4 Grafham Water Residential Trip
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term Week – school closed
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr4 Multiplication Check Window – it is essential all Y4 children are in school during this time
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr1 Phonic Screening Window – it is essential all Y1 children are in school during this time
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr4 Leavers Assembly & Awards – 2.30pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term

## Safeguarding Children is Everyone's Responsibility



**If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm, please report this immediately to the following staff in school on 01525 210328 or email [info@stanbridge.beds.sch.uk](mailto:info@stanbridge.beds.sch.uk)**

- Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Sam Gooding – Headteacher
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs C Golby – Deputy Headteacher
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs T Davies – Family Liaison Officer

**If you need to report a concern outside of school hours, contact the Access and Referral Hub on 0300 300 8585.** All calls are treated in confidence and you need not give your details.

You can also contact the NSPCC Helpline by [calling 0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), [emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or [completing our report abuse online form](#). If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police immediately on 999.