

Stanbridge Lower School



A FEW REMINDERS!



Newsletter 9: Fri 26th April 2024



Parent Forum Date Change

Thu 6th June 2.30pm

If you haven't been to one of our parent forum meetings and are interested, please speak with Mrs Davies. We are always looking for varied opinions and viewpoints to represent the parent voice and it helps us to consider all the options before we make a decision on any changes.

IMPORTANT REVISED UNIFORM POLICY SEPT 2024



This policy has been reviewed with the help of the parent forum and can be found on the school website under the parent tab/uniform.

The main change is that all children will be expected to wear a navy jumper or cardigan with the Stanbridge logo from September 2024—previously the logo has been optional. Jumpers and cardigans with the logo are available to order from the following website:

[https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Stanbridge Lower School LU7 9HY](https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Stanbridge_Lower_School_LU7_9HY)

Other items of school uniform are also available, but you may choose to buy these elsewhere. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or speak with Mrs Davies on the playground.

We will be arranging a pre-loved uniform sale after half term, so if you have any uniform that you no longer need and would be happy to donate, please leave it with the school office.

A note from the Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that the summer term is already here. Children have returned to school with a spring in their step, ready to learn and enjoy the variety of opportunities on offer.

Thankyou to those families who attended the book fair and to Mrs Davies, Mrs Felstead, Miss Lacy and Miss Hassan who gave up their time to run the event. The school raised £954.74, which is AMAZING considering the size of our school. Thankyou so much for contributing towards this – we receive 50% of the money raised, so each class has been given a budget to spend on books for their own class library.

This term, we have a variety of different events taking place, but our main curriculum event this half term will be our Hearts & Minds Week. This will take place wk bg 13th May, coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Week. The week will focus on teaching children to think about ways in which we look after our bodies and wellbeing. We love to involve parents in these events, so please read later in the newsletter for more information about how you can join in with your child's class. Happy Friday everyone and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Gooding
Headteacher



G'Day Australia

Yr 2 are learning about Australia in their geography topic and had the opportunity to meet Sam, Mae & Livvy who are currently visiting the UK from Melbourne, Australia. The children were able to find out first hand about some of the differences between our two countries and enjoyed spending time with their new Australian friends. Thankyou to Mrs Patterson for organising this.



Stanbridge Sunflower Competition

All classes have been given a challenge to grow the tallest sunflower. Children will need to look after their sunflowers in school and ensure it has all it needs to thrive. At the moment, they are still in classrooms, but over the summer term, they will start to appear at the front of the school. Staff are also participating, so I have a feeling it could get quite competitive – look out for the Stanbridge sunflowers to brighten your day!



Now the nice weather has finally arrived, please ensure you apply sunscreen before school and send your child with a water bottle and sun hat every day.



Stanbridge Super Heroes Wanted

We are always looking for **volunteers** to support the school – this doesn't have to be working directly with the children – it could be maintenance, gardening, answering the phones, helping at lunchtimes, helping with school visits.....to name just a few things!!!!

If you have some spare time and a set of skills that you think might be useful, please contact Mrs McGregor who oversees our volunteer applications and induction. **All volunteers are required to complete a full enhanced DBS check before starting.**



PE Kit

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school. **We do not keep spare kit** and it is a shame for them to miss out.

It is really useful to have PE kits in school every day, so children are welcome to leave them on their pegs and take them home at the end of the week to save remembering every day.

If your child does not have their PE kit in school, you will receive a text reminder. If your child continues to forget their PE kit, the class teacher will arrange a meeting to see what we can do to help.

Stanbridge Hearts & Minds Curriculum Week:

Mon 13th ~ Fri 17th May 2024



During this week, children will have the opportunity to think about how we look after our bodies and minds to keep healthy. We will launch the week with a whole school assembly and children will participate in a variety of learning opportunities to help develop their physical and mental wellbeing.

We will be thinking about things that make us feel good such as doing things for others, exploring the outdoors, improving our fitness, exercising or calming our minds and celebrating the arts. We are inviting parents into school for a 'Feel Good Fun' afternoon which will involve a rotation of activities to promote healthy hearts and minds, including a visit to our Forest School – weather permitting. **We really hope you can join us.**

| Pre-School | Reception | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 & 4 |
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| Tues 14 th May 2-3pm | Mon 13 th May 2-3pm | Thu 16 th May 2-3pm | Weds 15 th May 2-3pm | Fri 17 th May 2-3pm |

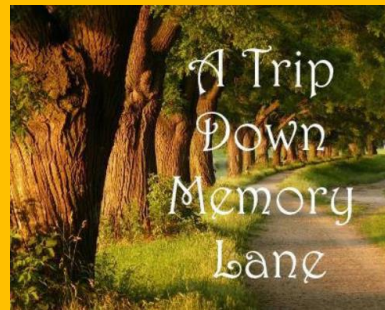
St George's Day

Saint George is the patron Saint of Scouting, as he represents important values such as perseverance, faith and courage. Well done to our Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs who wore their uniforms to celebrate St George's Day.



Something New.....

MEMORY LANE ASSEMBLIES



At the end of the summer term, each class will host a 'Memory Lane' Assembly for Parents and Carers to attend. This will be an opportunity for children to share some of their experiences from the year, show off some of their skills and receive some awards.

There will be light refreshments after the event for parents, carers and children to share, as well as the chance for an informal chat with the teacher. We would love for you to attend, so we are letting you know the dates well in advance. Please check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter to find out when your child's 'Memory Lane' Assembly is.

Best Book Fair Ever!



Stanbridge Curriculum Corner

Our curriculum aims to develop the whole child, ensuring that secure knowledge and skills develops understanding and promotes good attitudes. We provide a wealth of first hand experiences, which children love; this enables them to make links between learning effectively.

Have a look at some of our fabulous learning below:



Yr3&4 Water Safety

During the Spring term, Yr3&4 had swimming lessons at Tiddenfoot swimming pool and one of their final sessions taught them about water safety. This was a crucial lesson where they learned what to do if they or someone else was in danger in the water – they were all brilliant!



Playtime Fun!

We have finally managed to get up onto our lovely field for playtime – the children were reminded of how to keep themselves safe on the equipment during an assembly and have been having a wonderful time ever since! Fingers crossed for more sunny weather.



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**

We made a mistake on the last newsletter– sorry!

Please find below the accurate list of children who received 100% attendance during Spring 2024. Children receiving 100% attendance for Autumn or Spring will be receiving extra playtime next week. Congratulations!

100% Attendance Spring Term

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| Theo (YR) | William (Y2) |
| Lily (YR) | Ava (Y2) |
| Joseph (YR) | Penny (Y2) |
| Terry (YR) | Dottie (Y3) |
| Amelie (YR) | Archie (Y3) |
| William (YR) | Olivia (Y3) |
| Ralph (Y1) | Charlie (Y3) |
| Thea (Y1) | George (Y4) |
| Rio (Y1) | Hector (Y4) |
| Frankie (Y1) | Leo (Y4) |
| Sophia (Y1) | |
| James (Y1) | |
| Teddy (Y1) | |
| Rose (Y1) | |
| Willow (Y1) | |
| Henry (Y1) | |
| Archie (Y1) | |

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DATA

Current YR-Y4: 91% School Target: 97%

Our attendance has dropped by 1% since my last newsletter and we are still not meeting our target. I have met with several families this term already and written to others who have children with attendance less than 90% - these children are identified as persistent absentees and many are falling behind with their learning. Please continue to encourage and support your child's attendance.

Punctuality in the morning and at the end of the day is important. Our doors open at 8.45am and I would encourage children to arrive at this time, so they have time to sort out their coats and bags and get to class. Our doors close promptly at 9am.



STANBRIDGE

SUMMER DATES & EVENTS 2024



New dates or amendments in red

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| Thu 2 nd May | Yr3&4 Athletics – selected only – further info to follow |
| Mon 6 th May | May Day Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Wk Bg 13-17th | Mental Health Awareness Week; Hearts & Minds Curriculum Week |
| Mon 13 th May 2-3pm | Reception Feel Good Fun Session – Parent & Carers invited |
| Tues 14 th May 2-3pm | Pre-School Feel Good Fun Session – Parent & Carers invited |
| Wed 15 th May 2-3pm | Yr2 Feel Good Fun Session – Parent & Carers invited |
| Thu 16 th May 2-3pm | Yr1 Feel Good Fun Session – Parent & Carers invited |
| Fri 17 th May 2-3pm | Yr3&4 Feel Good Fun Session – Parent & Carers invited |
| Thu 16 th May | Parent Forum Meeting 2.30pm Moved to the 6 th June |
| | Netball Event – selected pupils – further info to follow |
| Wed 22 nd – Fri 24 th May | Yr3 & 4 Grafham Water Residential Trip |
| Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May | Half Term Week – school closed |
| Mon 3 rd – Fri 14 th June | Yr4 Multiplication Check Window – it is essential all Y4 children are in school during this time |
| Thu 6 th June | Re-scheduled Parent Forum Meeting 2.30pm |
| Mon 10 th - Fri 14 th June | Yr1 Phonic Screening Window – it is essential all Y1 children are in school during this time |
| Thu 14 th June 2pm | Sports Afternoon & PTFA Raffle |
| Fri 15 th June | Fathers Day Activity – organised by PTFA in school |
| Mon 18 th June 2pm | RESERVE DATE: Sports Afternoon & PTFA Raffle |
| Weds 3 rd & Thu 4 th July | Middle School Transition Days - Yr4 pupils only |
| Mon 8 th July 2-3pm | Reception Memory Lane Assembly – Parent & Carers invited |
| Tue 9 th July 2-3pm | Yr3 Memory Lane Assembly – Parent & Carers invited |
| Wed 10 th July 2-3pm | Yr2 Memory Lane Assembly – Parent & Carers invited |
| Thu 11 th July 2-3pm | Yr1 Memory Lane Assembly – Parent & Carers invited |
| Friday 12 th July | Pupil reports scheduled to be sent home |
| | Yr4 Leavers Forest School Evening - times to be confirmed |
| Monday 15 th July | In School Transition Morning for YR,1,2,3 – children will spend the morning with their new teacher |
| Tues 16 th July 2-3pm | Yr4 Memory Lane Leavers Assembly – Parent & Carers invited |
| Fri 19 th July | Last day of summer term: Please note that school will finish at 1.15pm for all children on the last day of term and there will be no after school club provision – please ensure that you make other arrangements for childcare. |

A-Z of Mental Health Resources for Parents and Caregivers

Central Bedfordshire Mental
Health Support Teams Free Padlet



East London
NHS Foundation Trust



Scan me!!

[Click here for a link to the
Resources](#)



Signposting to local
and national
services, apps,
podcasts, books,
LGBTQ+, sleep,
EHCPs, tool-kits
and much more!

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

- 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 0800 800 5000](tel:08008005000), [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.



Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Service

bedsfire.gov.uk
Southfields Road
Kempston, Bedford
MK42 7NR
bedsfirealert.co.uk
@bedsfire

Water Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we are approaching the summer months following a particularly wet winter, I would like to provide some information and support in relation to water safety. Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service along with our partners including the Police and Local Authorities are regularly contacted by residents who are concerned for the safety of young people who are accessing water sites for leisure activities.

Popular areas for leisure activities include but not limited to;

Priory Marina – Bedford
~~Wixams~~ Lakes – ~~Wixams~~
Kempston Mill - Kempston
Blue Lagoon – ~~Arlesey~~
River Ivel - Shefford
Stewartby Lake – Forest of Marston Vale
The Old Mill - Sandy
The ~~Riddy~~ – Sandy

Unfortunately, accidental drownings happen all too frequently and even the strongest swimmers can find themselves in difficulties. There are also concerns for young and vulnerable people who may not be aware of the danger and risks that water poses.

As well as changes in water current and weather conditions, outdoor water can contain hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles and pollution. It is also difficult to judge the depth of water; shallow water can change to deep water quickly and jumping into shallow water could result in serious injury. In addition, cold water shock can also occur when jumping into a river or lake on a hot day.

Advice on water safety can be found on our website www.bedsfire.gov.uk, in addition there is also a link to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution website which gives further advice on how to keep safe in water.

The fire service are unable to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of anti-social behavior please report this to the Police non-emergency number on 101.

If someone is in trouble in the water and needs help in an emergency, please call 999.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards

Lauren McEvoy
Community Safety Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

