



STANWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all your support since returning to school in September. The changes that have been implemented to ensure that children and staff are safe have meant a lot has changed with the day-to-day running of the school. We have adapted the school day, such as staggered break times, starting and finishing times and how the children get into school, however this has been done positively.

We said goodbye to Mrs Sanderson in July, with Miss Cartwright returning from maternity leave to now teach in Year 3. Mrs Bird has also been successful in getting a new role in school with Year 3.

Mrs Evans has been successful in her application to start a teacher training course at Northampton University. She will be studying alongside working as a HLTA at school.

Miss Holmes has joined the school, having completing part of her teacher training here last year. She is now teaching the Year 1 class.

We also received the very sad news that a former teacher from our school, Mrs Armstrong has passed away. Mrs Armstrong was a much-loved teacher and will sadly be missed. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

Head Boy and Girl

Head Boy – Jonny
Head Girl – Emelia
Deputy Head Boy – Ethan
Deputy Head Girl - Orla

Class Names

At the start of this academic year, the names with which we associate year groups have changed. The new year group names are listed below:

Foundation – Ladybird Class

Year 1 – Squirrel Class

Year 2 – Fox Class

Year 3 – Hedgehog Class

Year 4 – Badger Class

Year 5 – Owl Class

Year 6 – Eagle Class



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Activities in school this term

Although there have been changes in school due to Covid, we are pleased that it has not impacted the learning environment and the enthusiasm of the children. If you would like to find out more about what your child has been learning in school, please have a look on our website or twitter feed as we continually update this with information and pictures.

Website: <https://www.stanwick.northants.sch.uk/>

Twitter: @stanwickp

Harvest



In previous years we would have welcomed parents into school to see a performance by the children. Unfortunately, this year we have not been able to do this, but the children have been putting together some amazing pieces of work.

This year we have again supported our local foodbank with food that children brought in and any money donated.

Many thanks for your continuing support as it is such a good opportunity for children to learn about helping others.

School Admissions

Transfer to Secondary School September 2021. Applications can be made until Saturday 31st October **(5pm)**. Parents need apply via the Northamptonshire County Council school admission website: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Entry to Primary School September 2021. Applications can be made until Friday 15th January **(5pm)**. Parents need to apply via the Northamptonshire County Council school admission website: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Foundation Open Days

For children turning 5 before September 2021, we will be holding open nights at school so that parents can see the school and all the exciting things that it has to offer. Due to current Covid restrictions we have a booking system available to limit the number of parents within each group. The dates for the tours are:

Tuesday 3rd November (3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm)

Monday 16th November (3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm)

If you would like to book a place on one of the tours, please contact the school office on 01933 623 117.



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Emergency Contact Details

Please can you ensure that the school have the most up-to-date emergency contact details. If you have new or additional numbers to provide please can you contact the school office on 01933 623 117 or email bursar@stanwick.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

Class Photographs

Braiswick Photography will be coming into school on Friday 6th November. They will be taking individual pictures of children and then will create a class photograph. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions with Covid, we will not be taking sibling photographs this year.

Wellbeing

Mrs Bradshaw has returned to Stanwick Primary School to provide the children with some wellbeing sessions in coming months. The children really enjoyed their sessions last year, and we are sure they will again this year. In addition to this, Mrs Bradshaw is also going to be working with small groups of children to assist them in their learning. This is a fantastic addition to Stanwick as she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience which will have such a positive impact on the children.

Parents Evening

Unfortunately, this year parents evening will be unable to be carried out face-to-face. However, we will be having parents' evenings via phone call so that you can speak to your child's teacher. Phone consultations must be booked via Parentmail from 8am on Monday 2nd November. The phone consultations will take place on Tuesday 10th November (3.45pm – 6.45pm) and Thursday 12th November (4.45pm – 7.45pm).

Free School Meals (Ladybird Class and KS1)

Children in Ladybird, Squirrel and Fox class are entitled to Universal Free School Meals (YFSM). If you would like to order school meals, please do so via Wisepay. Parents are able to order food up until Sunday night for the following week.

Birthday Sweets

Please can children not bring sweets to school for their birthdays. Due to current restrictions we need to limit sharing items.

School Uniform

We have a number of items already in our lost property without any names on. Please can parents ensure that all items of clothing are labelled so that we can reunite items with children.

Sickness

Although we encourage good attendance in school we do appreciate that there are occasions when your child is unwell and needs to be absent from school. The NHS choices website has information and guidance to assist parents in deciding whether or not to keep their child off school – <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Please can we remind parents to ring the school office before 9.30am to report their child's absence.



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If a child has diarrhoea or sickness they must remain absent from school for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of illness. When a child becomes unwell during the day we need to contact parents to arrange for them to be collected, please ensure that if your telephone contact details change that you notify the school office.

The school website contains all of the up-to-date information regarding Covid. Please refer to this information if you have any concerns.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional school funding for disadvantaged children. It is paid directly to your child's school to improve the quality of their education.

Your child's school may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

How does my school get the pupil premium for my child?

Infant years: reception, year 1 and year 2

All children at this age are eligible for free school meals so you will need to apply separately for the pupil premium for your child's school.

Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the pupil premium.

Use the online form below to apply:

https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_the_pupil_premium

Year 3 and above

If your child is in year 3 and above, and you want to check eligibility for pupil premium, please use the free school meals form to apply for pupil premium entitlement.

The school the child is attending will automatically get a pupil premium amount if the child is eligible for free school meals.

https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_free_school_meals



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Sunshine Before and After School Club

This term we have added new sessions to the club which enables children to stay for a short time.

The Club is open from 7.30am each morning, to help busy working parents or for those unexpected one-off appointments or courses. We are open until 6pm to take the pressure off the rush hour traffic.

The Sunshine Club is run by Mrs Lawrance, Mrs Barker, Mrs Dewes and Mrs Sherriff who are existing staff members that your children already know well.

Breakfast Club costs £4.50 per session and includes a choice of cereals, toast, crumpets and fruit, together with fruit juice, water or milk. Breakfast Club Short Session children can be dropped off at 8.30am, and the cost will be £1. This must be pre-booked via Wisepay at least 24 hours in advance, and no breakfast will be provided with this option.

The Afterschool Club is £8.50 per session and includes a light snack, fruit and a choice of squash or water. We can cater for all dietary requirements. The Afterschool Club Half Session will run from 3.25pm until 4.30pm. The Afterschool transfer from a club will run from 4.30pm – 6pm. This session must be pre-booked via Wisepay at least 12 hours in advance.



Friends of Stanwick School (FoSS)

The children have created their own Christmas Cards again this year for the FoSS fundraising event. The Christmas Cards will be sent home with the children after half term when we have received them from the printing company. Parents will then be able purchase cards by completing the order form and will be able to pay either with cash or cheque. If you are paying by cheque it needs to be payable to "Friends of Stanwick School". Please hand payments to the class teacher or put into the white letterbox in the reception.

Christmas Jumper



Children will be able to celebrate Christmas by wearing a Christmas jumper (or a jumper with Christmassy colours) with their school uniform on Friday 11th December.



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Strong Start

Helping you to be a happy, healthy family

The Strong Start team is a group of qualified and experienced early years professionals contracted by Public Health. We work closely with the Health Visiting and Infant Feeding teams across Northamptonshire to support families with babies and young children.

We have created a range of programmes and information videos virtually which are available on the Northamptonshire County Council website.

We also offer low level family support with sleep, toilet training, behaviour management, speech delay and introducing solids. Families can contact us directly or talk to the Northamptonshire Health Visiting Team who can refer you. We also signpost to local services and interventions that can help families with children under five.

How can we help you?

We are here to help you to access information and support to enable you to keep your family healthy and safe and develop your children so that they are ready for school.

We can support families with children under 5 in the following ways:

- Provide information and ideas to support your child's
- development through our web pages and YouTube
- videos.
- Signpost or refer you to health services.
- Offer support through a befriending service to help with loneliness and social isolation. We can help to set up a peer group within our virtual community.
- Help you assess your eligibility for help with early education and childcare costs for two year olds and free vitamins.

If you would like to find out more, please contact us on:

strongstartteam@northamptonshire.gov.uk or 07880 136070

Further Information

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/early-years/strong-start/virtual-programmes/Pages/default.aspx>



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School Term Dates 2020-21

September 2020

Term 1	Training day	Tuesday 1 September 2020
	Training day	Wednesday 2 September 2020
	Re-open to pupils	Thursday 3 September 2020
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Training day	Monday 2 November 2020
	Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 November 2020
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 18 December 2020

January 2021

Term 3	Re-open to pupils	Monday 4 January 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Re-open to pupils	Monday 22 February 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 26 March 2021
Term 5	Re-open to pupils	Monday 12 April 2021
	School Closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Re-open to pupils	Monday 7 June 2021
	Closes to pupils at the end of	Friday 16 July 2021
	Training day	Monday 19 July 2021
	Training day	Tuesday 20 July 2021
	5 training days	
	190 teaching days	



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School Calendar

2020/2021 Diary Dates				
Day	Date	Event	Where	Times
Tuesday	1 st September	Training Day		
Wednesday	2 nd September	Training Day		
Thursday	3 rd September	Re-open school		
Friday	23 rd October	School Closes		
Monday	2 nd November	Training Day		
Tuesday	3 rd November	Foundation Open Day		3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm
Tuesday	3 rd November	School Reopens		
Friday	6 th November	Class Photograph		
Tuesday	10 th November	Parent Evening	Phone calls	3.45pm – 6.45pm
Thursday	12 th November	Parent Evening	Phone calls	4.45pm – 7.45pm
Friday	13 th November	BBC Children in Need World Kindness Day		
Monday	16 th November	Foundation Open Day		3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm
Friday	11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day		
Monday	14 th December	Flu Vaccinations		
Friday	18 th December	School Closes		
Monday	4 th January	Re-open School		
Friday	12 th February	School Closes		
Monday	22 nd February	Re-open School		
Thursday	4 th March	World Book Day		
Friday	12 th March	World Maths Day		
Friday	26 th March	School Closes		
Monday	12 th April	Re-open School		
Tuesday	13 th April	Parent Evening		4.45pm – 7.45pm
Thursday	15 th April	Parent Evening		3.45pm – 6.45pm
Monday	3 rd May	School Closed – Bank Holiday		
Friday	7 th May	Space Day		
Friday	21 st May	Family Fun Afternoon		
Friday	28 th May	School Closes		
Monday	7 th June	Re-open School		
Thursday	17 th June	New Intake Evening		6.30pm
Wednesday	7 th July	Sports Morning	School Field	9.30am
Friday	16 th July	School Closes		
Monday	19 th July	Training Day		
Tuesday	20 th July	Training Day		



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