



## NEWSLETTER – October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had an exciting month with lots of fun activities.

### Staffing

We say goodbye to Mrs Thompson our Foundation Teacher who will be leaving us this term. Mrs Taylor-Jacob will be starting with us on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We also have Mrs Sanderson starting after half term in Year 5, whilst Miss Cartwright is on maternity leave.



### Multi Skills Session

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September, some lucky children from Key Stage 1 had the opportunity to attend a multi skills festival at the Pemberton Centre. We got the chance to do 8 fun activities which all focused on the core skills of agility, balance and coordination. Miss Cartwright was super impressed with their throwing and kicking skills!

### Football Tournament

In other sporting news, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently attended a friendly football tournament at Manor School against some other schools from the Nene Education Trust. The children played brilliantly and worked so well as a team. It was a lovely sunny evening of sport!



### Billionaire Boy

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October the whole school were lucky enough to go watch David Walliams' "Billionaire Boy" Production. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show! Thank you to FoSS for also providing the treats and paying for the coaches through all their fundraising.

### Thompson Class

Thompson Class have had their first half term as part of Stanwick Primary School - they have done brilliantly! The children all come in confidently and are now aware of the routines. We will continue to build their independence and our next focus is helping the children to put on and do up their own coats.

Our topic has been 'Marvellous Me', where we have explored what it means to be healthy, in terms of food and exercise. We had a nurse visit our class who helped Mrs Smith's 'poorly arm' and then talk to us about her job.



We have also been developing our core muscles, by learning to be in various positions- gorilla, penguin, meerkat and lizard. These stances help build the core muscles. Thompson Class have also been working hard to strengthen their fingers for writing by accessing lots of activities at the Funky Fingers station and having a 'dough disco' as a treat and making bread where we kneaded the dough. What super strong fingers we will have, which will help us with our writing.

We have read the book 'Funnybones' and have created a class story map, which we can use to re-tell the story. The actions help us remember the story telling language and key phrases. We have discussed skeletons as well as learnt a fun and catchy skeleton dance and song. We also shared our singing and actions at the harvest assembly- where we were so proud of them performing in such a busy hall.



Thank you to all parents and family of Thompson class children for all your support this term. Your positivity and encouragement has heavily supported your child's first term as part of the 'Stanwick family.' Here's to more of the same next term...

### Attenborough Class Year 1

The children have settled in so well! This half term we have been learning about weather and seasons. In English we have been so busy. We have written our own versions of 'We're going on a bear hunt' and even made our own bear biscuits. We have also created some fabulous Autumn poems using our 5 senses.



### Brunel Class Year 2



We have had a wonderful term, learning all about the Great Fire of London. We have especially enjoyed designing and building our own Tudor Houses that are now up for display for all to see!

We concluded our topic today with an exciting visit from Raunds Firefighters! The children have been looking inside the fire engine and even had a turn squirting the hose!

### Mandela Class Year 3

This term we have been learning about Ancient Egyptians and have enjoyed getting to know what life was like.



We have had an extra member in our class in the form of a mummy in a Scaraphogus, although they haven't really said much all term!

We were so excited to make bread Ancient Egyptian style. We worked in groups and followed the recipe to make bread similar to how they would have eaten. We all enjoyed taking our bread home and eating them too!

The picture shows the Year 3 bread, proving some of our bread freshly baked!





#### Nightingale Class Year 4

Year 4 have had fun learning about Celtic life in the Iron Age. They have enjoyed finding out about the different tribes and how life as hunters would have been. Children researched different aspects of Celtic life and wrote reports to present their information, showcasing some fantastic writing! They have also enjoyed finding out about Boudicca's revolt against the Roman invasion, recounting this through their very own newspaper reports. Year 4 have worked hard with Mrs Gibson to design and make Celtic style brooches, which they have worn with pride. We look forward to finding out lots more fascinating facts as the Romans invade after the holiday.

#### Shackleton Class Year 5

Shackleton class had a wonderful day recently when we held our own Mythical Creatures Day! The children came in some fantastic outfits and they all had the mythical creatures. Thank you to all the adults and children who took the time to creature their costumes - it was brilliant to see them!



#### Hawking Class Year 6



In year 6 we have been studying World War 1. This has taken a part in all of our learning where we have learnt about life in the trenches through our History lessons, which have at times been a little gory when we learnt about trench foot.



Additionally, we have studied the lives of others after exploring the artefacts left behind from a family who lost two brothers in 1918 and through our studying of War Horse by Michael Morpurgo which has left us experiencing every emotion as we followed the lives of Joey and Albert through their very different experiences in the war.



#### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone that attended our Harvest Celebration assemblies. Thank you also for your generous donations. We raised £110.08 and lots of food donations. Mrs Neild is planning on visiting the food bank to deliver our donations to help local people.



### School Admissions

Transfer to Secondary School September 2020. Applications can be made from **10<sup>th</sup> September 2019** until **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 (5pm)**. Parents need apply via the Northamptonshire County Council school admission website:  
[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

Entry to Primary School September 2020. Applications can be made from **10<sup>th</sup> September 2019** until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (5pm)**. Parents need to apply via the Northamptonshire County Council school admission website:  
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### School Uniform

We have had a lot of items in our lost property this term. Please can you ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled so that we can give them back to their owner.

### Book Fair

The book fair will be taking place before (8.30am - 8.50am) and after (3.30pm – 3.50pm) school Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.



### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Items will be on sale in school after half term to recognise Armistice Day. The following items will be on sale:

- Poppy's, zip pull and reflector (suggested donation 50p each),
- silicon wristband (suggested donation £1)
- Snap band (suggested donation £1.50)



### Music

A grandparent who used to be a music teacher has kindly offered her time to come into school each week to work with a class and also take the Music Assembly. The children have really enjoyed having this special time to learn new instruments and create music.

### Flu Vaccinations

Forms have been sent home with every child asking for authorisation for the flu vaccination to be administered in school by the nurse. The flu vaccination will be done in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### 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.

***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.

### Medical or Dental Appointments

Absence from school due to a medical or dental appointment will be considered as an authorised absence. Parents/carers are requested to provide written confirmation of these appointments. Parents/carers are encouraged to make all medical appointments out of school hours wherever possible.

### Last day of term

The last day of term is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The school reopens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

We hope all the children have a lovely restful break and look forward to seeing them return after the holiday.



### Diary Dates 2019

Day	Date	Event	Where	Times
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Training day for staff – School closed to pupils		
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	School re-opens to pupils		
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Photographs	School Hall	
Monday – Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week		
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Maths Workshop	EYFS Classroom	6pm – 6.45pm
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	School Hall	2.50pm
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations (letters and consents to follow nearer the time)		
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	FoSS Non Uniform Day		
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	FoSS BAZAAR	School Hall	2-4.30pm
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 SATS meeting	Y6 classroom	
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance	School Hall	2pm
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance	St Laurence Church, Stanwick	6.30pm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance	St Laurence Church, Stanwick	2pm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance	School Hall	6pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal		
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Class Party Day		
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	FoSS Christmas Disco		
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term		



### Diary Dates 2020

Day	Date	Event	Where	Times
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Training day for staff – School closed to pupils		
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to pupils		
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	School Hall	2.50pm
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Grafham Residential meeting for parents	Y3 Classroom	6pm
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 2 and 6 Nurse Screening		
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term		
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens to pupils		
Sunday – Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 School Trip to Grafham		
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Breakfast and Activities		
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	FoSS Bingo		
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	School Hall	2.50pm
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Evening	School Hall and classrooms	5pm – 8pm
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent Evening	School Hall and classrooms	3.45pm – 6.45pm
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	FoSS Easter Disco		
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term		
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> April	Training day for staff – School closed for pupils		
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	School re-opens to pupils		
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 6 trip information Evening		6pm
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 5 swimming starts		
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Sharing Assembly		
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed – Bank Holiday		
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Family Fun Event		1.30PM onwards
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Term		
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re-opens to pupils		
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Sharing Assembly	School Hall	2.50pm
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	New Intake 2020 Parent Information Evening	School Hall	6pm
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Class Assembly	School Hall	2.50pm
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Village Evening		
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Morning	Field	9.30am
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Morning	Field	9.30am
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents		
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents can see class teachers to discuss reports	Classrooms	3.30pm
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	FoSS end of year Disco		
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term		