



STANWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an amazing term with the children taking part in lots of activities such as Kurling, World Child Project and of course the Christmas Performances. We have welcomed a new member of staff to the Foundation class and Miss Cartwright has left and has had a little boy.

Thank you for all your support this term with the FoSS Bazaar, supporting your children in their Christmas Performance and sending in donations for their Christmas party. It is much appreciated!

In the last week of term we have the following activities planned:

Wednesday 18th children can come to school in a Christmas jumper (or a jumper with Christmassy colours). The Christmas lunch will be served to children by members of staff.

Thursday 19th children will be having their Christmas Class Party and afterwards the FoSS Christmas Disco will be taking place in the School Hall KS1 (6-7pm) and K2 (7.15pm-8.15pm).

Friday 20th is the last day of school and some children will be performing in the "Stanwick School Talent Show".

Some good news stories from the term



Birmingham Royal Ballet

Jonny in Year 5 was selected out of 500 young dancers to perform with the Birmingham Royal Ballet in their production of the Nutcracker. This has taken a lot of commitment from Jonny with the amount of rehearsals and performances that he has been involved with. Well done Jonny!

Music

Mr Smith was very lucky to have attended the NMPAT winter concert recently where he was able to watch Noah and Kamran perform with the junior orchestra. This was a brilliant experience watching two of our string musicians in action. Ollie was also in action performing in his own event the following day.

We have also been treated to a rendition of several pieces from The Snowman by Noah and his elder brother Henry who kindly visited to coach some of the year 6 string musicians. The two kindly performed 4 pieces in assembly and I'm sure inspired not only many of our children but a few grown-ups along the way. A video of this can be seen on our twitter feed.





Fundraising

Children in Need - On Tuesday 19th November the school held a cake sale. Thank you to everyone that donated a cake for the event. The school collected £38.10 which has been donated to Children in Need.

Anti-Bullying Week - On Friday 15th November children (and members of staff) wore odd socks to school. The total amount raised was £119.66, which has been donated to the Anti Bullying Alliance.

FoSS Christmas Bazaar – On Saturday 23rd November FoSS held a bazaar at school and raised over £2000.

Christmas Productions – The KS1 Christmas Productions raised £157.52 and KS2 Christmas Productions raised £195.30.

School Activities

Armistice Day

Stanwick Primary School attended the Armistice Day Remembrance Service at St Lawrence Church. The Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy represented the school and laid a wreath.



Whole Child Project – Tempest

On Thursday 5th December KS2 took part in drama workshops lead by Leigh Wolmarans based on Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest'.

During the day we worked on several scenes and were taught to open our mouths wide to project our voices. We learnt that you don't need to use your voice to act, you can use your facial expressions too. If any mistakes were made, we were taught that it didn't really matter as the audience would not know the script word for word. We were also shown how to make our performance more dramatic.

Twenty children from across the Key Stage were selected to come back the next day and practice 'The Tempest' in greater depth. We got to explore all kinds of acting such as being funny and over the top, being serious and intimidating and we got to pair up and perform a scene in the way that we wanted to do it.

The Whole Child project provided us with an amazing opportunity and was great learning experience and we're so glad we got the chance to do it.

Charlotte and Rebecca Year 6



Christmas Performances

The children have all performed in the School Christmas Performances last week. KS1's performance "Born in a Barn" was a great success, with all the young children showing off their acting and singing skills. KS2's performance "Christmas at the Movies" in the Church was a fantastic show. Well done to everyone involved!



Sporting Events



KS1 Kurling Event

A group of children attended the Pemberton Centre on 3rd December to experience a game of 'Kurling'. The children needed to push the disc on the floor away from themselves and aim for the target at the far side of the sports hall. The children had great fun trying different techniques to see who could get their 'stone' nearest to the target as possible and we even scored some points too. The children were great sports people, and afterwards shook hands with the competing teams from Yardley Hastings, Cogenhoe and Bozeat schools. It was wonderful to see all the children participate and try something new! Well done Team Stanwick!

Football

Ten Year 5 and 6 children were selected to represent the school at a football tournament earlier this month at Manor School, despite not ever playing together the boys and girls performed brilliantly representing the school impeccably. Even chalking up a win towards the end of the event after a fantastic team effort towards scoring our first goal!

New Aged Kurling

This week four Year 5 and 6 children were chosen to represent the school at a kurling event at the Pemberton Centre in Rushden this was a new sport for everyone even the grownups but was immense fun and despite not going through to the final rounds we won two games including one against our Nene Trust neighbours Newton Road Primary. We were even prouder to have been given our School Games Gold award following Miss Cartwright's hard work towards showcasing all of the amazing sporting opportunities on offer to our children.



Basketball

Back at the end of November Mr Smith and Mrs Carter took 7 children from Years 4 and 5 to a basketball taster session. Working with young leaders they were able to experience a variety of basketball drills, learn new skills and even take part in a little 4 on 4 match. Well done to all of our Basketballers again as behaviour and attitude was excellent!

Real Legacy School

Stanwick Primary Academy is proud to be a **real legacy** school and is striving to create a new ambition for EVERY child.



Not only are we on a mission to get our children more active by developing the fundamental movement skills that are so often overlooked, our PE lessons are centred around the child to enable them to be successful in the classroom and in later life.

Real legacy allows us to bring the school, home and the community together to enable cultural change. Our journey commenced with **real PE** teacher training to support our PE provision to develop the whole child and extends across the school to include supporting families and the wider school community. The school is supported with teacher training, school based support, fun **real play** activities for families, enrichment and competitive opportunities and supporting resources from Create Development all through a holistic approach to also develop children's personal, social and emotional skills.

Class Updates

Thompson Class



This term Thompson class had an exciting 'launch' day for this term's topic "Shine Bright". The children were presented with a mission and after choosing to accept it, they made moon snacks, helped create a space centre and a rocket. We all blasted off and landed on the moon we ate our moon snack and took a moon walk around the playground. Once back we read the story – 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. Over the following weeks we sequenced the story, created and innovated story maps. We have been using the maps to retell the story using key phrases and actions. Alongside this we have been learning about the planets, the moon and the stars. We created our own constellations, learnt the planet song and drew the moon using chalk.

On our welly boot walks, we have been on a shape hunt, autumn walk and a visit to the Post Office. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Robinson who have joined us. The children are loving exploring the local area. After talking about our own experiences of Bonfire Night and exploring words to describe a bonfire. Using the fire pit we had our own fire- where we could experience all the sounds and smells. Thank you to Mr Shand for helping us organise this.



The Thompson class family has grown this term and we have loved having our new additions (adult and children).

Thompson class did an amazing job performing 'Born in a Barn' with Key stage 1. They have all practised and performed with enthusiasm.

The Thompson class worked hard to learn songs and actions as part of the "Born in a Barn" production. We could not have been prouder as they performed in front of a variety of audiences, displaying confidence as well as plenty of smiles. Every single child participated and did themselves proud.

Attenborough Class



Year One were absolutely fantastic in their Christmas performance. You were great at all of the songs and the dances. Well done!

For World Kindness Day we created postcards and wrote meaningful messages for members of the community. They put so much hard work into these and they were fabulous.





Our topic has been London Landmarks. We have created some fantastic artwork, learnt facts about the different landmarks and written our own fact file. The homework that the children brought in this term was amazing. We had 3D sculptures of Big Ben, posters, postcards, artwork and much more. We were very impressed.

Brunel Class



In Brunel Class this term we have enjoyed learning all about the British Isles. The children have worked extremely hard on finding all about and creating pieces of work to do with England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. We have used some of the children's amazing homework for our classroom display and teamed it with their acrostic poems about Remembrance Day.

For the second half of the term, they have put in a tremendous amount of effort into their Christmas Performance with the rest of KS1. They have managed to learn lots of lines, stage directions and continued to set amazing standards for the younger children. All their

hard work has paid off this term and each performance was absolutely amazing!

We are so proud of everything they have achieved this term and I hope they have a much deserved rest over the Christmas break.

Mandela Class

This we have been working hard to prepare for the Christmas production. The children have all learnt the songs and performed brilliantly. Leading up to Christmas Mandela class have been opening one book a day in our advent calendar. We have all enjoyed sharing new stories together and are looking forward to the longer reads in the New Year.

I have been really impressed with all the Ancient Egyptian homework the children have brought in. It is really clear they have put a lot of effort into their different projects and it was interesting to see all the lovely creations and research.

Nightingale Class

This term Year 4 have been learning about the Rotten Romans and the children have really wowed us with their amazing Roman themed homework projects. We have been busy designing and making Roman shields as well as putting our sewing skills to the test by making our own class advent calendar. Along with learning our Christmas songs for the KS2 performance we have also been learning the ABBA song 'Mamma Mia' (the children like to add in a few dance moves too)! This has been a busy, but fun term, with one of the highlights being our dance class as part of The Whole Child project. We really are a talented class!

Shackleton Class

We have been extremely busy this term as trainee astronauts. On the introductory space day the children experienced lots of different space inspired activities including the sampling of space food, the children have also travelled to the International Space Station on the Endeavour space shuttle. This imaginary trip of a lifetime has inspired the children to produce some fabulous writing about their journey.

As well as travelling into space, we have also explored the history of the Space Race and the children have produced non-chronological reports to record all the facts they have researched.

Overall, year 5 have had a fabulous term and are ready to take on any space mission that comes their way!



Hawking Class

This term has been super exciting with our studies of Charles Darwin and his theories of evolution and adaptation. We have created detailed biographies, studied his journey to the Galápagos Islands and what he found there as well as creating some of the most amazing homework along the way. Charles Darwin has taken over our science, History, Geography and English creating endless discussion points along the way.



Information

Clubs

The school has a variety of extra-curricular activities that children can take part in. Listed below is a summary:

- Monday – Freestyle Football
- Tuesday – Freestyle Performing Arts
- Wednesday – Freestyle Gymnastics
- Thursday – Board Game Club (KS2 only)
- Friday – Basketball

Further information can be found on our website if your child is interested in attending.

Primary School Applications

The closing date for Primary School Applications is on 15th January at 5pm.

School Closures

Stanwick School will always endeavour to remain open but occasionally when there is adverse weather or operational problems, school may have to close. If our school is closed for any reason it will be posted on the school's own website. We will also use PMX to update parents and carers. Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date so that you receive the update. Local radio stations also update listeners. *Please note that Northamptonshire County Council no longer have the school closure facility on their website.*

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. This session must be pre booked via Wisepay at least 12 hours in advance.

Books for School Scheme

We have registered our school for 'The Sun' Books for School scheme. We need to collect 3500 vouchers to claim 100 free books. Vouchers will be in the newspaper from the 23rd November to the 18th January 2019. It would be wonderful if you collect these for us and share the request with friends, family and work colleagues to collect for us also. Vouchers can be passed to the school office.

Ordering Lunches

Please remember to order lunches for the first week back in school by **Sunday 5th January.**



Diary Dates 2020

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