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Stanton Harcourt School

## Newsletter April- May 2016

### From Mrs Trigg:

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely start to the term. The children have all obviously had a good break and are enthusiastic and motivated. The weather is starting, hopefully, to be warmer allowing everyone to access the field. Please remember to send in a change of shoes if your child would like to go on the field at lunchtimes. The theme for this month, in assemblies, is 'Friendship' - we are exploring what it means to be a good friend linking with Jesus' teaching.

We have an old shed on the school premises and I wonder if anyone would like it for an allotment or to repair and put in your garden. It will need waterproofing and new felt on the roof. If anyone would like it please let me know and arrangements can then be made for you to dismantle it and take it away.

We are very pleased to confirm that Mrs Faye Tingley has been appointed as a permanent teacher in KS2 from September 2016.

We will be advertising shortly for a temporary TA; the advertisement will be placed on the Oxfordshire County Council website. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested.

### **Making the most of every minute!**

Please make sure that your children are in school, ready to learn, at 8:50 am. They can be in the classroom from 8:40 am and there is always plenty for them to do then.

### **Healthy snacks and drinks**

Please make sure that any snacks you send in for children to have at break are nut free and healthy (no chocolate bars or sweets). Fruit is provided daily for EYFS and Class One children. We also offer free milk to under 5's. Children should only have water available in the bottle that they use during the day and for this reason we ask that you put a separate carton/bottle of drink with their packed lunch if this is going to be juice or yogurt drink.

### **Help with Early Bird Reading**

If you are able to give up time from 8:40 - 9:00 to hear pupils read on one or two mornings a week, please let the office know. One of our volunteers is no longer able to help out.

### **Trip information:**

#### **Festival of Voices Refunds**

We were very sad not to be able to take Year 3 and 4 to the Festival, but only nine children signed up and as a result the trip was not viable. Please don't forget to collect your refunds from the office.

#### **Yenworthy**

The planned meeting on the 21st has had to be postponed, so please now come along to a meeting on May 4th (Star Wars Day!) from 7 pm to 8 pm to find out more about the Yenworthy trip in June.

### **Praise indeed:**

#### **Golden Tickets in the Lower School**

Our theme last week was caring. Congratulations must go to...

Marcus and Lilly in Class 1 for being a good friend to others, always using kind words, helping others and playing fairly.

Angus and Isabelle in EYFS for trying hard with their writing.

We are taking the word CREATE as a theme for our achievement assemblies, with next week's value being 'respect'.

#### **Project X**

Well done to all those children who have shown great progress in their reading and have now completed their zone in Project X. Certificates were awarded to...

Alexander Crawford, Polly-Ann Day, William Osborne, Emelia Blakey Creighton and Harrison Blunt

### **Thank you:**

#### **Books, books, books!**

Thanks must go again to FOSHS for the money donated to EYFS and KS2 to purchase new reading material. Class 2 have a selection of quality texts for newly independent readers and Class 3 have a box of challenging reads! We have also managed to buy two new reading interventions for children who need further support.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

On the last week of term we had an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children. Thank you to everybody who donated Easter Eggs and helped to make this such a special event.

#### **Water testing**

Lucy Cullen from the Windrush Valley Project visited Class 2 last week and took a few children out into the village to test the water in the local stream and the pond belonging to our neighbour Charles Matthew. On their return to school, they tested the water in school pond and some of the tap water. The results were shared in the KS 2 assembly and I am glad to say, that we have clean water for our wildlife and the water in our taps should taste good! A big thank you must go to Lucy for taking time to include our children in this activity. If you visit the [Windrush Valley project website](#) you will be able to view our results and compare them with other local areas.

### **Clubs news**

#### **Photography Club**

The new club has got off to a good start. We would be happy for this to continue after the half-term holiday, so please request a form if your child would like to continue to do this activity, or if new children want to join in on a Tuesday after school. This club is run externally and costs £4 per session, paid up front.

#### **Drama Club date for your diary**

The whole school will be performing *The Tempest* on Friday 15th July. Miss Baldock has been working with Drama Club to prepare them to take on the major roles in this. We are hoping to book the village hall and have two performances; one at 2 pm and one at 6 pm. Please make sure your children are able to be there and inform Miss Baldock if this is not possible as she will need to re-cast roles if not.

### **School email address change**

Please note the new address: [office@stantonharcourtschool.org.uk](mailto:office@stantonharcourtschool.org.uk)

## **Information for Foundation and Bunnies parents**

### **Nursery Funding forms**

You will have been given a form to complete for the summer term. Please ensure it is back in school by Tuesday May 3rd, but preferably the day after you have been given it! Chasing forms takes a lot of time.

### **Keeping EYFS secure**

Please ensure you don't open the gate whilst children are playing in the outside area.

### **Waving goodbye to the waving window....**

As parents are now invited into the EYFS classroom and are welcome to stay until their children are settled, we are asking parents to support us by saying goodbye in the classroom and not at the window.

### **Group photo on Wed 18th May**

Please bring your Bunnies into school for the photo at 9 am even if they don't normally come to school that day.

## **Dates for your diary 2015-16**

**Parents/carers are invited to items in bold**

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### **April**

25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

26<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 6:00 Parents' consultations EYFS and optional parents' consultations rest of school

### **May**

2<sup>nd</sup> Bank holiday – no school

**3rd 7:00 – 8:30 pm Meeting for Year 5 and 6 children and parents ref Yenworthy trip**

**4<sup>th</sup> 1:15 Church Service**

**18<sup>th</sup> Class and Leavers' photos. All Bunnies to arrive at 9:00 to be included if possible**

19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

27<sup>th</sup> Term 5 ends 3:10 pm

### **June**

6<sup>th</sup> INSET day – no children at school but Year 5 and 6 Yenworthy trip leaves early morning

**8<sup>th</sup> 1:15 Church Service**

**18<sup>th</sup> Summer Festival Day – all children involved in floats and a performance from 1:00 pm**

22<sup>nd</sup> 1:35 – 2:45 Cycle training (Bike Check only)

**23rd 1:15 Sports Day**

7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

28<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

29<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

30<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

30<sup>th</sup> Year Six at Bartholomew for Transition Day - Moving up day for the rest of the school

6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

### **July**

1<sup>st</sup> 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

**4<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5:30 parents' consultation evening**

**5<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5:30 parents' consultation evening**

6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

**6<sup>th</sup> 1:15 Church Service**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sports Day if wet on 23<sup>rd</sup> June!**

8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training Test

14<sup>th</sup> tbc 6:00 Governors Pay Committee meeting 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

**15<sup>th</sup> School performances of The Tempest 2 pm and 6 pm Village Hall (Drama Club)**

20<sup>th</sup> Term 6 ends 1:15 pm