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Stanton Harcourt CE  
Primary School

Dear Parents,

## Newsletter September 2015

Welcome back to another new year at school..... We have a lot going on and Christmas to look forward to (sorry!).

I always love September and it's lovely to be in school today with the sun shining and smiles on everyone's faces!

We are in the process of updating the school website and you will shortly find lots of information there about what the children are up to. Curriculum letters are going out too and I hope you will find that, as the year progresses, communication meets your needs. If at any point it doesn't, please do tell us.

We will give you as many diary dates as we can at the moment and these will update with each monthly newsletter.

It's lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and, if you find for any reason that your child will be out of uniform on a given day, including their footwear, please let us know. PE kit is vital (other than for the youngest children at the moment) and should be in school at ALL times. It tends to grow the ability to walk on its own after a few weeks so please do encourage children to bring them home on a Friday. Thank you.

### Staffing

The new phase leaders have begun working to coordinate the lower (FS and Class 1) and upper (Class 2 and Class 3) phases of the school. Their remit will be to coordinate the staff and spaces and have an overview of what is happening in each phase for the children. This means the school now has the luxury of a Senior Leadership Team (SLT) made up of the two phase leaders – Miss Jenny Woodford and Mrs Linda Walsh – and myself. We will communicate more effectively across the school and you will find that, if you ask to speak to a member of the senior team, you may meet with any of the three of us unless you specifically ask for a specific person.

Miss Woodford is now teaching full time in Class 1 and Mrs Becky Clark who used to work at the school has returned to cover Miss Woodford's non-contact time on a Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Walsh still teaches full time and has her non-contact time covered by myself on a Friday afternoon. Her time out for other leadership responsibilities is covered by Ignite Sports and by language teaching as it was last year.

Mrs Ramm is continuing with teaching Monday -Thursday and I will be teaching Class 3 on a Friday. Her non-contact time is covered similarly to that of Mrs Walsh.

### Behaviour

We are having a big focus on behaviour this term and the children have made a super start. We have a new behaviour policy which goes to governors this month and is being shared in the meantime with staff and will go on the school website. The houses, as I'm sure your children will have told you, have had a review too as part of the behaviour overhaul and house points are awarded across the day and the school, including at lunch time. I know it's early days, but we have already seen an incredible improvement in lunch time behaviour, table manners and tidiness.

### **Jobs in the partnership**

Please find attached notification of a job as Catering assistant and dinner supervisor at our school and also the chance to become a receptionist at Bartholomew School. Further details are in the advertisements.

### **Visits to St Michael's Church**

Our monthly visits to church will be on the **first Wednesday of the month at 1:15 pm** when we are at school, so this may not necessarily be the first week of the month. If you'd like to come along for the service you will be very welcome. Bunnies and reception children will not attend this, but will have their own assembly led by Billie Tweedy in the unit each week. Rev Drew Tweedy, our Rector, will lead assemblies at school for KS1 and KS2 on a Wednesday afternoon each week on weeks we don't go to St Michael's.

### **Pet Therapy**

Chloey the labradoodle will be coming into school for some pet therapy on Tuesday afternoons. She is a fully trained hearing dog for the deaf so very gentle around children. She will be visiting children across the school as part of our nurturing programme. Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child and dogs!

### **Paying for Bunnies extra hours, clubs and dinners**

You will be receiving invoices this week; please pay them promptly or get in touch immediately if you need to make staged payments. Payment by internet banking is very easy; details of the school account are on the invoice. If you send payments in to school, please put them in an envelope labelled with your child's name, class and the item you are paying for. They can be posted into the office through the letter box in reception.

### **FOSHS news**

Please start collecting items for the jumble sale on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Gemma Barry (Mum to Joseph in Class One) would welcome any offers of help with this, so please get in touch with her or the office if you would like to do this.

A Hallowe'en disco for the children will be held at the village hall on 31<sup>st</sup> October and again, please volunteer to help.

We'd like to say a big thank you to FOSHS for £500 towards the purchase of extra books for classrooms. To this was added £1000 from Sheehan's so children will be enjoying new titles.

### **A big thank you**

Staff have asked me to say that they were touched by the many gifts at the end of last term.

### **Family Learning Day - Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 12:00**

Please keep this morning free to come with your children to school. More details will follow but we hope to have a fun morning in the school and grounds, learning together and getting to know each other (and eating and drinking!).

Yours sincerely,

Karen Jupp  
Headteacher

The September Newsletter should be in your email inbox, please advise the office if it is not!  
It will also be on the school website: <http://www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/>

**Dates for your diary 2015-16**

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

**September**

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Time Machine week

24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Resources committee meeting

7:30 pm Working parties of teachers and governors

**30<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm School Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church**

**October**

8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

**10<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 pm FOSHS Jumble Sale at the Village Hall**

**17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 12:00 am Family Learning Day**

23<sup>rd</sup> 3:30 pm Term 1 ends

31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 – 6:30 pm FOSHS Hallowe'en disco at the Village Hall

**November**

2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2 begins

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

11<sup>th</sup> Individual Photos

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair after school

**December**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 1:15 Church Service**

3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

18<sup>th</sup> 1:15 pm Term 2 ends

**January**

4<sup>th</sup> INSET day – no children at school

5<sup>th</sup> Term 3 begins

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

**February**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 1:15 Church Service**

4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

12<sup>th</sup> Term 3 ends 3:10 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> Term 4 begins

**March**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 1:15 Church Service**

24<sup>th</sup> Term 4 ends 1:15 pm

7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

**April**

11<sup>th</sup> INSET day – no children at school

12<sup>th</sup> Term 5 begins

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

**May**

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

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

19<sup>th</sup> 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

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

30<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

**July**

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

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

