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Stanton Harcourt CE
Primary School

Newsletter November 2015

What we've been up to:

Class Two's Visit to the Witney and District Museum

Class Two had a fantastic time at the Witney and district Museum last term. The children completed a quiz and found out what life was like in the mills. Please support the museum and visit the Witney Blanket Hall to find out more about the Witney Blanket Story.

House points winners treat

Unfortunately the treat day turned out to be very wet so the planned trip to the new Jubilee Park couldn't go ahead but the children enjoyed their lunch in school and then went over to Mr Mathew's woods and built time machines.

Bonfire party

We had a great turn out for the bonfire party and many families enjoyed the hot chocolate and marshmallows supplied by FOSHS. Thanks to Gemma Barry for helping Mrs Hemming with the bonfire building in half term and to Mrs Hemming, Miss MacKenzie and Mrs Insch for making sure everyone was safe on the night.

Have a look at the school website to see if you can spot yourself or your friends!

<http://stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/>

Things we'll be doing soon:

Remembrance Service

We are holding our Remembrance Service at Church on Wednesday 11th at 9:15 am. Kerstie Judson and John Holland will be present to represent the British Legion. They will be coming in to school in the afternoon to talk to Class Three pupils. Poppies will be on sale at school; please send your child in with a donation.

School Photos – afternoon of November 11th

All children will have individual photographs taken, but if you wish to have a family group photo, please complete the reply slip and return in by Monday 9th November. We expect to finish by 2:30 pm after which younger siblings may be brought to school to have photographs taken individually or in a family group. It would be helpful if we could stagger this, so if your surname begins with A – M please come between 2:30 and 3:00 pm, and if not, please come after 3:00 pm.

Book Fair Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th 3:15 – 4:00 pm

You have probably already seen the signs up for the Book Fair which will run from 24th – 27th November. Please come along and help to boost sales. We use commission to buy lots of books for

the school. It's a great way to do your Christmas Shopping! Year Six children will be asked if they would like to help out, so please return the slip on the letter.

Parents' evenings will be held on Dec 1st and 2nd from 3:30 - 6:30. Dec 2nd will be the only day on which Reception children's parents can meet with their teachers but all other years can meet teachers on either day except for a few parents who will be asked to attend SEN reviews on Wednesday 2nd between 3:30 and 5:30 pm at which Mrs Gray and the teacher will have a 20 minute slot to discuss things. The sign-up sheets will be put outside classrooms on Thursday Nov 5th. Bunnies parents will be invited to meet the teachers separately. More information will be available on the board outside the FSU soon.

First Aid club KS1 opportunity

KS1 children are able to take part in the First Aid club on Tuesdays this term. If your child would like to take part, please complete the reply slip.

News from FOSHS

The recent FOSHS AGM was an opportunity to reflect on the past academic year and celebrate the successes of our fundraising endeavours. With a generous grant from Sheehan's, our fundraising total exceeded £4,000 in the year 2014/2015 and this money was made available to the school to assist with the purchase of 15 iPads (£2,000) and a new whole school reading scheme (£1,500) as well as some smaller items. This fundraising outcome reflects two things: a huge amount of 'man hours' on the part of the FOSHS committee in terms of planning and overseeing events, and the continued generous support of families at school, and the wider Stanton Harcourt community. A huge thank you to all.

This year FOSHS has received two requests from school. Firstly to assist with the purchase of 30 chrome books to ensure pupils can readily access the huge volume of learning opportunities on the net, and to assist teachers with providing interactive lessons to all. Secondly to support the creative curriculum by part funding school trips that will benefit every pupil. We will be delighted to assist with these things, along with anything else that crops up over the coming year, if we can continue to reap the benefits of your continued support.

To that end a huge thank you for your support so far this academic year. Our jumble sale at the beginning of October was a huge success with lots of volunteers turning up on the day and plenty of people coming to buy. Our Monster Mash Ball for Halloween was another fantastic event and it seemed that children and adults alike had a great time with the disco, activities and Mummy toilet roll challenge! Thank you so much for joining in with the spirit of the event - the fun was infectious!

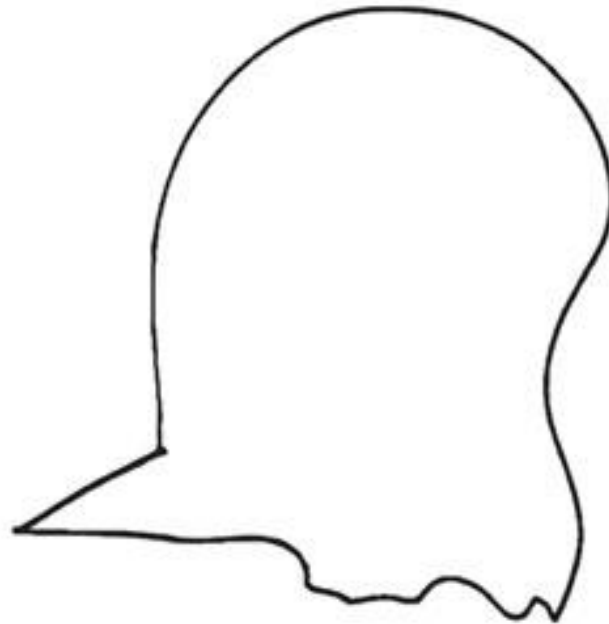
Our next big event will be our Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December. Please make a note in your diaries...this is arguably our biggest event of the year and in the coming weeks we will be sending you information about the evening and requests for help - both in advance of the Fayre and during the evening itself. Please help us as much as you can, don't be afraid to volunteer and get involved, we need you!

Come and play the Shape Game with Stanton Harcourt Primary School!!!!

Look at the shape below. What does it remind you of? Can you turn the shape into something we might recognise?

Can you turn it upside down? Does this change your drawing?

When you have finished your drawing please send it in to school with your child so we can display it in the hall. Please feel free to invite your friends and extended family to join in!



Dates for your diaries

November

11th 9:15 Church Service for Remembrance

Individual and family photos will be taken in the afternoon – families with Bunnies or younger siblings please attend from 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm (surnames starting A – M), 3:00 pm onwards (surnames starting N - Z)

3:30 – 5:30 Safeguarding Training for staff and volunteers

6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

12th Year Six at Bartholomew for Transition Day

7:00 pm Governors Achievement and Standards Committee meeting

18th 7:30 Full Governing Body meeting

19th pm KS2 visit Chipping Norton Theatre for Robin Hood Pantomime return 5:15 pm ish

Friday 20th and Saturday 21st The Big Draw Art Gallery open at Bartholomew School

23rd Governors Communication Committee 2:30 – 3:30

25th – 27th Scholastic Book Fair 3:15 – 4:00 pm

December

1st Parents' evening Years 1 – 6 3:30 – 6:30 pm

2nd Parents' evening Years R – 6 3:30 – 6:30 pm

2nd – No church service (replaced by Christmas service on 16th)

3rd 6:00 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

9th 9:30 FSU and KS1 Nativity at Village Hall – Coffee from 9:00 – 9:30

15th 9:00 am FSU and KS1 - Pinocchio and his cat – visiting theatre group performance in the FSU (all Bunnies welcome)

16th 1:15 Christmas Church Service

18th School Christmas Lunch

1:15 pm Term 2 ends

January

4th INSET day – no children at school

5th Term 3 begins

6th 1:15 Church Service

February

3rd 1:15 Church Service

4th 6:00 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

8th Year 5 and 6 at the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools (IMPS) Witney Hospital

12th Term 3 ends 3:10 pm

22nd Term 4 begins

March

2nd 1:15 Church Service

3rd Year Six at Bartholomew for Transition Day

24th Term 4 ends 1:15 pm

6:00 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

April

11th INSET day – no children at school

12th Term 5 begins

13th 1:15 Church Service

21st 7:00 – 8:30 pm Meeting for Year 5 and 6 children and parents ref Yenworthy trip

28th 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

May

2nd Bank holiday – no school

4th 1:15 Church Service

19th 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

27th Term 5 ends 3:10 pm

June

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

8th 1:15 Church Service

23rd 1:15 Sports Day

7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

30th Year Six at Bartholomew for Transition Day

6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

July

6th 1:15 Church Service

7th Sports Day if wet on 30th June!

14th tbc 6:00 Governors Pay Committee meeting 6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

20th Term 6 ends 1:15 pm

The November Newsletter will be in your email inbox – please let us know if you don't receive it. It is also available on the website.

Reply slips: Return by Monday 9th November

Individual and Family Photographs – Wednesday 11th November

Either:

Family groups of children at school on Wednesday afternoons only:

Please include the following on a family photograph:

Name.....Class.....

Name.....Class.....

Name.....Class.....

Or:

Family groups containing children not at Stanton Harcourt School:

Families with Bunnies or younger siblings please attend from 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm (surnames starting A – M), 3:00 pm onwards (surnames starting N - Z)

Please include the following on a family photograph – we will arrive at pm.

Name.....Class.....

Name.....Class.....

Name.....Class.....

Name.....

Signed.....Date.....

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Year Six Helpers only - Book Fair 25th – 27th November 2015 - Return by Monday 9th November

I give my permission for _____ to stay and help run the Book Fair

on _____.

He/ she will be making their own way home. He/ She will be collected at 3.45.

Signed.....Date.....

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First Aid Club – Tuesdays in Term Two - open to Class One, Two and Three

– Return by Monday 9th November

Name of child.....Class.....Year.....

I am happy to pay £3 per hour for this club and understand this will be invoiced as above.

My child will be collected at the end of the day unless otherwise indicated.

Signed.....Date.....

Print name.....

Contact email/phone.....