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Stanton Harcourt School

Newsletter for late May and June 2016

From Mrs Trigg:

Dear Parents,

At least the sun is shining now! Thank you to your wonderful children who have taken their assessments this term in their stride and have been cheerful and optimistic. Thank you also to all the staff who have been calm, purposeful and kind, as usual.

It has been a good term and we are looking forward to next term with visits, a residential trip and, of course, the summer festival. This is my first summer festival and I am excited about seeing all the action! I hear it is an amazing week. We are also thinking about having an outdoor picnic for the Queen's birthday, further details will be coming about the arrangements.

Please don't forget we have an Inset Day on the 6th June, school starts back on the 7th. During the holidays the hall floor will be replaced, which is very exciting, and if there is time new doors put on classrooms. Also put in your diary that sports day (afternoon) is on the 23rd June - weather permitting and parents evenings on the 4th and 5th July. I will also be arranging another meeting with yourselves to talk about school improvement - I will make it later in order that more people can attend. This is such a good opportunity to meet you and for you also to get to know me.

If there is any parent at all who can spare even half an hour to help with weeding I would be very grateful. The grounds need to be kept looking lovely - you have such a wonderful site and it needs to be maintained. Grounds maintenance do not do weeding, unfortunately, and therefore it is up to volunteers so if you have even half an hour please do come in. Your help would be gratefully received.

Attendance: It is very important that your child/ren attend school every day, where possible. The new National Curriculum is more demanding and pacy and each day lost your child could lose valuable learning. I fully understand keeping a child off school due to illness and this is absolutely correct. The school, at present, is below National figures for attendance and below National figures for authorised and unauthorised absence. When Ofsted do visit the school cannot get a 'Good' grade for 'Behaviour and Safety' if attendance is below National. We need therefore to increase our attendance figures in order to prove that we are addressing any attendance issues. I would therefore ask for your assistance - thank you.

May I wish you a really happy break and hope that you all have a wonderful week. The staff, and I, are looking forward to a really good term leading to the summer break.

Using the outside play equipment

Please could we remind parents that the children should not play on *any* of the outside play equipment before or after school due to safety regulations.

A request from Drama Club

In preparation for the school's production of *The Tempest*, Miss Baldock needs some help with props!

Please could you donate any old boxes/pots of these brands of washing tablets/powders/liquids;

Ariel, Persil, Surf, Fairy, Bold, Daz, Fab, Tide.

Moving up morning - July 6th

Traditionally we have had our moving up morning on the same day as Transfer Day when our Year 6 children go to Bartholomew for the day; however this year one of our teachers won't be here so we have to do this on another day, Wednesday July 6th. We will be inviting children who will be new to our school to come along for this, too.

On that morning parents of reception children who will be moving into Year 1 are invited along to spend some time in the Class 1 classroom with their children (approximately 30 mins) and then meet with Miss Woodford to talk about the transition from Reception to Keystage 1 and ask any questions you may have. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time.

Church celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday

From Rev Tweedy: On Sunday 12th June at 10.30am St Michael's Church will be hosting a special service to celebrate the Queen's birthday. A giant birthday card made by the children of Stanton Harcourt School will feature in the service and all children and their families are warmly invited to attend.

Thank you to the Parish Council

We are looking forward to the children being presented with Commemorative Coins for the Queen's 90th Birthday. This will be happening at the School Church Service on 8th June at 1.15 pm. Parents are invited to come along.

Many thanks to the Parish Council for organising this for the children.

More thank yous....

We're so lucky to have many volunteers who help us out when we're in need of it...Early Bird Readers, Gardeners and Handy-Men and -Women. You all know who you are so please take this as a thank you for all you do.

Summer Festival Plans

Flower Festival display is in St Michael's Church for the whole of Summer Festival Week

Mrs Edwards has kindly agreed to do some flower arranging for us. The children will be making a Big Birthday Card for the Queen which will be on display as part of our arrangement. Please could you provide us with a small donation to allow us to purchase flowers to use in the display. A reply slip is attached.

From FOSHS:

Floats

Festival Day is fast approaching! On Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th WE NEED YOU! Parents traditionally decorate the floats ready for the parade on the Saturday, which all Stanton Harcourt pupils are invited to ride on. We have two floats to prepare! We meet at 7.30pm on the Farm that is straight over Stanton Harcourt roundabout if you are coming from the village. Drive down this track, past the farmhouse and the trailers will be in the barn on your left hand side. We have until 9pm on these three nights to make the magic happen! Please wear old clothes and bring scissors, glue, pen knives, hammers and a step ladder if you can! It's an opportunity not to be missed! Please put the dates in your diaries now! Children will be busy in school on the afternoon of 7th and 14th June doing craftwork to put on the float.

On the day

On festival day itself we need volunteers to do half hour or hour slots in our vintage pop up cafe and on our stalls...please get in touch via our Facebook page or email me, gemmabarry09@yahoo.co.uk if you can offer any time at all.

Cake donations on Friday 17th June to school would be incredibly welcome and if you wish to really 'push the boat out' the theme is of course, 'Stanton at Sea!'

Thank you for your amazing and continued support!

Golden Ticket Achievements in the Lower School

These children have been award Golden Tickets:

Harrison B, Joseph, William, Lucy, Thomas G, Eddie, Charlie - for hard work and achievement in Maths

George T - for all round positive attitude to learning

Tommy and Millie Mae - for effort in their writing

Louie - for his super gardening skills

William P - for excellent writing

Florence and Iris - for all round attitude to their learning

Reward for the winning team

Parents of children in the winning team will receive a letter about the visit to The Fox play area which is as a reward for their team getting the most "Gotchas" this term. The visit will take place on Wednesday 15th June.

Yenworthy - arrangements for Year 4 children in Class Three

Year 5 and 6 children will be away in Yenworthy from June 6th to 10th. During that week, the Year 4 children in Class Three will be in Class Two for the whole week.

Parking at the top of the lane

We know it is difficult to park near to school and would suggest that whenever possible you walk to school with your children. However, if you're on the way to work this isn't always possible, so please park considerately so that others can access their boot and open doors without damaging your car. The yellow cross-hatched areas must always be kept free.

Cycle Training

Children in year 5 and those in year 6 who haven't already passed their cycle test will have the opportunity to take part in a course soon. The dates are on the calendar. More details will come home after half term.

School Calendar

Our new Googlemail calendar is live on the school website so if you need to look up dates, please visit this page:

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

While you're there, why not have a look at the rest of our website?

The newsletter will be in your email inbox

Dates for your diary 2015-16

Parents/carers are invited to items in bold

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June

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

8th 1:15 School Church Service with presentation of Queen's birthday commemorative coins from the Parish Council

12th Church Service at St Michael's 10:30 am to celebrate The Queen's birthday

13th Queen's Birthday picnic - more information will follow.

15th, 16th, 17th 7:30 - 9.00 pm Float Preparation

17th Take cake donations to school for FOSHS refreshment stall at Summer Festival

18th Summer Festival Day – all children involved in floats and a performance from 1:00 pm

22nd 1:35 – 2:45 Cycle training (Bike Check only)

23rd 1:15 Sports Day

7:30 pm Full Governing Body meeting

28th 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

29th 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

30th 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

30th Year Six at Bartholomew for Transition Day

6:30 pm Governors Resources Committee meeting

July

1st 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

4th 3:30 – 5:30 parents' consultation evening

5th 3:30 – 5:30 parents' consultation evening

6th - Moving Up morning

6th 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training

6th 1:15 Church Service

7th Sports Day if wet on 23rd June!

8th 1:00 – 2:30 pm Cycle training Test

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

15th School performances of The Tempest 2 pm and 6 pm Village Hall (Drama Club)

20th Term 6 ends 1:15 pm