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Stanton Harcourt School

Newsletter September 2016

From Mrs. Trigg:

Dear Parents,

I really hope you had a wonderful summer; certainly the children were very positive and some of the stories shared have been amazing! I hope you all really benefited from the better weather.

The school is looking wonderful. The ceilings came down and were replaced, classrooms 1, 2 and 3 were painted together with the hall and kitchen and new chairs arrived again for classrooms 1, 2 and 3. It was a lot of hard work getting all this done in the time, and sometimes, during the holiday when I came in I wondered if it would ever be finished! However with the sterling work of Mr. Knight and his team it was completed and I would like to thank him for all his efforts to ensure the children were able to come into school on time. It was an amazing achievement.

Staffing:

Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Pascoe are the new teachers in Early Years and we warmly welcome them as a part of this strong team. We also welcome Mrs. Lappin who will be working on a Friday as a teacher in Class One and also helping in class 3 during the week. Welcome to Mrs. Simmons, a new teaching assistant in Class One and Mr. Laithwaite who will be Class Three's teaching assistant for the last half of the week.

Vision

Once my School Development Plan has been finalised by staff and governors I will be writing a letter to you to clarify my vision for the year to come and also arrange my termly meeting with parents. It is going to be a good year full of achievement both academically, socially and physically. We are already forming a stronger bond with the Eynsham Partnership Academy for P.E. provision, which will be starting next week with a teacher coming in to work within the school. We will also be undertaking more Academy P.E. events outside and within the school day – very exciting.

Volunteers

If you have any spare time at all, even an hour a week, we would warmly welcome any help within the school. It does not matter what your skill is: hearing children read, helping with cooking, helping with art etc. it is valuable. I cannot stress enough how much you will be helping children to advance in their learning and we really do need this type of support. If you are willing please contact the office and we will contact you about completing a DBS check and then you will be up and ready to go!

Value of the Term

Until half term the value will be 'Trust' when we will be thinking about what it means to be trustworthy linking this value to Jesus' teaching. Trust is an important value for without it relationships can break down and it is important that children really think about what it means in its entirety.

Clubs:

Football Club

Please make sure that your child has shin pads with them each week.

Eco club

We'll be starting a new lunchtime club on Wednesdays from 12:30 -1:00. As usual we will charge £1.50 per session. Please return the reply slip by Wednesday if you'd like your child to start attending.

Gardening help?

We would appreciate a few adults to help with gardening to help us keep the school surroundings looking good. If you can spare an hour or two please let us know; either during the school day or at evenings or weekends. We will be sending out the date soon for the Saturday 'helping day' to help maintain the school and grounds.

News from FOSHS:

The FOSHS committee would like to welcome all the staff pupils and families back to school this term, with a special hello to all the new children in the school and their extended families. FOSHS (Friends of Stanton Harcourt School) works in partnership with the school staff to provide equipment and enhanced learning opportunities for pupils that could not otherwise be provided because of the financial restraints of the school. By virtue of having a child in the school, you are a member of FOSHS and how involved you become in it is entirely up to you. We always welcome new members to the committee so do get in touch if you'd like to join our merry band! Alternatively throughout the year we ask for your help with our events and this support is vital so please do be brave and volunteer when you can - often it's simply to donate a cake or give an hour of your time on a stall and honestly it's fun and a great way to meet other parents and network!

Events Coming Up:

We have a clothing collection on Thursday 22nd September. Bags and instructions will be given out during this week. Please have a good sort out and fill your bag as much as possible. Ask neighbours and family members to join in - any kind of bag is allowed so if you are overflowing with items do feel free to use bin bags! We can only accept bags on the MORNING of THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER. Please leave the items on the tables by classroom 3 ready for collection. Many thanks for your help with this.

We will be having an AGM in the coming weeks - please keep an eye out on our Facebook page and via school communication and attend if you can - we want everyone to have their say in how we work and how the money we raise is spent.

Halloween - Please pencil in Saturday 29th October for a late afternoon/early evening event for all the family...details to follow, but if you have been in recent years, you will know the party is always spooktastically fun and not worth missing!

Christmas Fayre - as soon as we have a date finalised with school we will let you know, but suffice to say, the Christmas Fayre is a huge event in our fundraising calendar and this one will be no exception - lots of fun for everyone, guaranteed to get the Christmas juices flowing and visit from the Big Man himself...and a few of his helpers!

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events soon, and advanced thanks for all your support with our fundraising efforts.

The FOSHS committee

Check your email inbox for the latest newsletter. We save paper by only printing essentials!

The School Calendar

Our website has a calendar tab which should show all the dates you need. Things we have planned are detailed below to get you started! Parents are invited to items in bold. We still have to check availability for the church, so it may be that we need to change some dates.

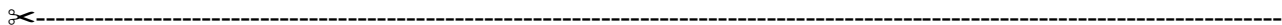
- 12.09.16 Class Three Junior Citizen visit
- 22.09.16 Bags2School collection (see FOSHS item below)**
- 28.09.16 Harvest Service at St Michael’s Church 2:30 pm**
- 29.09.16 Class Three Blenheim Palace visit
- 29.10.16 FOSHS family event late afternoon/evening
- 03.11.16 Whole School have a visiting Author for the day (see separate letter)
- 06.12.16 EYFS and Class One Nativity/Christmas Performance 9 am. and evening 6 p.m. Village Hall**
- 12.12.16 Class Christmas events and whole school Christmas Dinner
- 14.12.16 Hosanna Rock Class Two and Three in Church 2 pm**
- 15.12.16 Playhouse Panto visit for Reception - Year 6 12:45 - 5 pm.

Panto Visit for Reception to Year Six on Thursday 15th December

We have booked provisional seats and two coaches to allow all school children to go to see Cinderella at The Playhouse in Oxford on Thursday 15th December. The cost per child is £15.50. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to visit a big theatre and see a panto on a large stage. The really love it especially when the sweets get thrown!!

The coach will leave school at 12.45 (we’ll have an early lunch) and will return at around 5 pm depending on traffic! Please complete the reply slip and return **by Friday Sept 23rd** to secure your child’s place. You can pay by BACS stating your child(ren)’s name and Panto, cash or cheque and request to pay in instalments provided you make a down-payment of £5 per child.

Children who are not going to the Panto will be supervised by staff and we will make sure they have an enjoyable time at school for the afternoon.



Reception - Year 6 Panto trip 15.12.16

Reply by Friday Sept 23rd - enclose in a sealed envelope, please.

I give permission for the child(ren) named below to take part in this activity.

.....Year

.....Year

.....Year

Please complete whichever statement applies:

I enclose £..... (£15.50 per pupil)

I have paid £.....by BACS (The reference I used is:

Panto (child’s name).....)

I wish to pay in instalments and have enclosed £5 per child, a total of £.....

.....will collect my child(ren) at the end of the day.

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