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Stanton Harcourt School

Newsletter November 2016

Dear Parents,

Just to say a HUGE thank you for your support for the shoeboxes. So many children are going to be so happy on Christmas Day thanks to you. We are, at present, up to 59 which is amazing and I know some more are due in. The current boxes are being collected today but if you still want to do one, and I spoke to some parents this morning who do, then the final, final day is next Thursday. I am bowled over by the response; thank you so very, very much.

Class Two won the Attendance Award for October - well done. Can I just 'nag' again about the importance of attendance. The school curriculum has so much content no that any absence has an impact. Our school target is 97% - we are not there yet but we will get there with your help.

The children have settled in well after half term and looking forward to the author visit. Please make sure you look at the school's website and your child's class page which has spelling words from the Framework which would be helpful if you have any time to help your child to learn the spellings for their age. Also the term's topic plan is there for you to see what the children are learning this term.

Just to remind you that during the day the children drink water, if they need to, and then can have squash, in their lunchbox, at lunchtime. Children having a hot dinner can either have provided milk or water or water from their bottle.

Please don't forget that on Wednesday 7th November at 7 pm we are having the unveiling of the new stained glass art work and you are invited to look around the classrooms at our new chairs and tables (thank you again to our anonymous benefactor). I will also be sharing the School Development Plan for this year. Wine and nibbles will be provided.

I wonder if anyone has a velvet or green curtain or material I can have for our worship table. If so, that would be wonderful.

Mrs Trigg

Coats, wellies and rucksacks

With the return of the colder weather children need to have a warm coat in school so that can enjoy playtime without feeling cold. Wellies are a good idea too so that children can play on the field when the grass is wet. Our cloakrooms are very small and space is restricted. Teachers would really appreciate it if children did not use rucksacks to bring in the PE kits and other belongings as there is no room to store these on the pegs.

Nativity backdrop and Christmas cooking

Miss Woodford is looking for some large white flat sheets to create the nativity backdrop. She is also looking for some volunteers to cook with the children in December to make some Christmas biscuits. Please let her know if you can help.

Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies for remembrance on Thursday November 10th and Friday Nov 11th. Please send any contributions into school and we will make sure your children have a poppy to wear for our church remembrance service if they would like to.

The service will be at St Michael's Church on Friday 11th at 10:55 for half an hour if you would like to join us.

During the afternoon of Friday 11th November Class Three will be having a visit from Kerstie Judson and John Holland, members of the local Royal British Legion who will be telling children about the reasons behind Remembrance Day and answering questions from them.

Parent consultation evenings

We have planned two parent consultation meetings for our Year 1 to Year 6 children's parents and carers on Tuesday Nov 15th and Thursday Nov 24th from 3:30 - 6:00 pm Reception children's parents are invited just for the Thursday.

A signup sheet will be put up outside each classroom on Monday 7th November. Please complete this to book your slot.

Bunnies parents will be able to make individual arrangements to talk to Mrs Hardy or Mrs Pascoe at a lunchtime; please look out for more information about this on the board outside the Early Years Unit.

Book Fair - get your Christmas presents early!

Scholastic Book Fair will be opening at school from 3:15 - 3:45 pm on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November. Staff would welcome a volunteer to help run the book fair and enable children to become shopkeepers! If you feel able to volunteer to do this, please get in touch with the office. If you book a parent's evening appointment on Thursday 24th we will keep the book fair open late so that you can browse then. The commission we get on the book sales helps to boost our class and school libraries.

Knight School - parents are invited on Dec 13th 4:15 - 4:45 pm

There will be a small initiation ceremony to welcome the children into the Knightly Order of Sol. The end of year prize will be awarded. Parents of children at the club are very welcome to come along and see what the children have achieved.

School Council

School Council continues to meet every 2-3 weeks. They are currently looking at ways of improving the pond area by creating a special area for prayer and reflection. The School Council's design for the reflection area will soon be shown to the rest of the school for approval, or additional ideas.

School Council will be also meeting a representative of The School Lunch Company to talk about possible changes to the school menu from February.

As you can see, the elected School Council members are working hard and making a difference to our school.

Christmas Dinner order for Wednesday 14th December- please return by next Wednesday

We will need you to complete the order form at the end of the newsletter to ensure we know what to order for Christmas lunch. Return it promptly please - by Wed 9th November.

Please vote to support our volunteer reader, Mrs. Dixon-Brown, who comes to us through ARCh

ARCh is taking part in the Aviva Community Fund to support our work inspiring children to read. Winning it could mean an award of up to **£10,000** so we would be extremely grateful if staff and parents and carers could take the time to vote for us please.

It is a very simple process to register and vote, you only have to enter your name and email address and then you are entitled to 10 votes

You can do so here: <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-2851>

Voting closes on **18 November** so please don't delay!

Pippa Goodhart's Author visit

What a wonderful day we have all had with Pippa Goodhart. She was so impressed with our hall display that she has taken a photo to show Nick Sharrat. Pippa worked with Class 3 helping children to create a story using the picture book 'Just Imagine' as a starting point. She talked to the children about building a character, creating a back story and then taking a story forward. The stories the children wrote and then shared with Pippa were superb. In Class 2 children shared their book reviews based on the stone age story Glog. They listened to stories and asked some really interesting questions. Class 1 enjoyed sharing 'You Choose' with Pippa, she gave the children some interesting story writing ideas which we will pursue over the oncoming weeks. There was some more story sharing in FSU and the children showed their pleasure in listening to stories beautifully.

Thank you to all the contributions towards this successful day, it certainly inspired child to read and there was almost a complete show of hands in Class 3 when children were asked if they would like to have a go at becoming a writer.



The November Newsletter will be in your email inbox.

Please take a look at our website - changes are made at least once a week!
<http://stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/>

Dates for your diaries

Parents are invited to items in bold

- 07.11.16 Sign up sheets for parents consultations available outside classrooms**
- 09.11.16 Open evening - unveiling of stained glass and talk from Mrs Trigg 7 - 8 pm**
- 10.11.16 Year 1 Dance Lesson at Bartholomew Parents to transport to arrive at 9 am**
- 11.11.16 Remembrance Service at St Michael's 10:45 - 11:30**
 Very last day to send in Shoeboxes
- 15.11.16 Parents Consultation Evening 3:30 - 6:00**
- 21.11.16 Year 2 Gymnastics Lesson at Bartholomew Parents to transport to arrive at 9 am**
- 23.11.16 3:15 - 4:15 Scholastic Book Fair**
- 24.11.16 Year 5 Dance Lesson at Bartholomew Parents to transport to arrive at 9 am**
- 24.11.16 3:15 - 6:00 Scholastic Book Fair**
- 24.11.16 Parents Consultation Evening 3:30 - 6:00**
- 06.12.16 EYFS and Class One Nativity/Christmas Performance 9 am and 6 pm Village Hall**
- 08.12.16 6 pm Resources Committee and 7:30 pm Full Governing Body meetings
- 10.12.16 4:30 pm St Michael's Carol and Gift Service - Children will be singing**
- 12.12.16 Class Christmas events
- 12.12.16 FOSHS Christmas Fayre 5:30 - 7:00**
- 13.12.16 Knight School presentation 4:15 - 4:45 pm**
- 14.12.16 Whole school Christmas Dinner (please note change of date)
- 14.12.16 Hosanna Rock Class One, Two and Three in Church 2 pm**
- 15.12.16 Playhouse Panto visit for Reception - Year 6 12:45 - 5 pm.
- 16.12.16 Autumn term ends at 1:15 pm - early finish time**
- 04.01.17 Children return for Spring Term
- 27.01.17 Class Three Trip to Orchestral Concert at The Sheldonian Theatre

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**Christmas Dinner - please return *for all children* by Wednesday 9th Nov
 (most children in the past have had this special meal - it costs £2.10 for those in Bunnies
 or KS2)**

The normal menu for this day will be replaced by:

- Roast turkey or quorn and trimmings, roast and creamed potatoes, vegetable selection
- Snowman ice cream

Child's name	Would like Turkey meal	Would like Quorn (vegetarian) meal	Usually has dinner on Wednesdays	Will bring a special packed lunch

I enclose £2.10 for each meal ordered unless my child already has meals on Wednesday.

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