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Newsletter December 2016



Dear Parents,

It's getting nearer to Christmas, what a wonderful time of the year. Please don't forget about the dates for the church celebration of Christmas and the Key Stage One nativity performance, which is always a vital part of Christmas. On the last day of term (remember we break up at 1.15 p.m.) the children can come dressed on a Christmas theme to make it a celebration. We start back on Wednesday, 4th January after a lovely holiday. Thank you for all your support this term; it has been a really successful term with lots of learning and the children are really responding to the support and challenges they are given. It would be lovely if the children could write about their experiences over Christmas to share when we come back.

Book Fair

The grand total of takings at our book fair was £553.16 which means that the teachers have been able to choose £553.16 worth of books to add to our class collections and put into the library.

Thank you very much for your support and we hope your children will enjoy reading their own and our school's new books!

Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations

Year 1, 2 and 3 children who have returned the flu vaccination forms will be vaccinated on the morning of 8th Dec. Parents will need to inform school as below:

Recent episodes of wheezing in the last 3 days and/or steroids treatment in the last 2 weeks would mean that these children were not fit enough to have the vaccination, and we are relying on the parents/carers to tell school staff and for you to pass these messages onto us, so that vaccination can be delayed until it will be most effective for these children who are at high risk of becoming very unwell if they contract flu.

The link to the '**Flu Heroes**' video is below, and can be shown to the children before the vaccination sessions, it runs for 1.38 minutes and has been very helpful in preparing the children and reassuring them that the vaccination is a quick and painless spray up their nose

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHWwm8NQUw>

Santa's visit to Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

We have been asked to publish the dates of the annual Santa's Sleigh tours through our local villages. The Sleigh will be visiting on Wednesday 7th December and Santa's elves will be collecting money for the Rotary Club charities. You'll be able to sing carols, too!

News from FOSHS (Friends Of Stanton Harcourt School)

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and we are really excited by all we have planned for you. The event is on Monday 12th December from 5.30 -7pm and is being held with the theme of 'The Polar Express!'. Children are invited to attend in their warmest pyjamas and enjoy hot chocolate and lots of crafts and games, while parents, carers and friends can enjoy a full bar, mince pies and much more!

If you have never attended a FOSHS Christmas Fayre before, it might be helpful for you to know the following :

We rely heavily on parental support to make our Fayre the magical evening that it is known to be. Diane Axford (Mum to Daniel and Thomas Axford) is currently drawing up rotas for the evening -please offer to help if you possibly can - the stalls are easy to run and it's great fun too. You can contact Diane via our FOSHS facebook page, in person during the school run or via the school office. Thank you.

In the coming weeks we will be asking pupils to donate certain items towards the Fayre via donation boxes in school. If you are able to support us we'd be really appreciative. We are very aware that this is a busy time of year, with lots going on and lists of things to buy everywhere, so we have kept it as simple as possible. If you can help, please do.

This year we are also collecting nearly new toys to sell. We are accepting toys, games, teddy bears and puzzles. Just think of the space you could create before Christmas if you had a clear out now! Surely its a win win situation? Nearly new donations will be accepted by FOSHS in the week before the Fayre. Details to follow...

If you work for a bank or a large corporate firm, are you able to match fund our fundraising efforts? It's really easy to do and would make a massive difference to the support we could offer our school in terms of funding for equipment and learning opportunities. Please get in touch with FOSHS if you are able to do this -ask at work -you never know!).

Finally a HUGE thank you for the gifts already received for our Christmas Raffle. You have been generous, creative and fabulous! We can always accept more items and this year are asking people to think outside the box...bouquets, event tickets, gift vouchers, an experience...all are welcome! Tickets for the raffle will be available on the night of the Fayre and should not be missed!

That's all for now...we hope this has whetted your appetite! Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to a fantastic evening with you aboard the Polar Express very soon.

Gemma Barry, Chairperson, FOSHS

Decorations

Children are welcome to bring in a Christmas decoration to hang on the school tree this year. We hope to make this the best display ever!

Also, we need to decorate our wooden cross for the school hall. We have decided to decoupage it and we need some patterned paper suitable for glueing. If possible could each child bring into school a piece of patterned paper, approximately the same size as their hand, in time for the Christmas Craft Day on 12th December. We aim to draw around our hands and cut them out so they can be stuck to the cross. The paper can be shiny but please could it not be too Christmassy as this is something that will be on display all year.

Amazing news!

[Magical Maths](#) is coming to Stanton Harcourt Primary School with a super fun after school maths club and we would like to invite your child/children to come along and join us for some fantastic mathematical fun!

We'll be starting the club on Friday 13th January 2017 at 3:20pm and running on the following dates at the same time for an hour each week:

Friday 20th January

Friday 27th January

Friday 3rd February

Friday 10th February

Friday 24th February

Magical Maths club is packed full of exciting games and activities that are super fun and highly educational (but don't tell the children!).

Please be aware though, that we do have limited availability and places will fill up fast. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so be sure to sign up quickly to secure your spot!

Visit www.magicalmathsclub.com or call 01865 986195 to save your space!

We hope to see you soon :)

Our wonderful **Science Club** will still be running after Christmas, so children who are in Science Club will not be able to attend both; if your child wants to take part in Magical Maths, please let us know they won't be attending Science Club for those six weeks or you will be charged for it!

Knight school: From January 2017, the knight school will become a chapter of the 'Knights Of Sol' (KOS), a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the values of chivalry, the warrior lifestyle and the practice of medieval martial arts.

Designed in partnership with leading international experts on medieval martial arts and a veteran officer from the Parachute Regiment, The KOS curriculum will include:

- Ø Discipline: Learn how to operate as a member of a unit with a clear command structure, and develop early leadership skills to guide others in a variety of scenarios.

- Ø Chivalry: Live by a strict code of honour, lead a healthy warrior lifestyle and learn about 'citizenship through service'.

- Ø Fitness: Keep fit using bodyweight training including some of the same workout routines that that were used by warrior civilisations like the Greeks and Romans.

- Ø Ultimate Medieval Combat: Gentle introduction to Historical European Martial arts with an exclusive system designed to provide children with a safe and entertaining experience with foam weapons.

We still have a few places for next term and the fee is only £4.50 per 1.5 hour session (sessions every Tuesday 3.15pm to 4.45pm).

Please contact the school office if you would like to sign up, or e-mail Mr Jonathan van de Walle for more information: jonathan_vandewalle@yahoo.com

Swimming for Class Two after Christmas!

This year we are splitting the swimming training three ways - Class Three have had the first section of the year, Class Two will be going from January to April and Class One will be going after Easter.

More information is on the separate letter which Class Two children will be receiving after Christmas.

Staff changes

We are sorry to have to let you know that Mrs McEachern has decided to leave her role as SENCo at our school. We have greatly appreciated all the work she has done during the last nine months and will really miss her. We are very lucky to have found a replacement from within the teaching staff; Mrs Becky Clark will be taking over the SENCo role from January. This does mean that she will be unable to continue to take Class Two on a Tuesday morning, so we have recently advertised for this half-day post. If you know anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the school website where the post details are displayed:

<http://stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/eynsham-partnership/epa-job-vacancies/>

The December 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 - ensure you also check the website for future dates that are added!

06.12.16 EYFS and Class One Nativity/Christmas Performance 9 am and 6 pm Village Hall

07.12.16 Rotary Club Santa Sleigh will be coming through Stanton Harcourt and Sutton

08.12.16 Year 1, 2 and 3 Children will have nasal spray Flu vaccinations (if consent form returned by deadline)
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 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

06.01.17 Happy Puzzle Day (Maths problem solving challenges)

27.01.17 Class Three Trip to Orchestral Concert at The Sheldonian Theatre