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Stanton Harcourt School

February 2017 Newsletter

From Mrs Trigg

I hope everyone has recovered from Christmas. It's really cold now but the children are doing really well wearing their coats outside (some rather reluctantly!) but hopefully the cold weather will get rid of the huge number of bugs flying around.

Our aim continues to improve our attendance figures to be in line with other schools and above National expectations so let's go for it. From December to date we are running at 95% attendance and we need to get to at least 97%. Class 2 continue to lead the attendance field with two certificates with Reception and Class 1 one certificate each. Come on Class 3!

I would like to thank all the children who shared, in diary format, their Christmas holiday. They were absolutely wonderful and it was so very difficult to choose a winner, they were all great. I really felt I was there with them! There are good writers in this school and I have encouraged the children to enter Chris. Evans 500 words competition, I know they would do well.

I have been in touch with the new head teacher (she is very nice) and she would very much like to meet you. We have arranged a date of Wednesday, 8th March at 7 - 8 pm in the hall so please put it in your diary and come along to see her. I will remind you again nearer the time. Wine, juice and nibbles will be provided.

On the 7th February we are having a 'safer internet day' focusing on how to make sure children keep themselves safe on the internet and also looking at the issue of cyber-bullying.

Part Closure on Feb 10th for staff training for Early Years and KS1 staff

The EYFS classroom will be used to train our staff, so the children in the EYFS will not be able to attend school that day. **Class One will now operate as usual** as we have managed to staff this group although their main teacher and TA will be involved in the training.

FOSHS

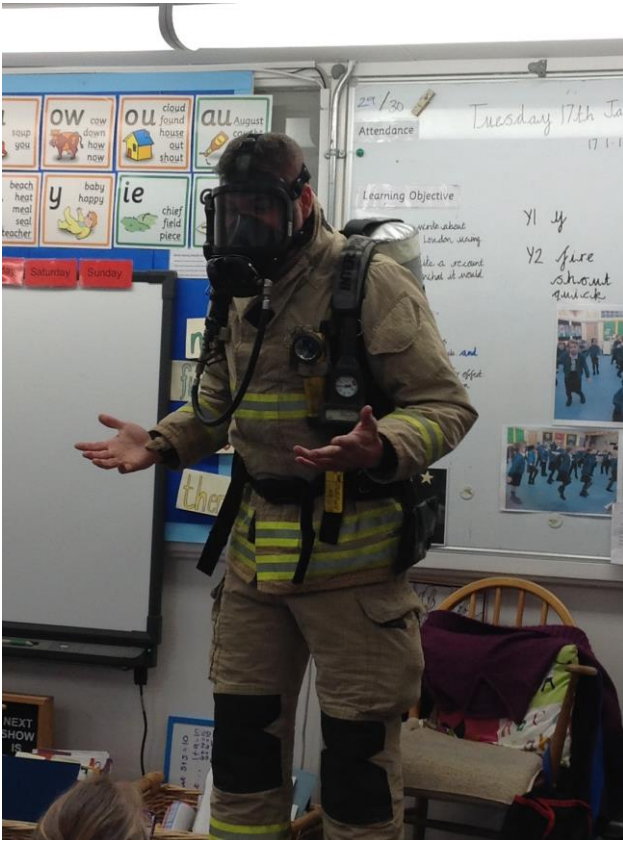
A huge thank you to all for the support shown to FOSHS last term. Our fundraising efforts have allowed us to plough money straight back into school and after the success of the Author visit in the Autumn term we were delighted to fund the Happy Puzzle Company Maths Day this term. This was paid for out of the profits made from our Polar Express themed Christmas Fayre (over £700!) and on that note huge thank you once again to the committee for their hard work behind the scenes, to the small army of staff and parent helpers on the night and to all who came and supported our efforts.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th February at 7pm in school. Car parking will be at a premium as the Choral Society meet in the hall on this night, so please walk to school or share a lift! This meeting will be to plan events for the coming year. Please do come along if you have some ideas or want to join the team...new faces and more hands on the deck would be made very welcome! Alternatively, if you have a fundraising brainwave do let school know or contact us via our Facebook page...we are currently mulling over a Spring table top sale, the annual village fun run, a quiz night, a family bingo night and more! School needs our financial help more than ever so please support us if you can.

Many thanks,

The FOSHS Committee

Thank you to Firefighter Brown for talking to Class 1 about the differences in Firefighting in 1666 and 2017



New - Cheerleading Club

A letter went home at the beginning of the week to children in years 3 - 6 introducing the opportunity to do a Cheerleading Club from 3:15 - 4:15 pm on Wednesdays from 22nd Feb to 5th April. Those who have already signed up for Football will probably not want to change to this, but we thought it would be an interesting opportunity for others. The deadline for signing up is Friday 10th February but it would be helpful for us to know beforehand if your child is going to attend in order that we know whether there will be enough children to make the club viable.

House award for January

Green team won the house award for January and will be having an hour at The Leys park as their reward on 6th Feb from 11:30 - 12:30. Children in the winning team will receive a letter detailing arrangements.

Paddington Bear day in Class One and EYFS

On Wednesday 8th February as an end to our topic all about London we will be having a Paddington Bear day in Class One and the EYFS will be joining in. Children are asked to bring in their favourite teddy. We will be writing instructions and making marmalade sandwiches to eat with our bears. We will make a label to put onto our bear and plan what Paddington might pack in his suitcase to travel around London. We will listen to some Paddington stories and do some Paddington Bear maths.

KS2 Viking and Roman Banquet 8.2.17

On Wednesday 8th February, KS2 will be celebrating the end of their history topic with a lunchtime banquet. Class Two will make helmets in school and decorate the lunch table and Class Three will come dressed as Roman citizens and make laurel wreaths for their heads

Children are welcome to bring an authentic packed lunch that day or eat their usual hot school meal if they have one booked for that day. Please let the office know if you are making any changes to your food order that day. The school cook, Frances Winter, will be providing a themed hot lunch so there will be a slight change on that day. There is lots of information on the internet about the type of food the Vikings/Romans would have eaten during these different time periods and your class teacher will be giving your children some ideas of what they could bring,

World Book Day 2.3.17

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their permission slips and donations for the World Book Day day trips. Class Two will be visiting the Roald Dahl Gallery in Aylesbury and the other year groups will be visiting the Story Museum in Oxford. There is still time to return your slips and make your donations to the school office. So far we only have half the amount in donations we need if we are to run these trips. We will have to cancel them if we don't get more so please send in your reply slips by Wed 8th next week as the teaching staff meeting that evening will make the decision as to whether we need to cancel. We have sent out letters reminding people already, but if you need a new one, please contact the office.

Active Kids vouchers

Please volunteer if you are able to help to count all the Sainsburys tokens which will start flooding into the school soon! Please also ask neighbours and extended family if they will collect vouchers for our school. We replenish our PE and lunchtime activity equipment annually using these vouchers.

Shoes in school

If your child has a pair of boots which they wear on the way to school, please can you ensure that they also have a pair of shoes to wear whilst in the building. Shoes are part of our school uniform and ankle boots are not counted as shoes.

Car parking before and after school

We have noticed that there have been some near-misses with children who naturally run across the lane as they don't perceive it as a road. We would therefore ask you to park at the top of the lane or further away from the school so there will never be a time when we would need to call an ambulance for a child who has been knocked down by a car. Please help us to keep your child safe by never driving down the lane.

Dinner orders and new menu

The dinner menu is being changed after the February half term. The new menu will be on display outside the classrooms and attached to this newsletter. If you wish to change your child's order please email or write to the office detailing the changes and the date from which they apply by next Tuesday, Feb 7th.

Swimming coach donations

Don't forget that we would really welcome contributions towards the cost of the coach for your children to have swimming lessons. £30 per term is all we ask; it will help us to provide other items. Our budget is very tight this year! Class Three parents, in particular, please take note.

New flyers produced to help parents understand the sexual development of children

To help parents understand how to recognise and respond to age appropriate behaviours in children, support the development of healthy sexual behaviour and protect children from harm or abuse, we have been asked to share the new Parents Protect flyers:

- [children under the age of 5 flyer \(pdf\)](#)
- [children aged between 5 – 11 flyer \(pdf\)](#)

If you'd like a paper copy, please let the office know.

Eco Club news

Eco club were excited to take delivery of their new camera trap following their successful Crazy Hair day on 13th January. Thank you for all the support that we had to raise this money. We will keep you up to date on our wildlife activities.



Woodstock museum

Below are details of the event that is happening at the Woodstock museum this half-term. I think children in Class 2 will be especially interested in this event, since they have been studying the Vikings in school this term.

Thursday 16 February, Family fun drop-in

Amazing Anglo Saxons

Brooches, bowls and runes, make your own replica objects to celebrate the art of the Anglo Saxons.
£2.00 per Child, 2-4pm

Diary dates for the year ahead

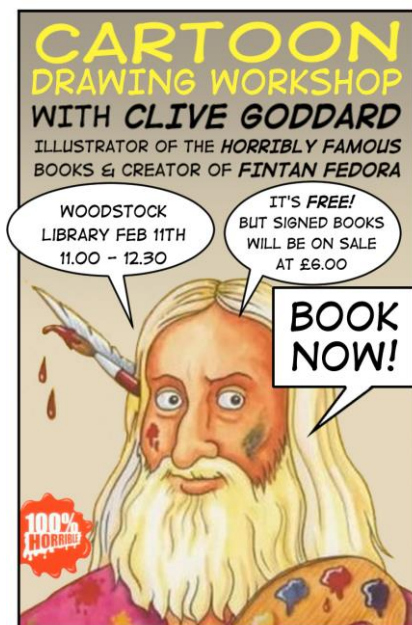
At the bottom of the newsletter are dates until the end of the year. Some of the planning is so far ahead that things may change but the online calendar is kept up to date so that is the best place to check!

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

Useful Links:

<http://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/oxfordshire-south-vale-west/see-a-copy/>

<https://oxfordshire-gov.pmail4.com/PoliteMail/files/RCGP-conjunctivitis-poster-2016.pdf>



Information about Clive Goddard's drawing workshops:

I just wanted to let you know about a few of my upcoming drawing workshops. As these workshops are FREE and open to the public, they may be an opportunity for you to come and see what I do. In addition to the drawing workshops, I also run creative writing workshops (more info below).

[Cowley Library Saturday 4th Feb 2:00](#)

[Woodstock Library Saturday 11th Feb 11:00](#)

[Thomley Friday 3rd March 5:00-7:00 \(a £5 donation is requested\)](#)

During the drawing workshop I show the children how to draw basic facial expressions and body positions. The kids draw along while I demonstrate on a flip chart. After that, I open the floor to the kids. They tell me what they enjoy drawing and what they have trouble drawing. Then together we break the drawings down and create masterpieces!

The February Newsletter will be in your email inbox

Dates for your diaries

Parents are invited to items in bold - ensure you also check the website calendar for future dates that are added!

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

February

01.02.17 School Church service at St Michael's 2:30 pm

02.02.17 9:00 - 11:00 Year 4 Gymnastics Festival at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

3:30 - 5:30 Class Three Indoor Athletics at Bartholomew - Parents to transport there and back

06.02.17 11:30 - 12:30 Green House award trip to The Leys for January's winners! (see letter)

7 pm FOSHS meeting at school - new faces always welcome

07.02.17 Safer Internet Day

08.02.17 KS2 Viking and Roman Banquet and KS1 and EYFS Paddington Bear Day

09.02.17 6 pm Governors' Resources Committee 7:30 pm Full Governors meeting

10.02.17 Only Class One, Two and Three at school (Bunnies and Reception class closed for staff training)

Half term holiday begins at 3:10 pm

20.02.17 Children return to school

March

03.03.17 9:00 - 11:00 Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

06.03.17 Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights measurements

08.03.17 7:00 - 8:00 pm New Headteacher, Rachel Crouch meeting for Parents and Governors

09.03.17 9:00 - 11:00 Year 2 Gymnastics Festival at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

15.03.17 Life Education Bus visit to school

16.03.17 Year 6 at Bartholomew for Transition Day

6 pm Governors' Resources Committee 7:30 pm Full Governors meeting

24.03.17 Reception children will have vision screened

27.03.17 Morning only - EPA swimming gala

31.03.17 9:00 - 11:00 Year 5 Gymnastics at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

April

07.04.17 Spring Term ends at 1:15 pm

Reports for Years 1 - 6 will be sent out (Bunnies and Reception children's reports will be done in late summer)

24.04.17 INSET day - no children in school

25.04.17 Children return to school

26.04.17 3:30 - 6:00 Parents' Consultation Evening for all children

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May

08.05.17 - 11.05.17 SATs week

08.05.17 Year 2 PE fundamentals festival at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

18.05.17 Year 5 Cricket at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

6 pm Governors' Resources Committee 7:30 pm Full Governors meeting

26.05.17 Half term break starts at 3:15 pm

June

05.06.17 Children return to school

07 - 09.06.17 Book Fair 3:15 - 3:45

08.06.17 9:00 - 11:00 Year 3 and 4 Tennis at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

12 - 16.06.17 Phonics screening check week for Year 1

22.06.17 9:00 - 11:00 Year 1 Ultra Olympics at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

28.06.17 Some Class Three pupils - Cycle Training Bike check day

29.06.17 Year 6 at Bartholomew for Transition Day.

Moving Up Morning for the rest of the school. Next year's new Bunnies taster session.

6 pm Governors' Resources Committee 7:30 pm Full Governors meeting

30.06.17 Class One Gymnastics at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

July

Cycle training for some Class Three children 1:00 - 3:00 pm on 3,4,5,6,7 and 10th. Test on 14th at 9:00 am

10.07.17 Bunnies Sports Morning

13.07.17 Sports Afternoon for Reception to Year Six

14.07.17 9:00 - 11:00 Cycle training Test

9:00 - 11:00 Class One Gymnastics at Bartholomew - Parents to take there, minibus back

21.07.17 School year ends at 1:15 pm