

## Mid-Autumn Term Update

Here are some updates about what has been happening at school and plan to do for the remainder of the term...



Stanton Harcourt  
CE Primary School

### Nativity Play

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to do our normal nativity play this year. Instead, we will be doing a whole school retelling of the Christmas story that will be pre-recorded (in class Bubbles) and shown during our live assembly on **Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.**



### Friday Achievement Assembly

Please join us for the Live Zoom Achievement Assemblies on a **Friday morning at 10am.** At the end of these weekly assemblies, Mr Denham will stay online and share any school updates that parents need to know and be happy to take questions. The assembly and updates sessions are recorded and is put on the school website by the end of the day so parents, who are not able to attend, can watch it in their own time.

### Christmas Class Party

We are very excited that FOSHS have kindly offered to put together a surprise party box for the children on the last day of term.

Don't forget the Family Christmas Trail is up and running with a deadline of the **13<sup>th</sup> December** for the prize draw.

Thank you FOSHS. You are amazing!

### Christmas Cards

We will be placing a Christmas card post-box outside the school gate at drop off and pick-up times all of next week. Remember to put the class the recipient is in to help with delivery. **The final posting date is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.** The cards will be put into quarantine for 4 days & then distributed, safely, the following week.

### SEND Reviews

We will be holding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reviews during the last week of term and the first week of the Term 3. Parents will be receiving an email from the school office to book an appointment within the next week.



### Christmas Lunch

This will be held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November.** It costs £2.30. Please pre-order the lunch by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** so that we can make sure we have enough food for everyone! The children will have the lunch (and a Christmas cracker) and in their class bubbles in the hall with the staff from their class.

### Christmas Jumpers

These can be worn on the National Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.



### Children in Need

Thank you everyone who donated some money for Children in Need. We raised £330.

### Designated Safeguarding Leads

We now have 4 'Safeguarding' leads in the school: Mr Denham, Mrs Pascoe, Mrs Tingley and Mrs McKay. If you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature please contact any one of these members of staff.

### Ugandan Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Ugandan Appeal. We are delighted to announce that we have raised £460 so far. This will mean that 92 school kits will be put together.

### Assistant Head teacher Appointments

The governors and I are delighted to announce that Mrs McKay and Mrs Tingley have been made interim Assistant Head teachers for this academic year. The interim nature of the appointment is to coincide with Mr Denham's interim Executive Headteacher appointment. All three posts will be reviewed by the Governors and EPA at the end of the academic year.

The governors and Mr Denham are conscious of the need to keep the teachers in the classroom as much as possible so that the children can have the benefit of good, consistent teaching, which is why Mrs McKay and Mrs Tingley are doing the role jointly so there is a delegation of responsibilities. Mrs McKay will be focusing on FSU & KS1 progress and attainment and whole school curriculum development and Mrs Tingley will be focusing on KS2 progress and attainment and whole school teaching and learning development. We ask that parents always speak to the class teacher in the first instance if they have any concerns or worries but know that the leadership team of Mr Denham, Mrs Tingley, Mrs McKay, along with Mrs Pascoe (as SENCO) will all be happy to discuss any matters further, should the need arise. The governors and Mr Denham are very pleased to have such a strong leadership team moving the school forward.

