Stanton Harcourt
CE Primary School

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter of the term.

What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been in Stanton Harcourt!

Last weekend's Stanton and Sutton Summer Festival concluded with Festival Day on our school field. Despite the challenging hot and humid weather, it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces coming together as one community. The walking parade was lovely – the creativity and imagination on display left me completely amazed. From elaborate handmade costumes to clever themed outfits, it was clear that so much thought and love had gone into preparing for this special day. The children were bursting with excitement, but perhaps the highlight was watching our pupils perform 'Bring Me Sunshine' – they were simply brilliant! Their voices rang out clear and strong, and they delivered their performance with such confidence and joy.

Looking to this week and our Sports Day which was absolutely fantastic! We split the day with Reception and Key Stage 1 in the morning, followed by Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. The atmosphere was electric throughout both sessions, filled with cheering, encouragement, and celebration. What struck me most was the incredible turnout of adults who came to support their children – the field was buzzing with parents, grandparents, carers, and family friends, all united in their enthusiasm and pride.

Also this week, our Year 6 pupils completed their final two transition days at Bartholomew School. Everyone returned feeling exhausted but incredibly happy. The smiles on their faces and animated conversations tell me everything I need to know about how well these visits went. It's always bittersweet watching our Year 6 pupils take these important steps towards secondary school, but seeing their confidence gives me such assurance that they're ready for this next chapter.

Another highlight of this week has been our **Stanton Science Day** - which was made possible due to FOSHS's generosity - see below for details.

Looking ahead to September's changes, we have a wonderful opportunity to give back to our global school family. We'll be collecting navy and red school jumpers, which will no longer be worn from September onwards, to send to our sister school in Uganda. This is such a

meaningful way to ensure these uniforms continue serving a purpose and supporting children's education. Any donations would be most welcome.

Thank you all for continuing to make Stanton Harcourt such a special place to learn, grow, and thrive together.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Tingley

Safeguarding & Wellbeing - What Parents Need to Know about: YouTube -Kids

Class News

1 - Bunnies News

2 - Busy Bees News

3 - Hedgehog Class News

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5 - Owl Class News

Sport at Stanton - Year 5/6 Football Tournament

This week, a team of Year 5/6 girls attended an EPA Football Tournament at Eynsham Primary School. As ever, the team, comprising of: Eva P, Phoebe W, Sophia F and Molly B, demonstrated amazing enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout.

Despite the windy conditions and the small, very fast astro pitch, the girls adapted well and worked really hard. Phoebe scored a goal and they won the game 1-0 against St Peter's. They nearly held Eynsham to a goal-less draw, but let in two goals in quick succession towards the end. They lost 4 or 5 - 0 against Hanborough. As always, it was brilliantly organised by the Eynsham team.

Despite the loss, the team thoroughly enjoyed the event and represented the school brilliantly - well done to all!

Stanton's Vision In Action - FOSHS Summer Fun & Science Day

On Friday 11th July, FOSHS will be celebrating the end of term with a fantastic Summer Party. As ever, there will be lots going on so do come and join the fun.

6 - Please the exciting upcoming FOSHS event on 11th July.

Science Day at Stanton

What an absolutely fantastic day we've had celebrating Science at Stanton! Our passion for STEM truly shone through today as Reception to Year 5 pupils enjoyed our special Stanton Science Day (whilst Year 6 were at Bartholomew).

Thanks to FOSHS's wonderful generosity, every class received Curiosity Boxes from our local Eynsham-based company, transforming our classrooms into buzzing laboratories of discovery and wonder.

Busy Bees created impressive wind turbines, learning about renewable energy whilst developing their engineering skills. They also planted cress seeds, carefully exploring different growth conditions and making predictions about germination rates. The pupils were fascinated to discover how environmental factors affect plant development.

Hedgehog Class tackled the crucial topic of climate change, investigating renewable energy sources and examining biodegradable materials. Their exploration of carbon dioxide's devastating impact on ocean wildlife sparked meaningful discussions about environmental responsibility and conservation. The pupils demonstrated remarkable understanding of complex scientific concepts.

Bader Class had an absolutely brilliant time designing and testing catapults, experimenting with different materials, angles, and forces. Their investigations into projectile motion and

energy transfer were both educational and thoroughly entertaining, with pupils cheering as their creations launched objects across the classroom.

Owl Class explored renewable energy through fascinating yeast reactions, observing chemical processes first hand. They also created stunning artwork using fizzy vitamin C tablets and dye, beautifully combining scientific investigation with creative expression. The vibrant colours and bubbling reactions captivated everyone.

Throughout the day, pupils demonstrated exceptional curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and making careful observations. Their enthusiasm for scientific inquiry was truly inspiring, and the collaborative learning atmosphere fostered deep engagement with STEM subjects.

The learning was incredible, and everyone had such a wonderful time. Huge thanks to FOSHS for making this amazing day possible and supporting our pupils' scientific journey!

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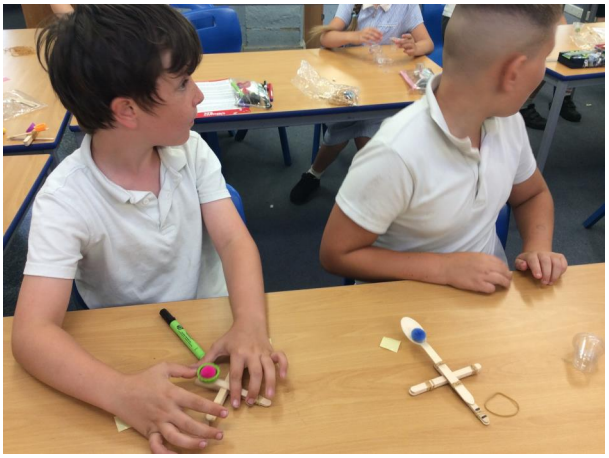

Our inclusive church school aims to fulfil the potential of all;

Living, Learning and Growing Together.

We aspire to be excellent learners and leaders, empowered through our partnerships with all. Together we are parts of a body and each person's gifts, skills and qualities are cherished, enabling the whole body to flourish.

As St Paul the apostle advises in Romans 12:4 'Each one of us has a body, and that body has many parts…In Christ we are all one body and we are all a part of it. Each part belongs to all the other parts. We all have different gifts.'

Partnerships and community are at the heart of our school. We created our vision to reflect that we are a small, rural school – living, learning and growing together.

Awards

	Week 3	Week 4
Headteacher's:		
EYFS	Charlie M	Finley S
Hedgehog	Antonia K	Arya L
Badger	Tilly C	Ruby C
Owl	Kyla C	Eva P
Writing:		
EYFS	Rora R	Mimi R
Hedgehog	Victor G	Antonia K

Badger Harry I Will D

Owl Remi W Sophia F

Maths:

EYFS Finley S Liylah H

Hedgehog Edie C Alfred B

Badger Max M Lazarus W

Owl Elissa H Aidan H

Reading:

EYFS Mimi R

Hedgehog Arya L

Badger

Owl Molly B

Handwriting:

EYFS Mimi R, Selena K

Hedgehog

Badger

Owl

Homework:

EYFS

Hedgehog

Badger

Owl Jacqui D, Sofia D-S

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Celebration Collective Worship

House Points - It's so close!!

Attendance

As I am sure you are aware, we monitor attendance on a weekly basis as we are keen to maintain a whole school attendance of at least 96%. At this time of year, when there are lots of bugs circulating, it is common to see a lot of absences but this does also mean a lot of lost learning. We fully appreciate that if a child is very unwell, they must of course stay at home to recover but please do send your child to school if they are well enough to be here.

I will be communicating with families whose attendance has fallen below 90% to offer them support with this. It is important we work together to improve attendance which could also include liaising with the Oxfordshire County Attendance Team.

Last week, **Hedgehog Class** had the highest attendance across the school with an impressive **99%** - well done!

Mrs Tingley

Fixed Penalty Notices

At the beginning of the year, all parents were advised of Oxfordshire County Council's approach to fining parents with Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) who take their children out of school during the term for holidays. I fully appreciate the pricing differences when considering booking a holiday in term time as opposed to school holiday time as it can make a huge difference to families. However, the impact on children of missing a chunk of schooling, even for a few days, is also one that should be carefully considered.

Please do get in touch via the school office if you have any questions about this matter.

Mrs Tingley

Notices for Parents - Jewellery/Summer Uniform Expectations

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I politely remind you that there is a strict no jewellery policy at school, apart from small stud earrings. Please do not allow your child to wear necklaces/bracelets etc as these can pose a health and safety risk.

With days becoming much warmer, you may wish to switch to the summer uniform. This includes blue or green (Nursery) checked summer dresses, shorts (but not cycling shorts) white polo shirts and appropriate footwear. I am happy for trainers to be worn as long as they are black and open-toe sandals are not permitted.

With a new uniform supplier now in effect, there will be an opportunity to have clarity around uniform expectations.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Tingley

Excel Tennis Holiday Camps

Dear Parents and Pupils,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the summer holidays.

The Excel Tennis Academy are running lots of holiday courses and we would love for you to join us.

Sessions are available for pupils aged 4-16 for all 6 full weeks of the holidays. You are able to book anything from a single morning or afternoon, right up to full days for the whole week.

We are running at local venues, Witney, Kingston Bagpuize, Hanney and Lechlade.

All of the information can be found via this link:

As a pupil at local schools, we would love to offer you 10% off of the total cost of your booking, please use the code “school’ on the sign up from.

We also wanted to help make payment easier for everyone so our new booking system allows for direct debits to be set up so you can spread your payments simply, from the date of the booking to the last date of the course. You are still able to pay upfront if you wish.

We look forward to seeing you on court soon.

Many thanks,

Ryan - Manager and Head Coach

Diary Dates

Please see the link below which has details of the EPA Primary school term dates for the year.

https://stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/parents-info/calendar/

Dates in **Bold** are new events (added or changed since the last newsletter).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 27th June:	Year 6 Transition Day 3 Bartholomew
Tuesday 1st July:	Owl Class Fire Safety Presentation
Thursday 10th July:	Moving-up Morning (children to new classes)
Friday 11th July:	iRock concert
Friday 11th July:	Reports to parents
Monday 14th July:	NSPCC workshop for Year 2 and for Owl Class

Tuesday 15th July:	Owl Class Ply - 1.30pm
Wednesday 16th July:	Owl Class Play - 6pm
Thursday 17th July:	Year 6 Leavers' Service 9.15am St Michael's Church
Friday 18th July:	End of term 1.15pm finish

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