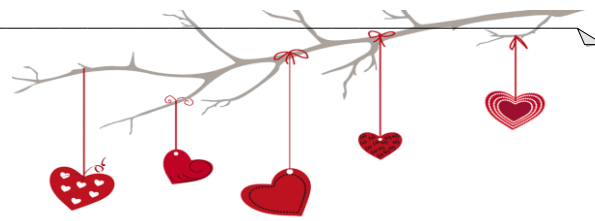




# Stanford Junior & Infant School

## Newsletter – 3rd February 2020



### Community/Curriculum Curriculum Hook Days

Thank you for all your support with these superb curriculum days. Pupil Voice enjoy these learning opportunities as they help to 'kick-start' the new term's learning and ensure complete engagement in the work. Pupils love to plan these events and we really do appreciate your support with costumes/resources.



For example, Sunflower Class loves dressing up like Paddington Bear and made fresh marmalade – they loved their sandwiches.

Pumpkin Class enjoyed their 'Penguin' Day and learnt lots of facts about penguins. They also performed an amazing song with penguin actions! (See our web!)



### Community Thank You

Thank you to the community members who volunteer and support at School. We really appreciate your help and value the time you give us. Pupils showed their thanks by singing and performing poems whilst the volunteers enjoyed freshly made scones (made by the nurture groups) and dainty sandwiches. One visitor said, 'Fabulous morning! Such a wide range of skills demonstrated with real enthusiasm.'



### Safer Internet Day

We are looking at, 'Together for a Better Internet.' This is a relevant theme as there is evidence that harmful content can potentially impact on mental health and well-being.

Miss Perrin, Computing Lead, regularly updates the Curriculum Blog for Computing.

We have recently received funding from the Lacey Solar Fund bid and this included money for a new interactive screen.

Pupils in the Thrive Hive enjoy using this resource – a math game is particularly popular at the moment!

### Mental Health Awareness

We continue to ensure this is high on our priority and use 'Acts of Happiness' to support our on-going work in this area.

Young Minds Matters continue to lead assemblies and work with some pupils.

YMM are leading a workshop for parents/carers of pupils in Barley class about 'Managing Anxiety' (see diary dates).

Remember there are helpful links and information on the school website too.

### Reading

We are making plans with Pupil Voice for our World Book Day event on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The day will include a chance to dress up as your favourite character and design a 'book in a box.' More details to follow.



Thank you for supporting reading skills at home as we do appreciate this. We are looking forward to handing out the reading rewards in our special end of half-term assembly – well done to those who are aiming to have reached 5 stars on their book mark as this shows a continued positive attitude to reading at home.

Remember we also offer a lunch reading club and after-school club if your child would like to participate in more reading events. Remember there are also lots of useful links to support reading on our school web site – stanfordschool.org.uk

### Outdoor /Environmental Learning



We love using our outdoor space to support our learning. Seedlings class enjoyed a lovely 'Teddy Bears Picnic' outside – the pupils loved reading their books to their special bears. The Club staff organised a group of pupils to take part in the RSPB Watch.



Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising a visitor from the LA Environment Dept. who told us all about how to, 'Reduce, Re-cycle and Re-use.'



### Building Work

We are delighted with the Local Authority Assets Team's work in school – we have a new toilet block, corridors, intervention space and nurture room. Mrs Smith sourced some funding to purchase resources for the new nurture space. 'The Hub' will have its official opening soon but in the meantime the pupils are enjoying their visits!

### Sports at Stanford



Well done to the pupils who represented Stanford at a recent Indoor Athletics competition – the pupils showed very good skills and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the event.

The pupils really enjoyed participating and liked the new sports kit we have been able to purchase through donations from 'The Lacey and District Sports Aid.'



### Enrichment Clubs

We are also proud to offer a range of after-school enrichment clubs, such as football, cookery, reading, netball, and Stem. Please have a look at our website for more information and contact the office for further details. Miss Perrin is giving up her time to run a Knitting Club too – the group are making blankets for the Home-less.



### Polite Notice

Please ensure pupils do not arrive before 8.45am in the morning. Staff supervise the playgrounds and exits from 8.45am until 8.55am and school doors open at 8.50am. Registration time is 8.55am, arrivals after 8.55am will be deemed as late and after 9.15am are late after registers close, which is recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child is frequently late, the parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority for failure to ensure regular attendance.

### Personnel Update

Miss Chloe Walker, a student at St Johns, York, is currently working alongside Mrs Smith in Pumpkin Class.

Miss Yasmine Young, a student from BGU, is currently working alongside Miss Perrin in Poppy Class.

Miss Laura Gooderham, a Scitt student, continues to work alongside Mrs Hill in Juniper.

We are very proud of our links with teaching colleges/institutions as we value the importance of supporting the next generation of teachers and also learn new ideas from the next generation too.

A number of summer placements have already been organised with Healing Secondary and we will be pleased to welcome back some ex-students to the school in July.

### Road Safety

Thank you to PCSO Richard and PCSO Toni for leading a recent assembly. We are really looking forward to working with you.

### MAPAS

KS 1 Choir really enjoyed the MAPAS visit where they shared stories, singing and dancing together. The pupils used really good listening skills, shared their ideas about expressive language and some very well co-ordinated dance movements and sequences.

Thank you to Sue Baker and the Mapas team – we really appreciate the positive links we have and the shared value on the performing arts.

### Stanford Out of School Club

Pre-booked Breakfast and After-School Club provision is also in place at school at very reasonable prices – please see Mrs Toyne in the School Office or information on the school web site.

### 2020 New Term Fun

Wii Games Nights including Dance, Monopoly and loads more!

Pampered Pets Fashion Competition!

Movie Night including popcorn!

Retro old Games playing sessions!

Chocolate Valentines Party!

Cooking nights including pizza and cake making!

Our members enjoy a range of healthy drinks and snacks in a safe and secure environment. Please book in for sessions online. For enquiries please see The Club Staff.

### Friendship Craft Event

We are holding a fun 'Friendship Craft Event' for pupils on Wednesday 12th February 2020 straight after school from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. Staff have been busy planning a Friendship-themed craft activity event for pupils to enjoy – this fun friendship event will include refreshments and art activities. Pupils will be able to develop their designing and creating skills along with making something special for a friend or loved one.

### Dates to Remember:-

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Seedlings Learning Share 2.45pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Juniper Learning Share 2.45pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friendship Activity (3.15-4.15pm)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Girl Guide Thinking Day in School

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – 2.45pm – Barley Learning Share

Wk beg 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Mentor Meetings

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – KS 1 Singing Festival

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30-5.30pm - YMM lead a workshop – 'Managing Anxiety' (for parents/carers of pupils in Barley Class)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 4 and 5 Swimming starts

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Intra Schools Comp (Premier Sport)

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fayre arrives in school

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Swimming gala (details to follow)

Wk beg Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs week

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Wrates Photographers

Wk beg 8<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June – York Residential

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June am – KS 1 and FS Sports Day – run by Premier Sports

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – KS 2 Sports Day – run by Premier Sports

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Big Talk RSE Workshop and Parent/Carer Meeting (8.50am)

### Term Dates –

Inset/Teacher Training Days – 3/9/19, 6/1/20, 20/4/20, 1/6/20, 16/7/20

Term 1: 4/9/19 – 18/10/19

Term 2: 28/10/19 – 20/12/19

Term 3: 7/1/20 – 14/2/20

Term 4: 24/2/20 – 3/4/20

Term 5: 21/4/20 – 22/5/20

Term 6: 2/6/20 – 21/7/20

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