



# Stanford Junior & Infant School

## Newsletter - 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

'wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year'



### Curriculum/Community

Pupils continue to enjoy the broad and balanced curriculum at Stanford. We value our links with the community and the real-life opportunities that pupils benefit from. Seedlings and Sunflower have been busy with outdoor learning - they have been planting bulbs and organising thank you gifts for some of our helpers.



Pupils really love the practical tasks that their staff members plan and organise - Sunflower pupils have been using their DT skills to design and make moon buggies. Barley pupils have been making vacuum cleaners and designing clay Greek masks for display.



Learning to keep yourself and others safe is very important and we are proud of our SMSC and PSHE curriculum.



### Reporting Covid-19 over the Christmas holidays. 18th December - 23rd December 2020

Both Mrs Hackfath and Mrs C Smith will be on call on the above dates to assist with contact tracing as requested by the Dfe.

Please may we ask that should your child develop Covid-19 symptoms within 48 hours of being in school that you email the dedicated email address [office@stanfordschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stanfordschool.co.uk) indicating which of the Covid symptoms your child is displaying and the date and time of the onset of the symptoms. We will then wait to hear from you regarding your child's test result.

Once you have advised us of the test results we will then be able to identify any children/staff member, if any, who will need to self-isolate over the Christmas period due to being classed as a 'contact.'

If we do need to advise that your child self-isolate due to being a 'close contact,' we will send you a text message. Please ensure your most recent mobile number has been shared with the school office.

### Starting new term

If your child has symptoms, is unwell, or it has been confirmed that they have Covid-19, it is very important that they do not return to school until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated. Please contact us before bringing your child into school and we can advise you.

### Parking near school

Please do remember to park carefully and with regard to our local residents - unfortunately there have been some reports of residents not being able to access their driveways etc.

### Anti-Bullying Work

At Stanford, we also took part in Anti-Bullying Week. There were lots of excellent discussions, for example, the younger children discussed different bullying scenarios and what they could do.



### Road Safety

A big thanks to Mr Cullum, Road Safety officer at NELC, who helped us with videos and resources to teach the pupils about road safety during the national Road Safety Week. Pupils made posters to help us remember about the importance of crossing roads carefully and following the rules to help us keep safe.



Christmas

We always ensure we have lots of exciting Christmas activities too (see separate newsletter for further details.) Our Christmas dinner day went down a treat. Pupils helped to decorate our perfect Christmas Tree in the hall. They have also been busy making cards for family and friends to take home, each class have decorated their hoops for the display in the hall and each class have been working very hard designing and making products to sell in their enterprise activity.

Please have a look at our website and Facebook page for further information.

Thank you to the local businesses who have supported the raffle this year and all the parents/carers who donated towards the hampers too - we are immensely grateful for your generous support. Thank you too to Mrs Brumfield for contacting Morrisons who donated tasty food for our club provision.

Foundation Stage and KS1 had a magical visit this week, Santa took time out his very busy schedule to stop by and say hello to the children, socially distanced on the playground, the children enjoyed waving through the window and everyone is now very much in the Christmas spirit! Ho Ho Ho

#### Community Links

We always love inviting visitors into school and currently we continue to do this VIRTUALLY.

Star Anise had a special virtual meeting with Buddhist Marcus Czarnecki - they learned some information about the history of Buddhism and about rituals which Buddhists practice. The pupils also enjoyed learning about Buddhist chanting.

Martin Vickers, MP, met a group of year 6 pupils via Zoom to discuss the role of Parliament as part of our work linked to Parliament Week. They discussed topical issues!

HumberSide Fire and Rescue team led a virtual assembly for our pupils too about fire safety to ensure everyone could enjoy a safe bonfire night.

Big Talk also visited us to help us learn about keeping our bodies healthy and safe too as part of our RSE curriculum Pupils led a beautiful virtual Remembrance Assembly this year, with poignant poetry and art work.



#### A Message from 'The Club'

What a year the members and staff of the Afterschool and Breakfast Club have had! This year has been a very strange one indeed and we welcomed back previous members in September and have quite a few new younger members too. We finished off 2020 with a club Christmas party which included balloons, pizza and a dance off in the hall. It has

been a pleasure for myself and staff to be able to provide games nights, some pretty cool crafts and the usual football games, some with glow sticks when it gets dark.

The Club and its staff and members are like a family, a place to chill out, see friends, play and recover and we are all so proud to be a part of that.

Thanking the office and Club staff and hoping we will have a better 2021, Merry Christmas.

**Mrs. Petyt, Club Lead.**

#### Personnel Update

Wonderful news to share - congratulations to Mr and Mrs Smith, Deputy, as they are expecting a baby next year! We are delighted for them and know you will be too.

Mrs Brady is missing being at school for all the festivities, but she continues to work from home as is 'shielding' and is keeping in regular contact with school

Wellbeing - please be kind to yourself and others. There is a list of helpline numbers at the bottom of the newsletter. Please remember it is always good to talk, so please get in touch!

Thank you to the staff for their amazing work and support this term - they have all gone over and above to support your children, help each other and keep everyone as safe as possible. I hope they enjoy a well - deserved break with their families.

#### Dates to Remember:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Pupils return to school  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Yr 2 Hook Day  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Yr 6 Hook Day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January - FS & Yr 1 Hook Day  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January - Y3 Hook Day  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Y4 Hook Day  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January - Yr 5 Bikeability  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Interfaith Week  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Transform Our World Week  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February - End of Term  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Pupils Back  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - End of Term  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Pupils Back  
W/C 10<sup>th</sup> May - Proposed KS2 Sats

#### Term Dates -

Inset/Teacher Training Days - 2/9/20, 5/1/21, 19/4/21, 7/6/21, 19/7/21  
Term 1: 03/09/20 - 23/10/20      Term 2: 02/11/20 - 18/12/20  
Term 3: 06/01/21 - 12/02/21      Term 4: 22/02/21 - 01/04/21  
Term 5: 20/04/21 - 28/05/21      Term 6: 08/06/21 - 23/7/21

Covid emergency helpline 01472 313131  
Education and Children's Social Care 0800 0468687  
Psychology Advice Line 01472 323308  
Domestic Abuse helpline 01472 575757 or 0800 1974787

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