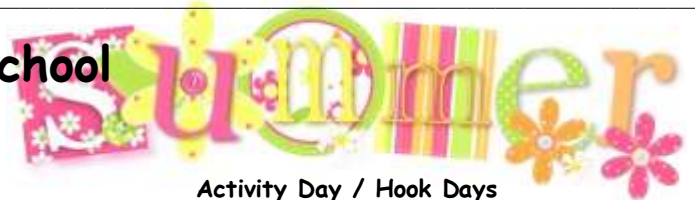




Stanford Junior & Infant School

Newsletter - 23rd July 2021



Wonderful Term

We are so proud of all of our pupils - they have shown great resilience and kindness throughout this year.

We will miss our year 6 pupils but they are ready for their move to Secondary and we wish them all the very best.

Barley Class have been exceptional and really did deserve the brilliant, fun transition activities. Pupil voice voted to enjoy a bouncy castle and the pupils were delighted with the ice cream visit too. Their Leaver's Assembly has been shared (by secure link) and each pupil will receive a special leaving gift box too.



Also, a very special message to our Head Boy and Head Girl who have both been exemplary. Also, to the first winner of a new award donated by Mr and Mrs Griffiths - well done AS - you are and have been a wonderful role model of the Vision and Ethos of Stanford School.

Thanks also to the Stanford Trust for their kind donations of dictionaries/Bibles to the year 6 leavers too.

All of us are so excited too about meeting our new Foundation Stage starters on site in September - they are a fantastic group. As we were well over-subscribed this year we have ensured 3 FS/1 classes in the Unit - have a look at the informative video showing all the fun learning you can choose!

Transition

Our early transition has been very smooth again this year for years 1-6 - the pupils have settled very well into their new classes and have been working on devising a new self-regulation activity for first thing in the morning. 'Stanford Salutations' is also a new idea we are introducing - more info to follow next term!

Please have a look at the 'Welcome videos' from the staff to their new class. The staff have been very busy preparing their learning environments, medium term plans, class newsletters, Hook Day dates and curriculum blogs etc - please find time to have a look as there are lots of exciting things going on at Stanford!



There is very helpful new starter transition information on the school web and also many documents have been emailed to our new families. Mrs Smith and Team enjoyed delivering the special gift box to you too as a little treat for our new starters!

Activity Day / Hook Days

Our pupils enjoyed Activity Day on the last day in their old classes and helped raise an amazing £562.50 for school fund. Thank you to our year 5 and 6 pupils for their help with planning and organising this fun activity - thanks to all those who donated too! Laceby Solar Fund donated £100 towards prizes, which was greatly appreciated.



Classes continue to enjoy their 'Hook Days' and their exhibitions and celebrations of learning. Pumpkin class particularly enjoyed their safari visit!



Message from the Headteacher

Please may I take this opportunity too to thank every member of the staff team and Full Governing Body - without their support and hard work we would not have achieved the wonderful standards for our pupils and families again this year.

Reading Records

Thank you to Mrs Smith, FS/KS 1 Lead and English Lead, for introducing, 'Go Read' App. This is proving an excellent addition to our reading strategy. All pupil names will be moved up so that the records can begin again in September. (All computer logins etc will be checked in September too.)



Wellbeing and Mental Health

Please look at the school web and Facebook for some helpful links and videos from NSPCC to support our pupils and families over the summer break.

Go Compass have been working with the school and individual pupils to offer mental health support - we look forward to further developing these links in September.

Please have a look at our Nurture Blog on our school website - it has a wealth of helpful information too to support your child/ren and family members.

Useful phone numbers -

Mental Health support

HEARD

SAMARITANS The Samaritans can be contacted by phone or email and are there to listen 24/7
Call 116 123 from any phone or email jo@samaritans.org

YOUNGMINDS The YoungMinds Crisis Messenger is a free 24/7 UK wide service
If you are in crisis, text YM to 85258
Find out more at youngminds.org.uk/contact-us

CALM Calm run a helpline & webchat to support men who need to talk or find information
It is open 5pm - midnight, every day
Call 0800 56 56 56 nationwide
or 0808 802 56 56 from London
Or visit www.thecalmzone.net/help/get-help/

THE MIX Free, confidential support for young via online, social and mobile.
Visit www.themix.org.uk/get-support to find out more

Womens' Aid - 01472 575757

Personnel Update

I am sure you will join with us in wishing Mrs Amos a full and fun retirement. She has been a teacher at Stanford for 19 years and in the profession for 30 years! Mrs Amos will be missed and we would like to thank her for all her contributions to our school and the education of the pupils she has worked with.

Also, we are saying a 'Goodbye' and 'Thank you' to Miss Dobbs who is looking forward to starting a new job in a local school in September.

Miss Holmes has been a lovely Scitt student teacher in Juniper this year - she has made such an impact on the pupils and we wish her all the best for the future.

Mr Page is also leaving his role in Premier Sport but we hope to continue to have links as he re-joins the school as a student teacher.

I would like to say thank you to all the above staff for their tremendous contributions to the pupils and staff at Stanford.

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Wilson is returning on phased return. Mr Wright will continue to support the FS/1 team as he has successfully done this term. Thank you also to Mrs Jones for her support over the term.

Miss Purshouse has enjoyed her transition as a new teacher at Stanford and is a brilliant addition to the FS/1 staff team.

Mr Stables will be joining us in September as PE, Health and Wellbeing Apprentice - he is an ex-pupil and it is delightful that he will be training with us. He is already looking forward to the clubs and activities he can support the pupils and community with.

Health and Safety

The Infection Prevention Control visit to school in June this year went really well - we are proud to share with you that the team reported a 'really impressive visit with lots of controls and cleaning stations in place' and we're planning on using the visit information as a 'learning tool for other schools.'

Agencies in the Incident Prevention Control meeting also agreed that a positive message should be shared with the community as the school had worked with the Local Authority, PHE and IPC who have given us very positive feedback on our procedures.

Thank You!

Thank you so much to those parents/carers and community members for their support and understanding and of course a very big thank you to those who ensured the Government guidance was followed to ensure everyone was as safe as possible during this time.

School Start Times September!

Having awaited the LA Health and Safety guidance for September's new term, I am pleased to be able to inform you today that, on our return, we aim to **revert to our normal start time of 8.55am, with gates opening at 8.45am, and with finishing time at 3.15pm.**

Parents/carers will be able to access the playgrounds in the morning/afternoons. This is super news for everyone!

A Range of Preventative Measures Continue:-

Regular hand washing/sanitizing.

Adequate ventilation in place.

Increased cleaning regime continues.

Ensure self-isolating individuals/those with Covid symptoms do not attend.

Continue to limit the visitors to the school building.

Covid safety measures are shared and the risk assessment is in place.

Maintain distancing in staff communal areas.

We do ask that everyone continues to respect one another, as some people may wish to socially distance.

We will of course endeavour to keep you informed of any updates.

Parents/carers of our new starters will be invited to see their children into class lines for the first few days. Then 'Come and Visit' sessions will take place when possible, on advice from PHE/LA, and we will keep you informed about dates/times asap.

We really have appreciated all the kind messages and support over this very challenging year. We endeavour to work positively with all members of the community at all times so please do contact us via school office with any queries or questions you may have.

Dates to Remember:

Fri 23rd July - End of term. See early closure times below. Thanks
Early closure - 8.45am-1.30pm, 9.00am-1.45pm, 9.15am-2.00pm
 Thu 2nd September - Training day
 Fri 3rd September - Training day
 Mon 6th September - Pupils back 8.55 - 15.15 (**New starters - separate transition dates have been shared by letter.**)
 Wed 8th September - Pumpkin Hook Day (YR2), see class newsletter
 Thu 9th September - Poppy Hook Day (YR3), see class newsletter
 Mon 13th September - World First Aid Day
 Fri 24th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning
 Fri 1st Oct - Black History Month begins
 Fri 1st October - Big Talk (RSE)
 Wk beg 4th October - Mentor Meetings
 Wed 6th October - Harvest assembly (with Revd Mark)
 Fri 8th October - World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)
 Fri 22nd Oct - United Nations Day
 Thur 11th November - Remembrance Assembly
 Fri 12th November - Children in Need
 Wk beg 15th November - Transgender Awareness Week, Road Safety Week, Anti-Bullying Week
Term Dates - Inset/Teacher Training Days - 2/9/21, 3/9/21, 22/7/22. Extra Bank Holiday - 21/02/22
 Term 1: 06/09/21 - 22/10/21 Term 2: 01/11/21 - 17/12/21
 Term 3: 05/01/22 - 11/02/22 Term 4: 22/02/22 - 01/04/22
 Term 5: 19/04/21 - 27/05/21 Term 6: 06/06/21 - 21/7/21
 Please see www.stanfordschool.org for further information.