



# Stanford Junior & Infant School

## Newsletter – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019



Happy New Year to you all! We hope 2019 is a peaceful and positive year for everyone.

### Curriculum

#### Hook Days

All pupils have enjoyed kick-starting their learning this term with exciting Hook Days. For example, Seedlings enjoyed baking gingerbread biscuits as part of their 'Traditional tales' work, Sunflower were learning about 'Paddington Bear' and treated us all to beautifully made marmalade sandwiches and Pumpkin class designed penguin biscuits as part of their work on 'Animals.'



Key stage 2 pupils also had fun - Poppy Class enjoyed their Stone Age Hook day, Juniper focused on 'Beowulf' in their Anglo Saxon Day, Star Anise looked at the Viking Invasion of Britain and Barley Class led work on Social Justice, including organising a learning share for parents and carers to attend.



Thank you to the staff for planning these exciting opportunities and to parents/carers for their support with costumes etc.

Please see the school website for more information and photos.

#### Author Visit



We thoroughly enjoyed the visit by author/poet, Matt Goodfellow this week. The pupils were inspired by Matt's performance poetry work and are currently drafting and rehearsing their poetry work ready to perform at our community 'Thank You' event next week. We have used contributions from the school fund, in part raised by our Christmas Fayre, to fund the visit. Thanks again for your help in supporting the school to plan these further enriching experiences for the pupils.

### 7billionideas

Enterprise skills are something we ensure are part of our curriculum as they help develop designing skills, imagination, team work and the awareness of the economy. Barley Class, along with the support of Caistor Lions and the 7billionideas team, have been designing and making products for the future! Mr Kemp, from Caistor Lions, is joining the class this week to judge their products. We really appreciate the support from Caistor Lions and will keep you posted regarding the outcome!

### Sport at Stanford

We are pleased Mr Page from Premier Sports continues to lead our PE lunch club on a Tuesday and the Golden Mile on Friday lunchtime. Kickstarters continue to provide a lunch club for FS and KS 1 on a Wednesday lunch and there are also lots of other clubs on offer too - please see the school website for further details. Mr Middleton, PE Lead, has organised a Gymnastics competition for next week also intra-school competitions for Dodgeball and Handball. Year 4 will be going swimming later this term (more details to follow.) Playground Buddies continue to support pupils to play games at breaktimes and the gym equipment continues to be a very popular choice with key stage 2 pupils too.



Pupil Voice is very important to us at Stanford and we listened when the pupils asked to do another 'Golden Mile' fundraiser to support the NSPCC. Many thanks for your contributions.

### Community -Learning Share



Barley Class led a wonderful 'Martin Luther King Jnr' learning share this term, as part of their Social Justice work. The pupils researched information about key individuals linked to social justice, such as Rosa Parks, producing some news reports about the unfair treatment Ms Parks received on a bus in 1955.

Inspired by Dr King's speech, 'I Have A Dream,' the pupils created their own poetry and also crafted some vibrant dream catchers. The pupils have shown great interest and maturity in this work which links to the Unicef Rights Respecting work we are focusing on.

### NSPCC/Child Protection



All pupils benefited from an assembly and follow up work led by the NSPCC around their campaign 'Speak Out, Stay Safe.' Total raised to date £703.90. Thank you. Parents/carers also were invited to attend an 'Internet Safety' workshop and staff have received recent refresher training regarding CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre.) Thank you to Mrs Marsden, SMSC lead, for organising this as many pupils have found it useful.

### Standards Monitoring - Governors



Governors continue to visit the school regularly to 'challenge and support' in equal measure to ensure high standards for all pupils. Most recently Governors have led a Pupil Voice monitoring session which was very positive, met with Curriculum Leaders to review subject data and subject action plans and visited assemblies to monitor behaviour and expectations along with attending the committee meetings and Full Governing Body meetings throughout the year. Many Governors also support the school in other ways too by giving up their time to hear readers, make resources and visit classes. We are also pleased to welcome two new Governors to the Full Governing Body- Mrs Jenny Griffiths is a Co-opted Governor and Mr Scott Smith is also a Co-opted Governor. We are very grateful for all the Governors time and look forward to working with our new members.

### Ofsted

As you will know, Ofsted visited Stanford on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 to carry out a section 8 short inspection. We will share the report with you as soon as it is published.

### Red Nose Day

The school will be selling the official red nose in the

run up to Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, more details to follow.

### Premises

The LA Assets team will be working in school shortly to complete the new LED lighting project along with a new toilet block for year 5 and 6 pupils.

### Personnel

We are pleased to inform you that Mr Connor Sowerby has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant at school and will be taking over from Miss Graygoose. Miss Graygoose is leaving to continue her teacher training. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Graygoose all the best for the future. She will be attending a teaching placement at Stanford later this term. Mrs Groves is teaching in Star Anise whilst Mrs Amos is currently off. Mrs Marsden continues to teach the end part of the week as usual.

### Dates to Remember:-

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - Community Thank You  
 Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Safer Internet Day Collaboration  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feb- Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics Competition  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friendship Activity (after school fundraiser)  
 Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Intra-Schools Sports Event - Dodgeball  
 Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Thinking Day  
 Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Chalk Stream workshop - Star Anise  
 Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4.30pm - KS 2 Sats Parents Meeting  
 Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Mar - Seedlings visit Stanford Library  
 Wk beg 4<sup>th</sup> Mar - Mentor Meetings  
 Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Mar - Intra-Schools Sports Event - Handball  
 Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar - World Book Day (details to follow)  
 Wk beg 11<sup>th</sup> Mar - Happy Chicks arrive in school  
 Wk beg 11<sup>th</sup> Mar - Juniper - Block Swimming begins  
 Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Mar - Science Boffins  
 Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Mar - PSCO visit Seedlings  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Red Nose Day  
 Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Mar - Scholastic Book Fayre  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar - KS 1 singing  
 Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar - FS and Yr 6 Height and weight check with School Nurse  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, 1.45pm - Djembe Drumming Performances Y3  
 Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 1.45pm - Djembe Drumming Performances Y4  
 Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2.30pm Pumpkin Learning Share  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar - KS1 Gymnastics Competition  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Easter Service - details to follow  
 Wk beg 13<sup>th</sup> May - KS 2 Sats  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jun - Wrates Photos for Barley Class  
 Wk beg 10<sup>th</sup> Jun - Yr 1 Phonics Screening  
 Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Jun, 6.00pm - RSE - Big Talk Parents Workshop  
 Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jun - RSE - Big Talk workshops for pupils  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jun - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Jun - Butlins Trip  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jul - Annual Reports Out  
 Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jul - Staff meet parents/carers re Annual Reports  
 Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Jul - Inset  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jul - Transition to new classes  
 Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul - Parents/Carers meet new teachers

### Term Dates -

**Inset/Teacher Training Days** - 07/01/19, 23/04/19, 03/06/19 & 18/07/19  
**Autumn Term 1:** 04/09/2018 - 19/10/2018  
**Autumn Term 2:** 29/10/2018 - 21/12/2018  
**Spring Term 3:** 08/01/2019 - 15/02/2019  
**Spring Term 4:** 25/02/2019 - 05/04/2019  
**Summer Term 5:** 24/04/2019 - 24/05/2019  
**Summer Term 6:** 04/06/2019 - 23/07/2019