



# Stanford Junior & Infant School

## Newsletter - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017



We continue to have a super term with so many exciting learning activities happening.

### Curriculum and Community

#### Community Member Thank you High-Tea



Stanford appreciates all the support they receive from community volunteers. We organised a 'Thank you High-Tea' and were delighted that so many parent and grandparent helpers, Governors, agencies, Stanford Trust, St Margaret's Church and PTFA members could attend. Each class presented a poem, song or dance and pupils made mini-scones, finger sandwiches and cakes for the guests. One guest commented, 'I so enjoyed the afternoon. The children obviously enjoy their learning at Stanford. So many aspects of life skills, such as helping each other were seen etc. along with the inspiring staff. Thank you for the varied entertainment and lovely tea.' Our year 6 helpers were brilliant too and helped meet and greet our visitors so that everyone enjoyed their special afternoon.

#### PDSA Visit



We ensure values such as kindness and respect are part of the curriculum at Stanford. With this in mind we invited Kaya from PDSA, the biggest Vets Charity, to join us to lead workshops and an assembly for all pupils. The pupils learnt about caring for animals. Kaya was very impressed with our children and said, 'a big thank you so much for inviting me into your lovely school on Friday and making me feel so welcome. It was such a pleasure to give the workshops to your pupils. I was very impressed by their massive enthusiasm, beautiful behaviour and polite manners. Pupils helped raise a **FANTASTIC** total of **£206** to help support this worthwhile charity.'

Katie- in Sunflower found out, 'If rabbits don't eat hay, their teeth will grow too long.'

#### Healthy Place Awards



We are so pleased to announce that Stanford has successfully achieved the Silver award. We ensure healthy living is a fundamental part of our curriculum. Well done to everyone involved.

#### Harry Potter Event



The Harry Potter fans amongst us enjoyed a range of reading activities after school to celebrate Harry Potter day! Pupils shared their beautiful books and enjoyed using the Harry Potter web site to read their wizard names and teams. Thanks to all those who joined in the fun. Our witches and wizards enjoyed the pumpkin juice potions and there were quite a few spells cast too!

#### Visiting author - P4C



As part of our work on 'Philosophy for Children,' Virginia McLean visited Stanford to lead workshops with year 5 and 6 pupils linked to deeper questions around how the world began. The pupils enjoyed using their thinking skills and Virginia commented on how mature and thoughtful our pupils are. Many pupils enjoyed the opportunity of meeting a published author and purchasing a signed copy of her book to enjoy.

#### Extended Provision

We are pleased to inform you that our extended provision continues to go well. Please contact the school office

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### PCSO Heseltine

PCSO Heseltine led an assembly about tolerance and respect for the older pupils in our school linked to awareness of hate crimes/cyber bullying.

### Amazing Readers



Well done everyone who is achieving our home-learning 'Reading Challenge'. We are pleased to see the improvements.

### Tesco Funding

Wow! We have won the Tesco 'Bags of Help' funding initiative and have received a donation of **£5000!** We plan to work with Groundworks to develop our on-site pond area. This will help to further develop our outdoor learning opportunities at Stanford and make further links with the community.

Please see attached report about the **Owl Sanctuary Visit too.**

### Personnel Update

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Marsden - new baby Poppy has arrived and she is beautiful. I am sure you will join with us in welcoming the family all the best!

Welcome to Miss Peck, PGCE student from Bishop Grosseteste, who is joining us until the end of March in Poppy Class. Miss Whiting will be working closely with Miss Peck throughout her time at Stanford and she is really looking forward to getting to know the pupils.

### Diary Dates

#### KEY DATES:-

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - Mental Health Week Assembly

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Safer Internet Day - Halifax ICT Workshops for Mustard and Barley

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Road Safety visit - truck visiting school

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - Valentine Card Making Event - after school event

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Safer Internet Assembly led by Mr Harris, from keeping Children Safe Online

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Animal Encounter Reception thought to Yr4 looking at exotic animals

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Premier Sports visit - free workshops for all classes during the day

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Morrison's Pizza Making Trip

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - KS 2 SATs Workshop for year 6 parents led by Mrs C Smith, 4.30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - Sticker Day - Walk, Bike, or Scoot to School day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - World Thinking Day - Girl Guiding Group wearing their uniforms to school

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Cygnet leads 'Ready, Steady, Cook!'

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - World Book Day - details to follow

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Juniper Class Assembly, 2.45pm (All welcome)

**Week beg 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Mentor Meetings (Staff, Parents/Carers and Pupils)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - KS 1 Singing Festival

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Happy Chicks visiting

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Star Anise Class Assembly, 2.45pm (All welcome)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Poppy Class Assembly 2.45pm (All Welcome)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day - details to follow

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Sticker Day - Bike, Scoot or Walk to School day

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Sunflower class assembly 2.45pm (All welcome)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Residential Trip - Kingswood - Year 5 and 6

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** - **Easter Service with Rev Stevens** - FS and KS 1 in the school hall at 9.30am (All welcome.)

KS 2 Church Service in the afternoon. (Please note due to limited space parents are not invited on this occasion. Thank you.)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - KS 2 Design an Easter Egg Competition and FS and KS 1 Easter Bonnet Parade

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2.15pm** - NSPCC Parents 'On line Workshop'

**Wk beg Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - KS 2 SATs Week

**Wk beg Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Phonics Screening

**PS - Look out for Laceby Report in the Grimsby Telegraph next week on 7.2.17**