



Happy Easter Everyone!

COMMUNITY

Mentor Meetings

Thank you for attending the recent Mentor Meetings at school as they prove a valuable way to keep you informed about the progress of your child/children. Once again, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and the pupils were, quite rightly, very proud of themselves.

Djembe Assemblies

Thank you for attending the Juniper and Pumpkin Djembe Assemblies - the year 3 and 4 pupils performed with skill and displayed excellent listening skills. Thank you to Mrs Groves for leading these and sharing her knowledge with the pupils. These were extra special events as they are the last assemblies Mrs Groves will be leading before she retires this week. Thank you too for the positive feedback received - we agree - the pupils were amazing!



Mr Stevens - leads Easter Service

Thank you to Mr Stevens for leading the Easter Services again this year. The pupils reflected on the Easter Story and enjoyed singing the Easter hymns.

Road Safety Week

Great news - the school figure has increased this month from 50% to 61% - thank you to all those pupils and families who made arrangements to walk, bike or scoot to school each day. This helps reduce traffic congestion around the school and also shows the healthy life style choices pupils are making!

Healthy Eating



Well done to Juniper and Star Anise for taking part in the exciting 'Ready, Steady, Cook' event organised by Cygnet. The Thai green curry was particularly popular! It looks like pupils will be inspired to try some new recipes at home.

Infant Singing Festival

Poppy Class thoroughly enjoyed the event and learning new song all about protecting the environment. Thank you to the Governors and staff who supported the trip - the positive feedback is always lovely to have.

Caistor Science Ambassadors/Science Week

Star Anise class really impressed our visitors and enjoyed learning more about the importance of recycling, endangered animals and energy use. Thank you to Mrs Amos for organising the Science Week at school and to Mr Amos for leading the rocket experiment! Many exciting investigations took place, including Poppy Class finding out which 'space pant' was most absorbent to use in space!!

Sports Relief

Premier Sports led an Intra-School Dodgeball Competition which all the pupils really enjoyed. Thank you for your donations.

Down syndrome Awareness

Miss Whiting led an assembly on Down Syndrome Awareness day to spread awareness and support. The pupils joined in using Makaton to sign the special song.



Anti- Racism Assembly

PCSO Marc led an assembly for the older pupils in school about the importance of respecting everyone and not making judgements/comments based on the colour of skin. Pupils were mature and reflective - they impressed our visitor.

Sats Meetings for Parents

Thank you to Miss Whiting and Mrs Smith for leading these events and also to the parents/carers who attended. We appreciate your support with home-learning to support pupils' developments and the pastoral support we offer collaboratively.

New Starters

The new starters visited school to spend time finding out more about the Foundation Unit and had a tour of the whole school too. The group really enjoyed their visit. Well done to the year 6 pupils who were the 'tour-guides' and helped welcome the children and parents/carers so well.

Sheepfold Home, Bethlehem

In memory of Brenda Anderson, who sadly passed away in December, we are asking pupils to bring in a small donation for the above charity on Thursday (our last day this term). The pupils can in return wear their own clothes. Mrs Anderson had worked as the School Secretary at Stanford for a number of years and supported this charity throughout her life. Thank you.

CURRICULUM

Easter Celebrations

We were immensely impressed with the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnet designs - they were original, creative and eye-catching.

We are egg-sited to see the Easter Egg Decoration Competition entries from Key Stage 2 on Thursday.

Some pupils have been sharing their plans which sound great!



Wow - the Easter Discos were a great success - some super moves! The pupils enjoyed the hot dogs and refreshments too. Behaviour from everyone was excellent and Miss Perrin, as DJ, requires a special mention for keeping the decks spinning! We raised £250 for school funds- the money will be used for more lego for the lunchtime club and for some more board games for The Club and for wet playtimes (as suggested by Pupil Voice.)

World Book Day

An amazing range of 'Books in a Bag' were shared - the pupils really showed their love of reading. Thank you to Mrs Tatler, Governor of English, for supporting the day.



Taylor - I did the Gruffalo. I like the bit where the mouse is hungry for Gruffalo crumble.

Kobi - My book is about telling the time. I have to move the clock hand to the right time.

Stanford Library volunteers have helped make some bunting for our outdoor peace garden too - pupils will be able to choose to sit and read in this area soon.

Swimming

Well done to Juniper pupils who have developed their swimming skills during their block of lessons this term. Also well done to the group of year 5 pupils who also enjoyed their lessons. We are also planning a 4 day block for year 3 pupils in May. The Whitgift swimming staff have been so helpful and supportive - they have encouraged all pupils to make the best progress they can and we are very proud of everyone.

Governors

Governors have continued to visit the school regularly, for example, for the recent Down Syndrome Awareness Day assembly, World Book Day, Infant Singing Festival and for curriculum meetings with our middle leaders. Governors are also drafting a short summary about themselves for the school web and for the next Governor Newsletter.

Personnel Update

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Daulton who is leaving this term. Miss Daulton has worked at Stanford both as a Teaching Assistant and most currently in the School Office. She has also worked as part of the Stanford Library Team. Miss Daulton will be missed by all the staff, pupils and parents. We wish her all the best for her exciting new business venture.

We will be welcoming Mrs Julie Jones to Stanford as a teaching assistant and she will be working in Barley Class.

Interviews for the Office role are currently taking place and we will keep you posted of the outcomes.

Dates to Remember:-

Thursday 29th March - last day of term, 2.30pm close
Monday 2nd April - World Autism Day
Monday 16th April - School Inset Day
Tuesday 17th April - School re-opens for pupils, 8.50am
Tuesday 24th April - Gradley Cup
Tuesday 1st May - Parents/Carers York Residential Meeting
Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8th May - Mental Health Awareness Day
Tuesday 8th May - Year 5 trip to Lincoln Castle
WK beg 14th May - Year 6 SATs
May 21st-23rd May - Year 5 and 6 Residential to York
Thursday 24th May - Founder's Day
Friday 25th May - last day of half-term
Monday 4th June - Inset Day
Tuesday 5th June - School re-opens for pupils, 8.50am
Wednesday 6th June - Leavers' Photo (Wrates)
WK beg Monday 11th June - Phonics Screening / KS 1 Sats
Tuesday 19th June - new starters visit and lunch (with parents)
Thursday 21st June - SRE - Big Talk leading parents' workshop
Tuesday 26th June - SRE - Big Talk leading learning in all classes
Tuesday 3rd July, 6.00pm - New starters Parents' Meeting
Friday 13th July - Inset Day
Monday 16th July - Transition into new classes begin
Friday 20th July - Term ends for summer break, 2.30pm close