



Stanford Junior & Infant School

Newsletter - Monday 30th April 2018



The Summer Term is going really well - with lots of exciting events planned!

Attendance

A child whose attendance drops to 90% each year will, over their time at primary school, have missed two whole terms of learning.

As you are aware, the School and Governors adhere strictly to our Attendance Policy, identifying any concerns as early as possible via letters, phone calls and meetings.

To maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality we would ask the Parents/Carers to ensure that their child/ren attend school regularly and punctually in order to allow the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

Sheepfold Home, Bethlehem

In memory of Brenda Anderson, who had worked as the School Secretary at Stanford for a number of years, Stanford raised over £70 for the above charity which she had supported throughout her life.

Mr Anderson joined our assembly last week to receive the funds. Thank you.



CURRICULUM

Hook Days!

Classes have enjoyed their recent Hook Days - please see the Class Blogs for further details. For example, Sunflower made 'Alien Biscuits,' Pumpkin enjoyed being, 'Romans on the Rampage' and Juniper are enjoying their 'Chocolate' themed day today!



Computing

Miss Perrin has been very busy implementing Purple Mash in school to support the Computing curriculum. Home log-ins have also been given out and workshops for both pupils and parents/carers have been very successful. Pupil Voice has been instrumental in organising a Minecraft After-School Club which will allow the pupils to use their imagination and computer

skills to design 'new worlds.' Miss Perrin has also made links via Skype with Beijing to find out more about different cultures. Finally, Spelling Shed logins have also be organised for home, by Miss Whiting, to supplement and support the spelling learning in school. So far, there has been very positive feedback about all of these new and exciting ventures.

Sports



Well done to the football team who played exceptionally well at the Gradley Cup. Staff and parents/carers mentioned their positive and mature attitude and great team spirit.

Mr Middleton, PE Lead, is busy preparing an exciting and informative Sports Newsletter for you also with further information about the sports that go on at Stanford. This will include information about PE clubs, World Cup events and Sports Day!

Please help ensure PE sessions go smoothly by reminding your child/ren to bring their PE kit into school - a number of pupils have not had this with them following the Easter break. Although we have some spare kit to borrow it is much better for pupils to develop their responsibility skills and look after their own kit.

Sun Safety

At this time of year, please ensure your child/ren have a hat and a water bottle with them. We would encourage the pupils to put sun lotion on before school but please note that lotion can be brought into school providing it is labelled with the pupil's name and is supervised by an adult. Please see the newsletter on the web for more details. We are ensuring there is a sun safety assembly and follow up work in class to ensure pupils know the importance of sun safety. Also, because jumpers and cardigans may be taken off more often please ensure the clothing is named - you would be surprised how many pieces of school uniform are unclaimed and unnamed!

School Kitchen Hygiene Rating

Well done again to the staff - we have maintained our 5 star Food Hygiene Rating by the Food Standards Agency and North East Lincolnshire Council -

www.food.gov.uk/ratings



Music at Stanford



We value the strong creative curriculum at Stanford and the links we have with the Arts. Mapas continue to work with year 1 pupils and Mrs Brady continues to lead viola lessons for key stage 2 pupils. Mapas helped lead a lovely assembly before Easter and showcased the recorder skills and singing skills of our pupils. Parents/Carers and grandparents were extremely impressed! Thank you to Ms Middleton from Mapas.

Drum lessons continue at school as does the lunchtime Choir. We are looking forward to Founder's Day to hear the wonderful viola and choir contributions.

Litter Pickers and Recycling

The pupils continue to ensure our site is clean and tidy - they give up their break times to help and we are so proud of them as they organise the rota, team and equipment! The site is very tidy but sometimes litter blows in from the surrounding area. We have all been focusing on recycling and each class is busy with a separate project on this. Sunflowers and Seedlings have even written to the Council about their ideas - watch this space!

Be a Buddy, not a Bully!



Thank you to Mr Kemp and Caistor Lions for their support with our graffiti wall and residential trips!

Personnel

Mrs W Smith is retiring at the end of this half term after many years as a Teaching Assistant/HLTA at school. She has supported the year 6 pupils, most recently, and her contributions and hard work will be missed. Enjoy your retirement Mrs Smith - you deserve it!

Facebook

It has come to our attention that some Parents/Carers have been using Facebook to voice concerns regarding the school. If you have any concerns regarding your child/ren or the school, as always, we would encourage you to contact the class teacher in the first instance. We value the positive

communication and good relationships we have with our Parents/Carers. We feel it is vital that school and home work together to achieve the best outcomes for all pupils. Staff and Senior Leaders are available on the playground in the morning and if a more formal meeting is required, please contact the School Office in order to organise a mutually convenient time to meet.

May I also politely inform you that comments of this nature on Facebook could damage the reputation of the school and the staff - therefore these comments are not acceptable. Such statements could be potentially derogatory. We will continue to monitor activities and in the event that further such comments are made then we will have no alternative but to take further action.

Dates to Remember:-

Tue 1st May - Parents/Carers York Residential Meeting, 3.45pm
Thu 3rd May - PSCO visit re Lifestyle Competition
Mon 7th May - Bank Holiday
Tue 8th May - Mental Health Awareness Day
Tue 8th May - Year 5 trip to Lincoln Castle
Fri 11th May - Relaxa Kids visit Seedlings
Fri 11th May - Sunflower Trip - Cleethorpes Jungle
Wk beg 14th May - Year 6 SATs (Sats Breakfast Club, 8.15am)
Fri 18th May - Royal Wedding Celebrations at school
May 21st-23rd May - Year 5 and 6 Residential to York
May 21-24th - Year 3 swimming taster - Whitgift Pool
Thu 24th May - Founder's Day
Fri 25th May - Olympian Sports Person visits school
Fri 25th May - Last day of half-term
Mon 4th June - Inset Day
Tue 5th June - School re-opens for pupils, 8.50am
Wed 6th June - Leavers' Photo (Wrates)
Wed 6th June - Primary Maths Challenge
Wk beg Mon 11th June - Phonics Screening / KS 1 Sats
Fri 15th June - Knex Challenge (STEM) - Year 4 and Year 5
Mon 18th June - Year 6 Rounders festival
Tue 19th June - new starters visit and lunch (with parents)
Thu 21st June - SRE - Big Talk leading parents' workshop, 6.00pm
Thu 21st June - Year 5 Healing Taster
Mon 25th June - Year 5 Rounders Festival Healing
Mon 25th June - FS and KS 1 Sports Day, am
Tue 26th June - SRE - Big Talk leading learning in all classes
Wed 27th June - Year 5 and 6 - Enterprise Event
Fri 29th June - Poppy Learning Share, 2.30pm
Mon 2nd July - KS 2 Sports Day, am
Tue 3rd July, 6.00pm - New starters Parents' Meeting
Thu 5th July - Pumpkin Learning Share - 9.10am
Thu 5th July and Fri 6th July -- Healing Transition
Fri 6th July - FS Trip Rand Farm
Wed 11th July - Annual reports to Parents/Carers
Thu 12th July, 3.15pm - meet teachers re Annual Reports
Thu 12th July, 5.00pm-7.00pm - Year 6 Leaver's Disco
Fri 13th July - Inset Day
Mon 16th July - Transition into new classes begin
Mon 16th July, 6.00pm - Year 6 Summer Production
Wed 18th July, 3.15pm - Parents/Carers meet new teachers
Thu 19th July, 2.00pm - Year 6 Leaver's Service
Friday 20th July - Term ends for summer break, 2.30pm close