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Newsletter – December 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas decorating afternoon last week. It was a great way to kick-start our festive season and (hopefully) has gone some way towards getting us all into the Christmas spirit. December's schedule looks busy, and we have lots to look forward to as Christmas approaches and our calendar year comes to an end. Let's hope we can all hold it together until the holidays.

EYFS New Starters 2024-25

Our pupils and staff really enjoyed meeting the children and their families as they attended our open day. Thank you to everyone who visited our school – should anyone have further questions please contact our school office or me directly.

Christian Value

Our Christian value continues to be Trust. In Collective Worship throughout December, Mrs. Wyer will be discussing 'Trust' and linking it to advent.

Safeguarding

Children and staff all wore odd socks and engaged in a collective worship centered around anti-bullying in November. Pupils are also learning about healthy and unhealthy relationships as part of their PSHE lessons this term. If parents ever feel their child may be a victim of bullying, please come and see us.

For more information parents can visit <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Year 3 and 4 Trip to Sheffield Museum

Mrs. Barkley and the Year 3 and 4 class are looking forward enhancing their Ancient Egypt topic and learning more about pharaohs, pyramids, mummies and the myths whilst at Sheffield Museum on **Friday 8th December**.

India Fundraiser Family Walk

In a bid to accumulate more miles and help us reach our target of 5,000 miles to Kolkata – the PTFA and I are inviting families to join us for a walk on **Sunday 10th December**. Leaving the car-park at Friden (SK17 0DX) at **10am**, the plan is to walk along the High Peak trail to the Blueberry Kiosk Café at Parsley Hay where we'll be able to buy refreshments before heading back to our cars at Friden. The walk is a total of 5 miles. It would be great if as many families could join us as possible. https://www.gofundme.com/f/walking-5000-miles-to-kolkata?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_lisco+share-sheet

We've had lots of generous donations so far. Thank you to everyone who has been out walking and submitted your miles. Please keep them coming! (For children with Fitbits or watches that have step counts – as a guide, we're saying 2,000 steps = 1 mile.)

Pantomime

The school trip to Buxton Opera House on **Monday 11th December** kicks off a busy week in school. Staff and pupils will travel by coach to Buxton for the performance of Cinderella. Children are asked to bring a packed-lunch and drink, along with a small snack (if desired). As the performance begins at 10am, our coach will leave promptly at **9:00am**.

Infant Nativity

Inspired by what they saw in Buxton, the infant class will then perform their nativity to parents and family members on **Tuesday 12th December**. There will be two performances:

Afternoon performance 1pm.

Evening performance 5pm

Due to the amount of people that can fit into the junior classroom, each family will be allocated 2 tickets for each performance. Please inform the school office if you are not planning on using any of your tickets – this will help us redistribute them and keep on top of numbers.

Our PTFA will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies before each performance.

Christmas Church Service

Having recovered from our infant nativity, we will then all join together in Stanton Holy Trinity Church on **Thursday 14th December** for our Christmas service, where we hope as many of you as possible can join us to sing hymns and listen to the Christmas story. The service will begin at **2pm**.

Children's Christmas Dinner and Party

During our final week of term on **Wednesday 20th December**, the children will all dine together and enjoy their Christmas Dinner. Christmas parties will follow, and ... fingers crossed... there may be a visit from a very special someone. This day will be a **non-uniform day** (if possible, a £1 donation towards our PTFA funds) and children are encouraged to wear their 'party clothes.'

Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair will take place on the final day of our school term: **Friday 22nd December (1pm-3pm)**.

As there will be no Forest Schools on this day, children are asked to arrive wearing their school uniform. Instead of their school jumpers – pupils may wear **Christmas jumpers if they wish. **

Our pupils all look forward to this event and it will be a great way for us to bring our term to an end. In the days leading to the fair, the children work together to create games for their friends and families to engage with. This is always a fantastic afternoon, lots of fun and raises lots of money for our PTFA. Teas and coffees will be served and we look forward to welcoming you all into school. Any parents, who have time to bake cakes, buns or healthy snacks that can be sold during the afternoon, are encouraged to do so (thank you). There will also be a raffle where 3 hampers, made from contributions from each class, will be up for grabs!

Hamper contributions:

GOLD AND GREEN – Infants

SILVER AND RED - Year 3 and 4

GOLD AND PURPLE – Year 5 and 6

Pupils from each class are asked to bring an item for their class hamper in the chosen colour. Feel free to be as creative as you like - a tin of food, bar of chocolate, bottle of wine, shampoo, biscuits, anything you can think of. And if it's more yellow than gold, more pink than red or more grey than silver (in fact – if it's any colour at all!), don't panic – it's the thought that counts.

Swimming

Swimming will resume in the New Year. The **Year 5 and Year 6** pupils will have their first of five lessons on **Wednesday 17th January**.

Any parents, who are able to travel on the bus to swimming with the children and Miss. Prystupa, please complete the form attached – your help is appreciated.

Sport at Stanton

Our next sporting event will be in January (Thursday 18th) – the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics competition in Sheffield.

For this event, the pupils will travel to and from the venue in Sheffield by coach and will arrive back at school around 3:30pm. Please complete the relevant form attached to the newsletter and confirm who will be picking your child up from school at the slightly later time.

School Business Officer

Everyone at school would like to wish Mrs. Grayson-Hall all the very best as she begins her maternity leave after the Christmas holidays. She leaves her position in safe hands as Hannah (Elsa's mum) will take over the reins during Mrs. Grayson-Hall's absence from January. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Hannah on her successful application and appointment.

Chloe – we can't wait to meet your new arrival in the spring!

Stanton Holy Trinity Church Christmas Calendar

Advent Praise: Sunday 3rd December 9:30am

Christmas Carols and Readings: Sunday 17th December 4pm.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion: Sunday 24th December 9pm

Arrangements for the Closure of School

As we enter the winter months, the chance of snow increases. Please can I remind you that in the event of snow, you will be notified by ParentHub. The school website will also be updated www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk. We will make an early decision to minimise disruption.

Parent Surveys

Mrs. Wyer will soon be sending parental surveys out to all families. We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to complete these. Parent voice is important and helps us to ensure that we are meeting the needs of your children in the best possible way. Feedback (good or bad) is always taken seriously.

Paper Copy

Many people find having paper copy of the newsletter easier – if you would like one, please contact the school office.

And finally ...

Staff and pupils would like to wish all our community a wonderful Christmas filled with hope, joy and happiness. We look forward to welcoming you back into school in the New Year on **Monday 8th January**.

Please continue to contact me by phone, in person or via email: j.figg@peaktorfederation.co.uk or the school office: chloegrayson-hall@peaktorfederation.co.uk if you have any queries about any of the items listed within the newsletter. Class teachers are always available and willing to discuss matters regarding your child's well-being or attainment and can be contacted directly or caught at the school gates either before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Johnathon Figg

Deputy Headteacher

Term Dates and INSET days 2023/2024

Remaining INSET Days (2023-2024)

Term 6

June 21st and 24th

2023/2024 Academic Year

Autumn 2: 6 November 2023 to 22 December 2023 (35 days)

Spring 1: 8 January 2024 to 16 February 2024 (30 days)

Spring 2: 26 February 2024 to 28 March 2024 (24 days)

Summer 1: 15 April 2024 to 24 May 2024 (6 May 2024 is a bank holiday) (29 days)

Summer 2: 3 June 2024 to 23 July 2024 (37 days)

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Who's involved
DECEMBER		
Friday 8 th	Trip to Sheffield Museum	Year 3 and 4
Sunday 10 th	Family Walk	Whole School Community
Monday 11 th	Pantomime in Buxton	Whole School
Tuesday 12 th	Infant Nativity (1pm and 5pm)	Infant Pupils and Parents
Thursday 14 th	Christingle Service	Whole School
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Lunch and Party	Pupils
Friday 22 nd	Christmas Fair Last Day of Term	Whole School Community
JANUARY		
Monday 8 th	School Opens – Start of Spring 1	Whole School
Wednesday 17 th	Swimming (first of 5 consecutive weeks)	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 18 th	Sportshall Athletics	Year 5 and 6 Pupils
Friday 26 th	India School Visit	Mr. Figg
FEBRUARY		
Thursday 1 st	Netball	Year 5 and 6 Pupils
Friday 16 th	Last Day of Spring Term 1	Whole School

Sporting Events 2023/2024

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
January			
Y5/6	Sportshall Athletics	Thursday 18 th	Graves Health and Tennis Club, S8 8JR
February			
Y5/6	Netball	Thursday 1 st	Longstone Primary DE45 1TZ
March			
Y1/2/3/4	Dance Festival	Thursday 7 th	The Medway Centre, Bakewell DE45 1DY
Y5/6	Hockey	Thursday 21 st	Tideswell Bishop Purseglove SK17 8NE
April			
Y3/4	Summer Sports and Mini Tennis	Thursday 25 th	Youlgrave Sports Field DE45 1WN
May			
Y5/6	Cricket	Thursday 16 th	Youlgrave Sports Field DE45 1WN
June			
R/Y1/2	Cricket Skills	Thursday 27 th	Longstone Primary DE45 1TZ
July			
Y5/6	Rounders	Thursday 11 th	Rowsley Sports Field DE4 2EE

Swimming ROTA – January - March 2024

If you can help with the swimming rota, please add your name and return the sheet. I will then compile a final rota and send it out

SWIMMING DATES Thank you for volunteering	NAME: Wednesday pm – swimming bus leaves Stanton at 1:00pm and returns approx. 2:30pm. Helpers are welcome to wait in school until the end of the school day.
Spring 1 – Year 5 and 6	
17 th January	
24 th January	
31 st January	
7 th February	
14 th February	
Spring 2 – Year 2, 3 and 4	
28 th February	
6 th March	
13 th March	
20 th March	
27 th March	

Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition at the Graves Health and Tennis Club, Sheffield.

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition at The Graves Health and Tennis Club, Sheffield on **Thursday 18th January** and to be transported there and back via coach.

I/_____ will collect my child from **school** at 3:30pm:

Signed: _____
