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Newsletter – November 2023

Dear Parents,

Our first half-term has come to a close and it has been wonderful to see pupils in all classes settling in well and making a great start to the academic year. Our thirteen reception children have really found their feet and are beginning to understand what it is like to be a Stanton pupil – eight weeks is a long slog and I'm sure many of them will be ready for a lie down. Throughout this term, pupils across the school have enjoyed lots of success. Whether it be winning football tournaments or cross-country races; taking part in new activities whilst on our residential; whittling during Forest Schools; or simply learning in the classroom, they all have a lot to be proud of.

EYFS New Starters 2024-25

On **Tuesday 14th November**, we are holding an open day in school for any prospective children and their parents who are considering starting in reception at Stanton next September. Staff, along with pupil volunteers, will lead a range of activities which we hope allow families to gain a taste of what life is like at Stanton in Peak. If you have a child who is starting school in September 2024, we look forward to meeting them on the 14th.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held in school on **Thursday 16th November**. Appointments will last for 10 minutes. Parents' evening is an opportunity for all parents to discuss the wellbeing of their child along with their academic progress. Whilst it is important that parents' evening appointments stick to the 10-minute timeframe, parents are reminded and encouraged to speak to their child's class teacher whenever they have a worry, concern or general interest in their child's progress/wellbeing. Rest assured that class teachers would also contact parents directly if they had any concerns. Our general philosophy is that *'there should never be any surprises at parents' evening.'*

Please complete the parents' evening slip attached to the newsletter and return it to school after the half-term holidays. We will do our best to ensure everyone has an appointment as close to their desired timeslot as possible.

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 pupils will need their bikes in school on **Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Friday 24th November** to enable them to participate in the final stage of their Bikeability training. The first session will take place in the school playground, and the remaining 2 sessions will both require pupils to cycle on the road. It is therefore vital that their bikes are in working order and they bring their helmets. Pupils can wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and trainers on the days of their Bikeability sessions. If any families are struggling to source a fully functional bike for the 3 days, please contact our school office.

Christmas Decorating Afternoon

Continuing with our tradition, family members are invited into school on **Friday 24th November** for our Christmas decorating afternoon. The activities will begin from **1pm** and families will enjoy creating Christmas decorations alongside their children and school staff. The school day will end as normal at 3pm; however, parents will have the opportunity to leave early with their child (if the Christmas music gets too much). We are looking forward to seeing many of you in school.

Christian Value

Next term, our Christian Value is Trust. *'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'* Psalm 18.2. Each Monday during Collective Worship, Mrs. Wyer will be discussing 'Trust' and linking what it is to have trust with lessons from the Bible.

Safeguarding

To mark Cyber Security Awareness Month, Mrs Wyer will be talking to the children about being 'Cyber Aware' and introducing them to a fun and interactive game which they can play at home. Its intention is to teach the whole family about cyber awareness in a fun engaging manner!

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/training/ncsc-cyber-security-for-young-people-english-scorm-v2/index.html>

Advice about cyber security can be found at: <https://esafetytraining.org/cyber-security-awareness-month-2023/>

Here are some other links for staying safe online:

Share Aware - from the NSPCC and O2 - for younger children - promotes safety when online or using apps and games. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=I_saw_your_willy_nspcc&gclid=CKiqvYHKrs0CFTAz0wod8H4BvA&gclidsrc=aw.ds

Get Safe Online - has resources to help children and young people of different ages. As a parent or carer you need to stay switched-on to children's online safety. <https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/article-category/safeguarding-children/>

Safer Internet - has e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Swimming

Thank you to all of the parents of Year 2 pupils who have returned the relevant forms. Our Year 2s, 3s and 4s will begin their swimming lessons (their first of five consecutive sessions) starting on **Wednesday 8th November**.

PTFA

Thanks to the hard work of our PTFA and your generous contributions, we now have a new cooker in school. The children and staff will enjoy using it during lessons and whilst taking part in future clubs planned for later in the school year.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn Fair – the vegetable carvings were incredible. Staff and pupils appreciate all of your efforts to make these afternoons special, and felt that it was a great way to end our half-term.

Sport at Stanton

We have one sporting event this month: The **Year 3 and 4** Dodgeball tournament at Bakewell Juniors on **Thursday 9th November**. If anyone is yet to return the permissions slip, please do so.

NB: unfortunately, there has been a change to this event – YEAR 2 pupils will no longer be attending.

Infant Football - Mr. Sizer and Miss Prystupa took the Year 1s and 2s to Tideswell on Thursday 12th October to compete in the cluster schools football tournament. Both our teams tried extremely hard and were very unlucky not to make the final. Mr. Sizer and Miss Prystupa arrived back at school glowing with compliments for the pupils – by all accounts, they did our school proud.

NSPCC Kindness Challenge

It was wonderful to see some of the many ways our pupils decided to show kindness throughout October. Whether it was washing dishes; tidying bedrooms; holding doors open; or bringing in eggs – the children demonstrated how small acts of kindness can make a huge difference. Let's aim to keep it going.

Harvest Church Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest service. We hope you enjoyed seeing your children in church. The amount of food we were able to take to the food bank was incredible – thank you for your donations.

Edale Residential

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a fantastic time in Edale. I say it every year, but this trip really does highlight how much the pupils in our school are growing and developing. Each time we go, we see children overcoming obstacles and facing individual battles, and it is wonderful to witness them approaching those same challenges, a year on, with so much more confidence and assurance. For some, staying away from home for two nights is the biggest challenge. For others, it's climbing Mam Tor or making up their own beds. Whatever the obstacle, our pupils all proved (to themselves) that they were capable of overcoming it. As well as individual growth, our trip also allowed us to grow as a team. Seeing the pupils and staff support one another whilst completing the range of activities over the course of the three days was fantastic and will only impact our school positively now that we have returned to the classroom.

India

Our school has been linked with Bhowanipur Cemetery School in the heart of Kolkata since Mrs Poole's first visit in 2018. Further visits in 2019 and 2020 helped to establish strong links between the two schools, opening our pupils' minds to a world much different from the one they know, whilst also highlighting that we share so many similarities. Due to the pandemic, visits to Kolkata were put on hold, but I am excited to tell you that in January 2024 (26th January – 4th February) the trip will resume. Whilst there, I will spend each day working alongside the class teachers from Bhowanipur Cemetery School and providing daily updates to our pupils here in Stanton. Bhowanipur Cemetery School is a slum school and the children that attend are all children from the local area. They live in the surrounding slums and, for them, the school provides an opportunity to break out of the poverty they were born into.

Children, who attend the school, work hard to gain enough education and develop their English speaking and writing ability so that, when they are 11, they are accepted into India's formal state education. Unsurprisingly, the percentage of children that achieve this is low, and for many they will return to their lives on the streets; however, the work and support our school has provided over the years has given the pupils the best chance of success.

Previous visits have helped to open the eyes of our Stanton pupils. Communicating with children from across the globe and seeing the hardship of others has helped instill the Christian values we promote and encourage each day. The visits have also empowered our pupils, and it has been inspiring to see fires lit within them to promote change and help others. The visits are also a powerful way of instilling the belief that, despite all of our differences, we are all exactly the same. All children laugh, play, sing and dance.

The theme for this year's visit is 'Global Neighbours'. The cohort of teachers travelling to India have already met several times and some of the activities planned for children (in both schools) to complete (either prior to the visit, during or after) include: writing a list of questions that they would like answering; answering the same big 5 questions (ideas of what these 5 questions should be are welcomed); creating welcome video messages; and writing letters. In addition to these initial ideas – if anyone has any activities that they feel would be particularly powerful, please let me know.

To help fund the trip, school will be organising a sponsored walk and encouraging as many of our pupils and their families to get involved as possible. I am passionate about this project and truly believe in the powerful impact it can have not only on the children in Kolkata, but on our own pupils here at Stanton. If anyone wishes to learn more about the visit, please click on our school website to view previous trips, or speak to me personally. <https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk/india/>

Paper Copy

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

And finally ...

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Your feedback is always welcomed and helps us ensure we are moving forward in a direction that is best for our community and for the children within it. Staff and pupils would like to wish everyone a happy half-term. We hope you manage to spend some quality time with your families. As always, if you have any worries, concerns or general questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, in person or via email: j.figg@stanton-in-peak.derbyshire.sch.uk or ring the school office. Class teachers are always available and willing to discuss matters regarding your child's well-being or attainment. Please either contact them directly or catch them at the school gates either before or after school.

Yours sincerely,
Johnathon Figg
Deputy Headteacher

Term Dates and INSET days 2023/2024

INSET Days (2023-2024)

Term 2

November 27th

Term 6

June 21st and 24th

2023/2024 academic year

Autumn 1: 4 September 2023 to 27 October 2023 (40 days)

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
NOVEMBER		
Monday 6 th	School Opens - Start of Autumn 2	Whole School
Wednesday 8 th	Swimming (1 st of 5 consecutive lessons)	Year 2, 3 and 4 Pupils
Thursday 9 th	Dodgeball	Year 3 and 4 Pupils
Tuesday 14 th	New Starters 2024 Taster Afternoon	New Starters and Parents 2024
Thursday 16 th	Parents' Evening	Parents
Mon 20 th , Tues 21 st , Fri 24 th	Bikeability	Year 6 Pupils
Friday 24 th	Christmas Decorating Afternoon	Whole School and Parents
Monday 27 th	INSET DAY	Whole School
DECEMBER		
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

Sporting Events 2023/2024

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
November			
Y3/4	Dodgeball	Thursday 9 th	Bakewell Juniors DE45 1FR
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

Parents' evening is Thursday (16th October 2023).

Please indicate which time slot would be most convenient for you and return it to school after half term. We will do our best to accommodate.

Child's name: _____

12:00 - 1:00pm	Infant only
1:00 - 2:00pm	Infant only
2:00 - 3:00pm	
3:00 - 4:00pm	
4:00 - 5:00pm	
5:00 - 6:00pm	
6:00 - 7:00pm	

*Year 3 and 4, 5 and 6 appointments will start from 2:30pm

Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball Tournament at Bakewell Juniors Primary School

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Dodgeball Competition at Bakewell Junior School on **Thursday 9th November** and to be transported there via coach.

I/_____ will collect my child from **Bakewell Junior School DE45 1FR** at 3pm:

Signed: _____



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

