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Newsletter – October 2023

Dear Parents,

We've had a fantastic start to our school year and staff have enjoyed getting to know their new classes. It has been nice to see the children looking so settled.

NSPCC Kindness Challenge

This October, pupils will be taking part in the NSPCC Kindness Challenge where children will be encouraged to choose up to nine acts of kindness to complete throughout the first week in October. As the slogan 'Kickstart Kindness' suggests – the aim of the challenge is to spread kindness amongst our school community.

Christian Value

This term, our Christian Value is 'Thankfulness'. Each Monday during Collective Worships, Mrs Wyer will be discussing 'Thankfulness' and linking what it is to be thankful to lessons from the Bible - including Philippians 1.3, Palm 148 and Ephesians 5.20. Throughout the term, we will be encouraging the children to reflect on what they are thankful for in their lives.

Safeguarding

As always, keeping your children safe is our primary concern. During the first few weeks of term, staff have spoken to pupils about the importance of talking about any worries or concerns they may have. Each class also has a 'Worry Monster' to allow pupils to write down their worries and share them in a different way. Pantosaurus along with aspects of cyber bullying and online safety have also been discussed with our pupils.

For further guidance on how you can help support your children and keep them safe, please regularly check the school and NSPCC websites.

<https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk/safeguarding/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Positive Play

Miss Fritchley is currently participating in Positive Play training. This will enable her to support pupils, using a tailored play approach, helping to raise self-esteem and confidence whilst assisting them in reaching their potential.

Swimming

The Year 5 and 6 pupils will continue swimming in Bakewell this half-term (they have 3 sessions remaining). After the holidays, the Year 2s, 3s and 4s will begin their swimming lessons (their first of five consecutive sessions starting on Wednesday 8th November - the first Wednesday back after half-term). As it will be the first time our current Year 2 pupils have been swimming with school, there is an initial permissions form to fill out. Can parents of children in Year 2 please complete and return the relevant form attached. There are still



2 spaces available for any parents who are willing to volunteer and accompany Miss Prystupa and the children to their swimming lessons. Please complete the relevant form attached if you can help out. Many thanks to all that have volunteered so far.

PTFA

Our PTFA play a pivotal role within our school community. The events that are organised help to bring families together and the money raised is used wisely to finance additional school trips, resources and experiences – all of which enhance our curriculum and give the pupils at our school the best possible start. The amount of voluntary hours that go into ensuring we have a PTFA should not, and does not go unnoticed. I would like to personally thank everyone for all of their continued efforts. As you can see from the breakdowns below – not only are our PTFA events well supported, the money raised is helping us to support all areas of school life.

Money Raised	
Easter Fair	£400.54
Barn Farm Events PTFA Stalls (May-Aug)	£16649.3
Junior Production Refreshments	£192.70

Expenditure	
Books for school	£1065.20
3 x fans	£194.97
Tropical Butterfly House – Infant trip – pens and wrist bands	£63
Polytunnel for the allotment	£163
Art Supplies – water colour paints/paper	£39.70

Please continue to support our PTFA events and if you are available to help or would like to get involved in any capacity please either contact Vicky directly or speak to me in school.

Sport at Stanton

We have one sporting event this month:

Year 1 and 2 Football tournament at Tideswell Bishop Purseglove on Thursday 12th October.

We also have **Year 2, 3 and 4** Dodgeball tournament at Bakewell Juniors on Thursday 9th **November** (the first Thursday back after the half-term holidays).

The pupils will travel by coach to the events. Please complete the relevant forms attached to the newsletter and confirm who will be picking your child up from the venue (unfortunately parent spectators are not permitted at these events). Both events begin at 1pm and are scheduled to finish at 3pm. As always, we encourage car-sharing wherever possible and if you are having difficulties arranging transport home from the event, please contact the school office for support.

Year 5 and 6 Football

With help from the Year 4 boys we were able to enter two teams into the Year 5 and 6 football tournament at Tideswell, and each pupil who took part should be immensely proud of themselves for their attitude and effort.

Our boys' team won the tournament, scoring a plethora of goals against tough opposition. Perhaps even more pleasing than seeing the boys lift the trophy was observing how quick they were to congratulate their opponents – giving '*three-cheers*', and shaking hands after each match.

Our girls' team were simply amazing! At the start of the school day, not one was feeling confident and all were considering '*giving this one a miss*'. With the tournament so early on in the school year and little time to practice, it's safe to say – no one was looking forward to taking part. However, after a pep talk about stepping out of our comfort zones and a morning's training session, every single girl decided that they would participate. They did more than that – winning two out of their three league games before narrowly losing to the eventual runners up in the semi-finals. Not only did they all enjoy their afternoon, several of them are now interested in joining a club. What a successful afternoon! We really can learn a lot from our pupils.

Cross-country

On Thursday 28th September, all 64 of us (pupils and staff) travelled to Bakewell Juniors and competed in the Lady Manners' Cluster Schools Cross-County Competition. Taking the whole school to this event so early on in the school year is always a big occasion and yet again our pupils excelled themselves. The older pupils were seen looking after and supporting the younger children and it was fantastic to hear the whole school cheering our runners across the finish line in each race. We were all extremely impressed with our 13

reception who all coped unbelievably well throughout the afternoon – a full lap of the fields at Bakewell is a long way!

Congratulation to Ronnie and Grace who both won their races!

Harvest Church Service

Families are invited to Stanton Holy Trinity Church on **Thursday 5th October** to join us for our church service at 2pm. As well as Father Tony leading us through the service, pupils from each class will also contribute. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are encouraging children to bring non-perishable goods to school so that they can be delivered to local food banks. If you can spare any – please bring them into school before Friday 6th October.

School Photographs

School photos – sibling and individual – are on **Monday 16th October**. Siblings that do not attend Stanton would need to come into school first thing (8:30am) if they would like to be included.

Edale Residential

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 autumn residential to Edale is fast approaching and we have lots of excited children in school. Thank you to everyone who has returned their consent forms along with the £20 cash deposit. The remaining payments can be made via Parent Pay and the deadline for this is Friday 13th October. If any parents have any queries or questions, please contact a member of staff or catch us at the end of the lane. A kit list and itinerary will be sent out in due course.

Allotment

Staff and pupils would like to say huge thank you to Ella and Olivia's Grandad John along with their mum and dad (Sarah and Marcus), who have spent large parts of their summer holiday transforming our school allotment. The work that has gone into it is incredible and very much appreciated by us all. Pupils have already enjoyed collecting apples and plums as well as planting strawberries.

Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended Mr. Sizer's Early Reading and Phonics Workshop. Should you have further questions or would like additional advice or guidance as to how you can support your child, please speak to Mr. Sizer during drop-off or pick-up.

Homework

At this time of year, now that many classroom routines have been established, it is a good chance to remind parents of some additional ways you can support your child at home.

Reading

With such strong correlations between reading for pleasure and academic attainment, reading with your child or listening to your child read is something that should be valued and encouraged. In the age of technology, reading is one thing that appears to have been pushed to the back of the line in many households. However, once established, reading at home can quickly become a time for families to enjoy and look forward to. Finding a quiet corner, brewing a warm drink and spending quality time with mum, dad, granny or grandad alongside an engaging book can be a special time for everyone.

We recommend the following:

Reception and KS1 children reading for approximately 10 minutes 5 times a week

Year 3 and 4 pupils reading for approximately 15 minutes 5 times each week

Year 5 and 6 pupils reading for approximately 20 minutes 5 times each week

High frequency words

Reception children will be given regular high frequency words to practice at home. Year 1 and year 2 children may also be given high frequency words if required.

Spellings

Throughout Key Stage 1 and 2, a weekly spelling list will be given to your child at the start of each week. Whilst they will have designated times to look at spelling rules and learn their spellings in class, we strongly recommend spending some time with your child at home to help prepare them for their weekly spelling test at the end of each week.

Times-Tables

By the end of Year 4, pupils are expected to know their multiplication facts (tables 1-12). Pupils in Year 4 sit a statutory tables test in the summer term. Knowing their times-tables can have a huge impact on pupils' progression in mathematics, which is why pupils in KS2 have a weekly tables test to help monitor their progress.

There are several ways you can help your child progress with their tables: quick-fire questions on the way to and from school; regular recitals; flash-cards and worksheets. Worksheets can be readily available within school for your child to take home. Please ask your child's class teacher for worksheets or further support with this should you require it.

Maths Homework

Pupils in KS2 have already established good habits and are completing maths homework (Monday-Thursday). The questions they complete are marked the following day and stuck into the back of their maths books. It is expected that these questions should take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. The aim is to provide children with daily practice of key mathematical skills; however, if your child is completing the tasks quickly and confidently and would like additional maths homework – extensions, linked to the work your child is learning in class, are now readily available in school.

If you are struggling with homework

As a parent myself, I am all too familiar with the struggles that can occur at home whilst trying to get our children to engage with their homework. They've worked hard in school all day and often the last thing they want to do once home is more work. If you are finding it difficult and would like additional support with this – please contact school and we'll do our best to help you formulate a strategy that works for you.

Contact Details

If any personal/emergency contacts/address etc. have recently changed, could parents/carers please drop off at the school office a written and signed note of the changes. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parent,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school, please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/cc5d5a0c>

*The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the **23rd October 2023**. The link will close on the 19th October 2023.*

If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2023 please disregard this msg. *If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397 option 5.*

Dates for your Diary:

Parents Evening will be held in school on Thursday 16th November

The Infant Nativity will take place on Tuesday 12th December. Afternoon performance 1pm. Evening performance 5pm.

Moon Exhibition

I'm sure many of our pupils would be interested and if anyone has time one evening after school or over a weekend, there is a free 'Museum of the Moon' exhibition at Derby Cathedral (Oct 12th - 10th Nov)

<https://derbycathedral.org/events/events/museum-of-the-moon/>

Job Opportunity

We are still searching for a Clerk to Governors – if anyone is interested, please contact the school office.

Paper Copy

If anyone would also like a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the school office.

And finally ...

Thank you for your continued support. It is nice to see happy faces in and around school and pupils in all three classes appear engaged and enthused with their learning. 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@peaktorfederation.co.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
	OCTOBER	
Thursday 5 th	Harvest Service in Church	Whole School Community
Monday 16 th	School Photographs	Whole School
Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th	Edale Residential	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Pupils
Monday 23 rd	Flu Vaccinations	Whole School
Friday 27 th	School closes - End of Autumn 1	Whole School
	NOVEMBER	
Monday 6 th	School Opens - Start of Autumn 2	Whole School
Thursday 16 th	Parents' Evening	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
Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Term	Whole School

Remaining Sporting Events 2023/2024

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
		October	
Y1/2	Football	Thursday 12 th	Tideswell Bishop Purseglove SK17 8NE
		November	
Y2/3/4	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

Swimming ROTA – September – December 2023

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

JUNIOR 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.
11 th October (Year 5/6)	
18 th October (Year 5/6)	

Year 1 and 2 Football Competition at Tideswell Bishop Purseglove Primary School

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Year 1 and 2 Football Competition at Tideswell Bishop Purseglove Primary School on **Thursday 12th October** and to be transported there via coach.

I/_____ will collect my child from **Tideswell Bishop Purseglove** at 3pm:

Signed: _____

Year 2, 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: _____

SWIMMING – PARENTAL INFORMATION FORM

Name School

Date of Birth Class

Address

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..... Tel.No.

As part of your child's education he/she will be undertaking swimming lessons this year. It is important that the swimming teacher/instructor has the following information concerning your child:

	Yes	No
<p>Does your child suffer from any medical condition which may affect their safety whilst swimming, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Asthma (please bring inhaler to every swimming session), ▪ Epilepsy ▪ Sensory impairment e.g. deaf ▪ Grommets (wearing a swimming cap & ear plugs is recommended) ▪ Diabetes, etc <p>If 'Yes' please give details:</p>		
<p>Does your child take medication on a regular basis?</p> <p>If 'Yes' please give details:</p>		

Swimming Ability:

Non-swimmer	5m	10m	25m	50m+	Any other awards (please specify):

Chemicals in the water in swimming pools affect my child's eyes. I give my Permission for my child to wear goggles during swimming lessons and that they know how to use them safely and accept responsibility should my child be injured as a result of wearing goggles.

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I am aware that my child will not be allowed to wear goggles for specific water or diving activities for safety reasons.

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I am aware that all jewellery is to be removed prior to swimming activities.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Please note - your child can only be excluded from school swimming on medical grounds as this is a part of the PE National Curriculum. Please return this form to school.

Please be aware of the following rules:

Swimwear must be suitable for the purpose and preferably of a dark colour to enable the swimmer to be seen clearly underwater. Girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume and boys must wear swimming trunks. The School Swimming Instructor may allow boys to wear appropriate shorts; however these must not be below the knee. Large baggy shorts will impede the pupil's movements in the water, as well as restrict the view of the teachers in seeing the movements that limbs and joints are making in the water.

Goggles should only be allowed, when chemicals in the water may affect eyes. Goggles should be made of unbreakable plastic or rubber materials and children taught to use them correctly and safely prior to their attendance at the pool. Pupils who wish to wear goggles must have a permission slip signed by their parent/guardian/carer (included on the Information Form).

Hair must be tied back if long or of a length which might impair vision. It is highly recommended that children wear swimming hats. For facilities that share the pool with members of the public, it is very **strongly** recommended that children wear swimming hats, to ensure that pupils are easily identified.

Jewellery/watches must be removed prior to the swimming lesson (plasters covering newly pierced parts of the body will not be allowed due to plasters in the water becoming a choking hazard). It is strongly advisable that any pupils that wish to have body piercing do so at the beginning of the School Summer holidays.

Safety medic-alert bracelets or necklaces should be removed and given to the Adult in Charge for safe keeping during the swimming lesson and returned to the pupil immediately the pupil exits from the water. If the bracelet is unable to be removed it may be taped over securely with waterproof tape / sweat band.