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Newsletter - September 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all having an enjoyable summer break and managing to spend some quality time with your families. I'm sure nobody is ready to start thinking about returning to school just yet, and many of us will be more than happy dashing around on the last day of the holidays searching for those missing school shoes; however, there will be some of you who prefer a more organised and relaxed approach. Hopefully, providing you with information for September and our new academic year early will enable us all to prepare in our own way.

Welcomes and Goodbyes

It was sad to see our Year 6s say their goodbyes during their leavers' service in July – but they all have an exciting future ahead of them and are fully prepared and ready for their next challenge. Watching them stand in church and talk through their memoirs of school was a true testament to how much they have each grown throughout their time at Stanton. Of course, we not only say goodbye to the pupils, but also their families – you will all be missed and we hope you continue to engage with many of the school events that take place in the future.

As the eldest pupils leave and think about time at secondary school, our youngest pupils begin preparing for their first day at school. This year, we have thirteen new starters in reception and everyone at school would like to welcome them along with their families to our community. We are excited for them to start their journey with us at Stanton.

We would also like to welcome Miss. Sutton and Miss. Calder to our school staff. Miss Sutton is no stranger and has previously worked within school as part of our 'catch-up' programme. She will be in school on Wednesdays. Miss Calder, who has recently completed her teacher training at Sheffield Hallam University, will be in school each day, predominately working alongside Mr. Sizer and the receptions in the infant classroom.

There are two very special little people that we would also like to extend our welcomes to. During our summer term, Miss Birkin and Tim had a little baby girl – Alba. Mr. Sizer and Katie also welcomed baby Freddie into this world. Pupils are extremely excited to meet them both and everybody at school sends our sincerest congratulations to both families.

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to two very important and impactful members of staff. Mr. Dunn, despite only being with us for just over a year, developed strong working relationships with staff and pupils alike, fully immersing himself in everything we do at Stanton. He will be missed by us all, and we wish him all the best as he begins his teacher training. Mrs. Oldham has been part of our school for 17 years and has

undertaken pretty much every role possible throughout her time here. As she looks forward to more flexible working hours and spending quality time with her family, we wish her well.

A message from Mrs. Oldham:

Dear everyone,

I have had so many happy times at Stanton and will take many memories away with me. It's hard to believe that I have been a part of the Stanton team for 17 years. Over that time I have worked with all the different ages and classes and was even the Acting Head for a time when we struggled to recruit a headteacher. I have had the privilege of watching many children and families come through school, baby siblings brought in for show and tell who then joined the infants and then, in the blink of an eye, it seems, are a Y6 and on the way to Lady Manners. I have had many happy times at Stanton and will take many memories away with me. From productions and nativities, residentials and trips, snow and sheep in the playground to having most of the school to sing at my wedding. I will be doing some supply teaching in the local area so will hopefully see you all again very soon. I'm sure I'll also bump into some of you at swimming, soft play and the farm park as I usually do.

Take care

Zoe

Good luck, Mrs. Oldham - your kind nature and sense of humor will be missed by us all.

Staffing

Miss. Prystupa and Miss Calder will support Mr. Sizer in the Infant classroom.

The Year 5s and 6s and I will be supported by Miss. Fritchley.

Miss. Fritchley will also support Mrs. Barkley in the Year 3 and 4 classroom.

Miss. Sutton will work with the Year 5 and 6 pupils on Wednesday mornings and the Year 3 and 4 class on Wednesday afternoons.

Stanton Star

Huge congratulations to Dylan, who was awarded the Stanton Star during our church service in July. I am so pleased for Dylan – his hardworking nature and desire to be the best he can be makes him a very worthy winner of this award. I am confident that he will continue to set a great example to the pupils within our school as well as keep me on my toes as he begins life in Year 5 this September.

Uniform

School uniform is part of our school identity and continues to be important to the ethos of our school. We hope to get off to a good start in the new academic year.

Daily Uniform: <https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk/school-uniform/>

Boys: grey tailored shorts or trousers, white polo shirt and royal blue school sweatshirt, black school shoes or sensible black ankle boots (not trainers or equivalent).

Girls: grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or tailored shorts, white polo shirt and royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan, black school shoes or sensible black boots (not trainers or equivalent), blue gingham summer dresses are also acceptable in warm weather.

We do encourage parents to share 'hand-me-downs' with one another wherever possible in a bid to reduce outgoings; however, given the state of some of t-shirts arriving home last year – if anyone wishes to purchase new school uniform, please use the following link: <https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/stanton-in-peak-primary-school/>

PE

PE will take place on **Thursdays**. To save time and ensure we make the most of our school day, we ask that children arrive at school wearing their school PE kits – white Stanton-in Peak t-shirt, blue or black shorts and trainers. School (or plain navy) jumpers and navy joggers can be worn over the top of pupils' PE kits on chilly days. School staff will also spend Thursdays in their kit.

Forest Schools

Forest Schools. Forest Schools is an integral part of our school and plays an important role in ensuring our pupils' health and wellbeing are at the forefront of everything we do. This year, Forest Schools sessions will take place on **Friday Afternoons**. Children in reception through to Year 6 will be required to arrive at school wearing their 'Forest Schools kit'.

Forest Schools Kit: it is important that children are dressed appropriately for Forest Schools. Long-sleeved tops and trousers are essential to help protect from brambles and branches. Suitable footwear (hiking boots or wellies) as well as a change of shoes for the journey home are also important. We encourage parents and pupils to check the forecast and use it to inform their decisions regarding sun-hats, sun-cream, coats, woolly hats and waterproofs.

Location: as well as our school site, we are lucky enough to have two fantastic locations for our Forest Schools sessions. One site is a short walk past the cricket pitch to the woods, the other – slightly further away on the moor and requires children to walk up and out of the village (the infant class will not use the moor for their Forest Schools sessions during their first term).

Swimming

This half-term, the Year 5s and 6s will resume their swimming lessons at Bakewell Swimming Pool. Their first of five lessons will begin on Wednesday 20th September. As in previous years, pupils will need their swimsuit/shorts, a towel, goggles (optional) and a swim hat (swim hats can be purchased from the Bakewell pool for a small fee). Miss Prystupa and the children are picked up at 1pm and travel by coach to the pool. We rely on parent volunteers to accompany the class each week. Any parents who are available on Wednesday afternoons and would like to volunteer, please fill in the swimming rota attached to this newsletter.

Sport at Stanton

We have two supporting events in September:

Year 5 and 6 Football tournament at Tideswell Bishop Purseglove on Thursday 21st September

Reception – Year 6 Cross-country at Bakewell Juniors on Thursday 28th September

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 venues (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 either event, please contact the school office for support.

Edale Residential

The KS2 pupils (Year 3 – Year 6) will travel to Edale for their autumn residential on **Wednesday 18th October and return on Friday 20th October**. Further information regarding the trip will be sent out during the first week of term.

Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for Parents

Mr. Sizer will be running an early reading and phonics workshop for parents after school at 3pm on Tuesday 12th September. Parents and carers of reception children are encouraged to attend, along with any parents who feel they would benefit from a refresher.

Piano Lessons

Rachel visits school each week and delivers music lessons during school hours. She currently has some slots available. If your child is interested in learning how to play the piano – please either contact her directly or contact the school office.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Library and Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sports Trust to create:

'Ready, Set, Read!'

A sport and games themed challenge aimed at getting young people reading. If you have time and think this may be something your child would engage with, more information can be found by following the link: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/readyssetread-bc-landing> or by visiting your local library.

Your Child's Safety

During the school holidays, pupils often spend longer periods of time online. As always, keeping your children safe whilst using the internet is of paramount importance. Guidance and support regarding best practice and how to help your child stay safe is available on from the *Online Safety* section of our school website: <https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk/online-safety/> and by following the link for the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Job Opportunity

Clerk to Governors. Peak Tor Federation currently have a part-time vacancy for a Clerk to Governors. This role is predominately based from home – working a few hours each week. In addition, our clerk is also required to attend 7 governor meetings held in school throughout the academic year – these meetings take place on weekday evenings. The role involves working with Mrs Wyer to prepare an agenda and papers; being a point of contact for governors and the Governor Support Team at Derbyshire County Council; minute-taking during meetings; and filing papers. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in this role, please speak to Mrs Wyer or Mrs Grayson-Hall. The role will start in September, at pay grade 4 (£10.79 per hour).

Paper Copy

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

And finally ...

We are looking forward to hitting the ground running and making a fantastic start to the new school year. All families will received a Topic Web from the class teachers outlining what areas each class will be focusing on throughout the new half-term. 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 the school office: chloegrayson-hall@peaktorfederation.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Johnathon Figg

Deputy Headteacher

Term Dates and INSET days 2023/2024

INSET Days (2023-2024)

Term 1

September 4th, September 5th

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
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 4 th	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 5 th	INSET DAY	Whole School
Wednesday 6 th	School reopens for the autumn term	Whole School
Tuesday 12 th	Early Reading and Phonics Workshop	Parents
Wednesday 20 th	Swimming begins <small>(first of 5 consecutive sessions)</small>	Year 5 and 6 Pupils
Thursday 21 st	Football at Tideswell	Year 5 and 6 Pupils
Thursday 28 th	Cross Country at Bakewell	Whole School (pupils)
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th	Edale Residential	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Pupils
Friday 27 th	School closes - End of Autumn 1	Whole School
NOVEMBER		
Monday 6 th	School Opens - Start of Autumn 2	Whole School

Sporting Events 2023/2024

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
September			
Y5/6	Football	Thursday 21 st	Tideswell Bishop Purseglove SK17 8NE
R – Y6	Cross Country	Thursday 28 th	Bakewell Juniors DE45 1FR
October			
Y1/2	Football	Thursday 12 th	Tideswell Bishop Purseglove SK17 8NE
Y5/6	Tag Rugby	Thursday 19 th	Longstone Primary DE45 1TZ
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	The Medway Centre, Bakewell DE45 1DY
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.
20 September (Year 5/6)	
27 September (Year 5/6)	
4 October (Year 5/6)	
11 October (Year 5/6)	
18 October (Year 5/6)	
Holiday	
8 November (Year 2/3/4)	
15 November (Year 2/3/4)	
22 November (Year 2/3/4)	
29 November (Year 2/3/4)	
6 December (Year 2/3/4)	

Year 5 and 6 Football Competition at Tideswell Bishop Purseglove Primary School

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Year 5 and 6 Football Competition at Tideswell Bishop Purseglove Primary School on **Thursday 21st September** and to be transported there via coach.

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

Signed: _____

Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country Competition at Bakewell Juniors Primary School

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Cross-Country Competition at Bakewell Junior School on **Thursday 28th September** and to be transported there via coach.

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

Signed: _____
