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Newsletter – March 2023

Dear Parents,

The holidays marked the half-way point in our school year. Signs of spring are evident and as we get ready to turn our clocks forward (one for the diary - Sunday 26th March), we can all look forward to lighter nights and a change in weather.

Music and Changes to Weekly Timetable

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils begin their violin lessons this term. Due to the availability of the violin teachers delivering the music, lessons will take place during Friday afternoons. To accommodate this, we ask that all pupils (**Reception – Year 6**) arrive in school on **Thursdays** wearing their **Forest Schools kit** and come to school in their **PE kit** on **Fridays**.

Pupils will be encouraged to take their instruments home to practice. Please ensure they have their violins in school every Friday so that they can take part in the lesson. To ensure accountability for each instrument, you are asked to complete the relevant form and return it to school by **Friday 3rd March**.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 2nd March**, our school will celebrate World Book Day. Throughout the day, children and their teachers will engage in a range of different activities centered around reading. Children are also encouraged to arrive at school dressed as their favourite book character. As we know, this can sometimes cause unwanted stress at home – children can wear their own clothes or pajamas as an alternative. **As we are currently having our forest schools sessions on Thursday afternoons to accommodate the KS2 music lessons, our session on the 2nd March will involve the children taking their reading books into the woods and creating a comfortable place to read (either to themselves or to their friends). Depending on how elaborate your child's World Book Day costume is, you may wish to send a change of clothing. Appropriate footwear and warm, waterproof coats are a must.**

World Book Day provides the perfect opportunity for our school to officially launch our new English scheme and to do this – we would like to invite you into school to share some of the changes we have made in response to our most recent Ofsted visit. The meeting will take place after school and last approximately 30 minutes - there will be opportunities for parents to ask any questions afterwards.

Sport at Stanton

8 pupils from the juniors travelled to Anthony Gell Secondary School to represent our school in the Sportshall Athletics Rural Derbyshire Finals last month. They were fantastic and finished second overall, topping the small-school leaderboard.



**SPRING 2017
OUTSTANDING CHURCH SCHOOL**



We have two sporting events this month:

The Year 5 and 6 netball tournament at Longstone Primary School on **Thursday 9th March**.

The Year 5 and 6 hockey competition at Tideswell Bishop Pursglove Primary on **Thursday 23rd March**.

The pupils will travel by coach to both events. Please complete the relevant forms attached to the newsletter and confirm who will be picking your child up from the venue. Both competitions are scheduled to finish at 3pm. As always, we encourage car-sharing wherever possible. If you are having difficulties arranging transport home from either event, please contact the school office for support.

Swimming

Our **Year 2, 3 and 4** pupils resume their swimming lessons at Bakewell this half-term. They will also continue their lessons after the Easter holidays and throughout Summer 1 whilst the Year 6 pupils prepare for their KS2 SATs in May. Their first session will be **Wednesday 1st March**.

Our swimming rota is full for this half-term; however, if any parents would be willing to volunteer to accompany Miss Prystupa along with the Year 2s, 3s and 4s throughout next half-term, please fill in the rota attached to the newsletter and return it to school.

Year 6 Bikeability

A reminder that Year 6 pupils will need their bikes in school on **Tuesday 14th March** or **Wednesday 15th** to enable them to complete the final stage of their Bikeability training. Their final session will take place on the road; therefore, it is vital their bikes are in working order and they bring their helmets. Pupils can wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and trainers on the day of their Bikeability session. Group 1 (pupils with first initials A-G) will take part on Tuesday 14th. Pupils (with first initials L-Z) will participate on Wednesday 15th.

Comic Relief

On **Friday 17th March**, to help raise money for Comic Relief, we will have a non-uniform day in school – pupils are asked to bring a small cash donation. Our School Parliament will help organise teambuilding activities for the pupils to take part in throughout the day.

PTFA Easter Fair

Throughout the final Friday afternoon of half-term (**31st March**), our PTFA will host an Easter fair in school. Pupils are encouraged to create an Easter bonnet – those that do, will be entered into the competition and stand a chance of winning a prize of £20. Cakes (if you have time to bake - please bring them), teas and coffees will be served during the event and there will be Easter-themed activities for the children (and adults) to participate in. Doors open at 1pm – the more, the merrier.

English Scheme and School Library

All school books are now banded and class teachers have conducted additional 'fluency assessments' which have helped ensure all pupils are reading books that progress their learning. The PTFA funded books have also been ordered, which we hope will provide a wider selection for our pupils to engage with. Further information, along with examples of our new English scheme, will be presented during our English Curriculum Workshop in school on Thursday 2nd March. We hope you can all attend.

Year 5 and 6 Residential

Lea Green has been booked for this year's Year 5 and 6 summer residential (**Wednesday 14th June – Friday 16th June**). The pupils, along with myself, Mrs. Wyer and Mr. Dunn, will spend three days and two nights at the venue and will take part in numerous activities throughout the stay. A more detailed letter will be sent out to parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Welcome Mrs. Barkley

Mrs. Barkley takes the reigns of the Year 3 and 4 class this month, officially starting on Monday 13th March.

I have been a Primary School teacher for 21 years this year. I am from a small coastal town in South Africa and enjoyed many years teaching at a wonderful school called Amanzimtoti Primary. I moved here with my husband and two teenage sons in 2021 and have been supply teaching in various schools in the area. I love to bake, take walks in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, and spend time with friends and family. Teaching has always been my passion and some of my earliest memories are of playing "school" and giving my brother and his friends "lessons" in our playroom. I am very excited to be a part of the Stanton-in-Peak Primary Community and I hope that my passion for teaching and learning, and the experience that I bring with me, will benefit the children that I have the privilege to teach during my time here.

Mrs. Barkley

Thank You Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones will no longer be working in school on Monday and Tuesday mornings; however, she has reassured us that she will make herself available to help out wherever she can, and as a parent will remain a big part of our school community. Thanks, Sarah.

Best Wishes Miss Birkin

Friday 10th March marks Miss. Birkin's final day with us before starting her maternity leave. Whilst they will be in Mrs. Barkley's safe hands, I know the children in her class will miss her greatly. Good luck, Paris and please remember to pop in and see us once your baby arrives – nothing welcomes a newborn like 60 hysterical children. I know they will be excited to meet your new arrival.

A Goodbye from Mrs. Young

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that Mrs. Young will no longer be working as part of our teaching team at Stanton. Grace has been part of the furniture at Stanton for many years and her unrivaled calmness, patience and kindness will be missed greatly by us all. Below is a message from Mrs. Young herself:

Since March 2020 I have been suffering with declining health and so it is with great sadness but fantastic and happy memories that I leave the lovely children and staff of Stanton in Peak School.

My association with Stanton School is a long one; first as a pupil in the 70's, followed by my eldest child Rosie starting at the school in 2001 and later her younger brothers, Sam and Jim.

My employment at the school began in January 2007 as Midday Supervisor and then Teaching Assistant working in both Infant and Junior classes.

I consider my time working at the school as far more than just a job, my colleagues have often become friends; friendships that have continued long after we have stopped working together. But the most important people in any school are always (and must be) the children. Over the years the Stanton children have brought me so much fun, laughter, fulfilment and pride (not to mention a few more grey hairs!)

Over the 16 years of my employment many things have changed....curriculums, policies, procedures etc, but the needs of the children don't alter. Every child needs, love, care, fun, a listening ear, stability, honesty and guidance. I hope I have been able to impart some of these attributes.

I have so many good memories but a few highlights have to be Art lessons, Forest Schools (especially fire lighting!), Nativity plays, which always made me cry (for the right reasons!), picnics on the moor, country walks, growing vegetables in the school allotment, snowball fights, Easter egg hunts.....I could go on!

From meeting nervous, shy four year olds in Reception and seeing them flourish into mature, confident, polite children with enquiring minds at age eleven has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done.

I will continue to support Stanton school from the side-lines and whenever possible try to get in to see the children, who I miss so much.

I wish the whole Stanton family every success in the future.

Mrs. Young

On behalf of everyone at Stanton in Peak, I would like to wish Grace all the very best for the future and to thank her for her years of dedication to our school. Mrs. Young – you will be missed greatly.

Paper Copy

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

And finally ...

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 the school office: chloegrayson-hall@peaktorfederation.co.uk

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 before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Johnathon Figg
Deputy Headteacher

Remaining Term Dates and INSET days 2022/2023

INSET Days (2022-2023)

Term 6

June 26th

2022/2023 Academic Year

Spring 2: 27 February 2023 to 31 March 2023 (25 days)

Summer 1: 17 April 2023 to 26 May 2023 (1 May and 8th May 2023 are Bank Holidays) (28 days)

Summer 2: 5 June 2023 to 21 July 2023 (35 days)

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Who's involved
MARCH		
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day	Whole School
Thursday 2 nd	English Curriculum Meeting 3pm	Parents
Thursday 9 th	Netball	Year 5 and 6 Pupils
Tuesday 14 th	Bikeability Road Session	Year 6 Pupils
Wednesday 15 th	Bikeability Road Session	Year 6 Pupils
Friday 17 th	Comic Relief – Non Uniform	Whole School
Thursday 23 rd	Hockey	Year 5 and 6 Pupils
Friday 31 st	PTA Easter Fair	Whole School
Friday 31 st	School closes for Easter	Whole School
APRIL		
Monday 17 th	School reopens for summer term	Whole School
Thursday 27 th	Summer Sports Festival	Year 2,3 4
MAY		
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – School Closed	Whole School
Month of May	Year 2 SATs	Year 2
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III	Whole School
Tuesday 9 th	Year 6 SATS Week	Year 6
Thursday 11 th	Mini Tennis	Year 2, 3, 4
Friday 12 th	Year 6 SATs Treat	Year 6
Thursday 25 th	Cricket	Year 5 and 6
Friday 26 th	Last Day of Term	Whole School
JUNE		
Thursday 29 th	Cricket Skills	Reception, Year 1 and 2
JULY		
Thursday 6 th	Rounders	Year 5 and 6

Remaining Sports Events 2022/2023

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
March			
Y5/6	Netball	Thursday 9 th	Longstone Primary DE45 1TZ
Y5/6	Hockey	Thursday 23 rd	Tideswell Bishop Purseglove SK17 8NE
April			
Y2/3/4	Summer Sports	Thursday 27 th	Youlgrave Sports Field DE45 1WN
May			
Y2/3/4	Mini Tennis	Thursday 11 th	Baslow Sports Field DE45 1SP
Y5/6	Cricket	Thursday 25 th	Youlgrave Sports Field DE45 1WN
June			
R/Y1/2	Cricket Skills	Thursday 29 th	Longstone Primary DE45 1TZ
July			
Y5/6	Rounders	Thursday 6 th	Rowsley Sports Field DE4 2EE

Swimming ROTA – March - May 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.
Spring 2 – Year 2, 3 and 4	
1 st March	Volunteer confirmed
8 th March	Volunteer confirmed
15 th March	Volunteer confirmed
22 nd March	Volunteer confirmed
29 th March	Volunteer confirmed
Summer 1 - Year 2, 3 and 4	
26 th April	
3 rd May	
10 th May	
17 th May	
24 th May	

Year 5 and 6 Netball Competition at Longstone Primary School.

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the year 5 and 6 Netball competition at Longstone Primary School on Thursday 9th March and to be transported there via coach.

I/ _____ will collect my child from Longstone Primary School **DE45 1TZ** at 3pm:

Signed: _____

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I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the year 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament at Tideswell Bishop Purseglove Primary School on Thursday 23rd March and to be transported there via coach.

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Signed: _____
