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# Newsletter – February 2023

Dear Parents,

With the madness of Christmas and New Year well and truly behind us, we have enjoyed a great start to the spring term. Children in all three classes appear settled and are fully engaged with their learning. We have just over two weeks remaining in school until half-term and as the holidays approach, it is nice to see the nights beginning to draw out.

## **Online Safety Day**

On **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, we will hold an online safety day in school. Mrs. Wyer will deliver a collective worship to the children and class teachers will plan lessons specifically focused around how to keep ourselves safe whilst online.

There are several links and further advice on our school website which we would advise parents to engage with to ensure you are all up-to-date and fully aware of the ways you can ensure your child is safe whilst using the internet at home.

https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk/online-safety//

## Wellbeing Workshop

On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, we will be joined by the *Early Help* team from Lady Manners Secondary School. The focus of the afternoon will be *wellbeing and how we look after ourselves*. They will work closely alongside all three classes and their teachers throughout the afternoon before preparing an assembly (which will be delivered by some of pupils) to parents and family members. You are all encouraged to attend if you can - the assembly will take place in school **2:30pm - 3:00pm**. Following on from the assembly will be a **parent workshop**. This will take place in school **3:00pm - 4:00pm**. Running alongside the parent workshop will be an additional workshop for any children whose parents are attending.

## **Swimming**

The Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have their final lesson of the term on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Our Year 2, 3 and 4 pupils will resume their swimming lessons after half-term – first lesson: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

A huge thank you to all parents who have volunteered to accompany the children and Miss Prystupa on the swimming bus.













## English Scheme and School Library

In response to our recent Ofsted visit, staff have been working alongside a lead *Teaching, Learning and Assessment Consultant* from Derbyshire County Council. Staff are also trialing the new, recommended scheme this term and have been impressed with its content, accessibility and ability to engage pupils. I'm sure all pupils will be able to talk to their families about the books they are engaging with in class. As well as the new scheme, staff have undertaken specific training centered around the scheme and ways to ensure we, as a school, get the most out it. Further training and school Twilight sessions are also scheduled throughout this term. The events organised by our PTA over the Christmas period have provided the funds for us to be able to revamp our school library. All books within school will be banded (colour coded) to ensure pupils from reception through to Year 6 are clear about which books they should be reading. It is hoped that the increase in books to our library will provide enough choice for our pupils within each book band.

### Year 3 and 4 Maternity Cover

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs. Barkley will be joining us in March to work alongside the Year 3 and 4 class throughout Miss. Birkin's maternity leave. The Year 3 and 4 pupils had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Barkley during one of their maths lessons and our School Parliament interrogated her with some very tricky questions of their own. My particular favourite: '*Can you tell us a REALLY funny joke?*'

I'm sure you'll join us by giving Mrs. Barkley a warm welcome whilst at the same time wishing Miss. Birkin all the very best as she looks forward to exciting times ahead.

#### Sport at Stanton

The Year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to Sheffield for the Sportshall Athletics last month. 3 pupils from the Year 3 and 4 class helped make up the numbers so that we could enter two teams of 12 into the competition. It was great to see all of them competing across a range of different events: sprint relays, obstacle races, javelin, speed bounce, chest pass throw, triple jump and long jump. All smiles on the coach home too after winning the event and bringing home the trophy! 8 pupils will now go on to represent the school in the Rural Derbyshire Finals at Anthony Gell Secondary School on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cross—Country Finals. Our Year 5 and 6 girls' team and Year 3 and 4 boys' team qualified for the crosscountry finals. Both teams travelled to the Whitworth Park, Darley Dale where they raced against pupils from across the Derbyshire Dales. Congratulations to all pupils who participated and well done to Zahra, who finished second in her race. We await the results where we will find out if either of our teams have qualified for the County Finals.

#### Elsa's Fundraiser

After collecting sloes with her family and helping to make homemade gin, Elsa raised a whopping £205.68 which will be split equally between her two charities: *The RSPCA* and *When Push Comes to Shove*. Well done Elsa and thank you everyone who supported her. Raising money for a charity of your choice is one of the criteria on our School Leader Award.

https://www.rspca.org.uk/

https://www.whenpushcomestoshove.co.uk/

#### Arrangements for the Closure of School

In the event of school closures due to snow or bad weather, you will be notified via ParentHub. The school website will also be updated <u>www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk</u>. We will make an early decision to minimise disruption.

#### 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: <u>j.figg@peaktorfederation.co.uk</u> or the school office: <u>chloegrayson-hall@peaktorfederation.co.uk</u>

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 26<sup>th</sup>

## 2022/2023 Academic Year

Spring 1: 9 January 2023 to 17 February 2023 (30 days)
Spring 2: 27 February 2023 to 31 March 2023 (25 days)
Summer 1: 17 April 2023 to 26 May 2023 (1 May 2023 is a bank holiday) (29 days)
Summer 2: 5 June 2023 to 21 July 2023 (35 days)

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Who's involved
	FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Online Safety Day	Whole School
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wellbeing assembly for Parents 2:30pm-3:00pm	Whole School
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wellbeing workshop for Parents 3:00pm-4:00pm	Parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Half Term	Whole School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens	Whole School
	MARCH	
Thursday 9th	Netball	Year 5 and 6 Pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Bikeability Road Session		Year 6 Pupils
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Bikeability Road Session		Year 6 Pupils
Thursday 23rd	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Hockey	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	School closes for Easter	Whole School
	APRIL	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens for summer term	Whole School

## Remaining Sports Events 2022/2023

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