

# Stanton-in-Peak Church of England (Cont) Primary School

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# Newsletter - December 2022

Dear Parents,

We have a jam-packed December and lots to look forward to as Christmas approaches and our calendar year comes to an end. After our Christmas decorating afternoon last week – things around school are starting to get festive. Let's hope we can all hold it together until the holidays.

#### <u>PTA</u>

I am delighted to announce that members of our PTFA met last month and worked together to arrange a plethora of activities, all with the sole focus of raising money for our school and pupils whilst bringing our school community closer together. Details of each event are included within this newsletter.

In recent weeks, our PTFA raised £46 from donations made during a non-uniform day in school, £136 from the school disco at the Druid in October and £132 from coffees and cakes served during our Christmas decorating afternoon. Funds from the PTFA have paid for the coach to and from the pantomime this month – a huge thank you to everyone involved.

#### **Swimming**

Swimming will resume in the New Year. The **Year 5 and Year 6** pupils will have their first of five lessons on **Wednesday 18**<sup>th</sup> **January.** 

Any parents, who are able to travel on the bus to swimming with the children and Miss. Prystupa, please complete the form attached – your help is appreciated.

# **Sport at Stanton**

Our next sporting event will be in January – the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics competition in Sheffield.

For this event the pupils will travel to and from the Sheffield by coach and will arrive back at school around 3:30pm-3:45pm. Please complete the relevant form attached to the newsletter and confirm who will be picking your child up from school at the slightly later time.

#### **Bikeability**

On **Monday 5**<sup>th</sup> and **Monday 12**<sup>th</sup> **December** we have an instructor coming into school to deliver Bikeability courses to all children from reception through to Year 6. Information has already been sent out regarding this; however, if you require more – please contact the school office.













Please see the timetable below for which date your child/children's course will take place on:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

- All riders (except year 6) who can ride a bike
  - (Year 3, 4 & 5 Level 1 course plus infants where we have been informed that they can already ride a bike)

Monday 12th December:

- Balance ability course (Infants who cannot yet ride a bike)
- Year 6 Level 1 course

If your child/children is/are taking part in the more advanced infant course or the level 1 course you will need to send children in with a bike that is in good working order.

#### **Infant Nativity**

On **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** the infants will perform their nativity to parents and family members. There will be two performances:

Afternoon performance 1:30pm.

Evening performance 5pm

Due to the amount of people that can fit into the junior classroom, each family will be allocated 2 tickets for each performance. Please inform the school office if you are not planning on using any of your tickets – this will help us redistribute them and keep on top of numbers.

Our PTFA will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies before each performance.

A photo-booth will also be set-up after the evening performance which will provide the opportunity for pupils to have their photo taken in their costumes. As this is a PTFA organised event, parental consent must be given prior to the photos being taken – this will be organised on the night. Photos will be printed in time for Christmas and will cost £5.

#### **Pantomime**

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** our whole school will travel via coach to Buxton Opera House for the performance of Snow White. Children are asked to bring a packed-lunch and drink, along with a small snack (if desired). As the performance begins at 10am, our coach will leave at **8:45am**.

#### **Christingle Church Service**

Once the pupils and staff have arrived back from Buxton Opera House and eaten their lunches, it will be time for our Christingle Service in church. Our Christmas service is personally my favourite – the moment Christmas finally begins. We hope as many of you as possible can join us to sing hymns and listen to the Christmas story. The service will begin at **2pm**. Mulled wine, coffee and mince pies will be served from **Stanton Village Hall** after the service – money raised will go towards our PTFA funds.

# **Christmas Fair**

This year, the Christmas fair will take place on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (1pm-3pm)**. The Christmas fair is one that our pupils all look forward to. Prior to the event, they all work together to create games for their friends and families to engage with. This is always a fantastic afternoon and lots of fun, and raises lots of money for our PTFA. Teas and Coffees will be served and we look forward to welcoming you all into school. Any parents who have time to bake cakes, buns or sweet treats that can be sold during the afternoon, are encouraged to do so. There will also be a raffle where 3 hampers, made from contributions from each class, will be up for grabs!

Hamper contributions:

GOLD AND GREEN – Infants SILVER AND RED - Year 3 and 4 GOLD AND PURPLE – Year 5 and 6

Pupils from each class are asked to bring an item for their class hamper in the chosen colour. Feel free to be as creative as you like - a tin of food, bar of chocolate, bottle of wine, shampoo, biscuits, anything you can think of. And if it's more yellow than gold, more pink than red or more grey than silver (in fact – if it's any colour at all!), don't panic – it's the thought that counts.

### **Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto**

On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, our PTFA have kindly arranged a Christmas disco for pupils. The disco will take place in the **Jubilee Hut** on **Elton Playing Fields 4pm – 7pm** and will cost £5. Entries include drinks and snacks.

Food and drink will be available for adults to purchase at the event as well as extra Christmas activities such as ginger bread making, 'make your own reindeer food' and 'write a letter to Santa'.

## **Children's Christmas Dinner and Party**

On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December,** the children will all dine together and enjoy their Christmas Dinner. Once full of brussels, they'll attend their Christmas party – and... you never know, may get a visit from a very special guest. This day will be a **non-uniform day** and children are encouraged to wear their 'party clothes'.

#### Chickens

Thank you to the families that have volunteered to help with the chickens at weekends and during half-term. Your help is greatly appreciated. We are looking for more volunteers, so please contact the school office if you would like to be added to the rota.

# **Parking**

As you are all aware – parking at the end of School Lane is difficult. Our Governing Body are discussing ways to help minimise the congestion through the village during drop-off and pick-up times (if anyone else also has any ideas – please let me know), but in the meantime – please can I ask you to think carefully about where you park and to take a minute before you leave your car to consider whether or not a bus, lorry or emergency vehicle can get through easily. The local community is very proud of Stanton School and I am keen that we maintain the very positive relationship the school has built up over the years.

# **Arrangements for the Closure of School**

As January approaches, the chance of snow increases. Please can I remind you that in the event of snow, you will be notified by ParentHub. The school website will also be updated <a href="https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk">www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk</a>. We will make an early decision to minimise disruption.

#### **Stanton Holy Trinity Church**

Advent Praise: Sunday 4th December 9:30am Holy Communion: Sunday 11th December 9:00am

Christmas Carols and Readings: Sunday 18th December 6:30pm. Christmas Eve Holy Communion: Saturday 24th December 9:30pm

Christmas Praise: Sunday 1st January 10am

#### Paper Copy

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

# And finally ...

Staff and pupils would like to wish all of our community a wonderful Christmas filled with hope, joy and happiness. We look forward to welcoming you back into school in the New Year on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**.

I hope he comes!

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@stanton-in-peak.derbyshire.sch.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 either before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Johnathon Figg

**Deputy Headteacher** 

# Term Dates and INSET days 2022/2023

**INSET Days (2022-2023)** 

Term 3 January 9<sup>th</sup> Term 6 June 26<sup>th</sup>

# 2022/2023 Academic Year

**Autumn 2:** 31 October 2022 to 22 December 2022 (39 days) **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		
	DECEMBER			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Balance-ability and Bike-ability session 1	All riders <u>(except year 6)</u> who can ride a bike (Year 3, 4 & 5 Level 1 course plus infants where we have been informed that they can already ride a bike)		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Balance-ability and Bike-ability session 2	Balance ability course (Infants who cannot yet ride a bike) & Year 6		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity	Infant Pupils and Parents		
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime	Whole School		
Thursday 15th	Christingle Service in Church	Whole School Community		
Friday 16th	Christmas Fair	Whole School Community		
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Party and Santa's Grotto	Whole School Community		
Wednesday 21st	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party	Whole School		
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of Autumn term	Whole School		
JANUARY				
Monday 9th	INSET DAY	Whole School		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens	Whole School		
Thursday 26th	Sportshall Athletics	Year 5 and 6 Pupils		

Remaining Sports Events 2022/2023

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
		January	
Y5/6	Sportshall Athletics	Thursday 26th	Graves Health and Tennis Club, S8 8JR
		February	
Y1/2/3/4	Dance Festival	Thursday 16th	The Medway Centre, Bakewell <b>DE45 1DY</b>
		March	
Y5/6	Netball	Thursday 9th	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 27th	Youlgrave Sports Field <b>DE45 1WN</b>
		May	
Y2/3/4	Mini Tennis	Thursday 11th	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 29th	Longstone Primary <b>DE45 1TZ</b>
		July	
Y5/6	Rounders	Thursday 6th	Rowsley Sports Field <b>DE4 2EE</b>

# Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition at the Graves Health and Tennis Club, Sheffield. I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition at The Graves Health and Tennis Club, Sheffield on Thursday 26th January and to be transported there and back via coach. \_\_\_\_\_ will collect my child from school at 3:30pm: Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Christmas Dinner** My child \_\_\_\_\_usually brings a packed-lunch to school. On Wednesday 21st December, I would like them to eat a school Christmas dinner (cost £3.12) **Swimming ROTA – January - March 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 1 – Year 5 and 6	,
18 <sup>th</sup> January	
25 <sup>th</sup> January	
1 <sup>st</sup> February	
8 <sup>th</sup> February	
15 <sup>th</sup> February	
Spring 2 – Year 2, 3 and 4	
1 <sup>st</sup> March	
8 <sup>th</sup> March	
15 <sup>th</sup> March	
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	
29 <sup>th</sup> March	

