

# STANFORD INFANT SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

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*Well done everyone for a great start back to school; we look forward to another successful year full of fun and learning! A very warm welcome to our new Reception families.*

## A REAL LEGACY - GYMTASTIC

All staff were *inspired* during our real gym INSET Day. 'Real gym' is a holistic approach that makes gym relevant, meaningful and challenging for every child. It complements 'real PE'.

We will be updating our PE Policy; however, a reminder that long hair needs to be tied back for PE. No jewellery can be worn; therefore, please remove any earrings. A copy of the PE Timetable is on the School's Website; please click on the image:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean
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Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean	Y1: Lagoon Y2: Ocean

In addition, all classes will have Outside Gym sessions throughout the week.



## UPCOMING DATES

Circulated with this Newsletter are the confirmed dates for 2019-2020. Please transfer all relevant dates to your diaries.

## PTFA AGM

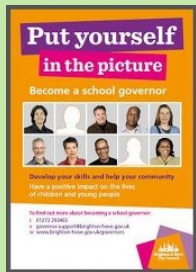
Our PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place on **Thursday 26th September @ 7:30pm**. At the meeting, we will be reviewing the 18/19 events and accounts and electing members for the 19/20 committee before planning the exciting schedule of events for children and their families. All parents/carers are welcome to attend the meeting. We hope to see you there!

Date	Event
Mon 23rd Sept	Reception children full-time from now on!
Tues 24th Sept	Finance and Full Governing Body Meeting
Thurs 26th Sept	PTFA AGM @ 7:30pm
Fri 4th Oct	School Nurse Drop-in in the playground
7th-11th Oct	Walk to School Week
Weds 9th Oct	School Photographer - individual photos

A full list of term dates can be found by clicking here - **2019-2020**

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Information is circulated home with this Newsletter and can be found by clicking on the image below to visit the Governors' Page of the School's Website.



## SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies in the school, which our family members may be interested in. We have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Assistant to ensure a successful start to the day at our popular Breakfast Club. The hours are 7:50am-8:50am and we are happy for any staff member's children to join the club FOC. We are also looking for someone to join our wonderful team at lunchtimes, supporting children in the Swan Cafe and in the Playground between 12-1:15pm. Information about both of these vitally important roles can be found by clicking on the link below:



## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Each year we ask for Parents/Carers from each class to become representatives; usually two reps per class. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Rep, please give your details to the School Office. Meetings are straight after drop-off and last approximately 1 hour. This important role helps us develop our communication link between home and School. The first meeting is planned for **Wednesday 9th October @ 9:15am**. More information about the role of Parent Reps can be found by clicking [here](#).

## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

As you will know, we are passionate about promoting a growth-mindset culture at Stanford Infants and are committed to putting our children first. We have therefore decided to change the focus of our current 'Special Mention' assemblies to further align with this. We still want to celebrate success but remove the adult reward aspect. Therefore, every Friday teachers will randomly select two children from their class using our lolly stick approach. These children will be supported to choose their best learning from the week and share it with their class before sharing it with the whole school the following Friday. You will be invited to attend the assembly to celebrate their achievements. We hope the children will increase their desire to learn by verbally celebrating the joy of learning and *inspiring* each other. Every child will have two opportunities to do this over the course of the academic year.



## SUPER SNACKS

As part of our commitment to being a Healthy School, we have a School Food Policy, which details how we promote healthy lifestyles to enable children to make informed food choices. The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme provides fruit and vegetables for the children to enjoy at playtimes; however, children are welcome to bring one healthy snack from home - no picnics please! Please can you check the ingredients of any snack bars carefully, as we have several children with severe nut/peanut allergies thank you for your support in this matter and helping us to keep everyone safe! To view a copy of our School Food Policy, please click [here](#).

## STAFF UPDATE

I am delighted to let you know we have successfully appointed three new members of staff. Miss Hearne has joined our wonderful team of Individual Needs Assistants and Mrs Wicks will be joining the team soon. Mrs Hauduc will join Year 1 and be the Teaching Assistant in Dolphin Class when Miss Harlow goes on maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our school community.

## QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all of you who returned the Parent and Child Questionnaires at the end of last academic year. I have undertaken a full analysis of both questionnaires and this is sent home with this Newsletter, along with actions taken as a result of the feedback. Please click on the images below to view each one.:

Children



Parents/Carers



## MENU CHANGE

There is a change to the School Lunch Menu on **Tuesday 24th September**. Please click on the image below to view the poster 'British Food Fornight':



## ESPRESSO AT HOME

We subscribe to Discovery Education Espresso – a visual teaching and learning resource to support areas of the curriculum. This service is now available to your child from home. It will allow them to continue enjoying what they have been doing in school, while enabling you to get more involved in their learning and join in with the fun of Espresso too. Please click on the link to discover more information and how you can access Espresso at home. Year Groups will be directing you to specific activities related to their Learning Journeys.



## GLORIOUS GARDENING

The children LOVE gardening and will be enjoying it as a Golden Choice on a Friday. However, we would welcome the support of any 'green fingered' family members to help get the garden ready for winter. If you would be willing to help out on a Friday morning or could offer your help at any other time, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the School Office.



## FLU VACCINATIONS

Sent home today in Book Bags are Flu Consent Packs. All children in the school are offered a flu vaccination at the school on **Thursday 17th October**. The vaccine is offered as a nasal spray and is quick and easy to give and there are no needles involved. Giving the flu vaccine to children protects them from getting flu, but it also protects their families, their friends, their teachers and reduces flu circulation across the whole community. For more information for parents/carers please click on the image: More information for children can be found at: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/illness/flu/> Please return your child's Flu Consent Form by **Monday 30th September**.



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