

STANFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Well done everyone for a great start back to school; it is wonderful to have everyone back together again! A very warm welcome to our new Reception families.

BACK AT SCHOOL AGAIN, HERE WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS!

It has been fantastic to get all the children back to school again and we have been really impressed with the way they have settled back into the school routine. We have been delighted to welcome our new Reception children too. It is really important that everyone adheres to the additional safety measures we have in place to ensure we can remain open for all. Thank you for your continued co-operation and understanding.

There is a dedicated page to '**All Things Covid!**' on our School Website, providing a copy of our Risk Assessment and associated policies and procedures. This will be updated regularly with any further information, as the guidance changes!



DIARY DATES 20-21

We will be circulating our DRAFT Diary Dates for the academic year. As I am sure you will appreciate, it is quite challenging to plan ahead at the moment and many aspects of school business are likely to have to be delivered remotely for the foreseeable future.

UPCOMING DATES

All upcoming dates are posted on our School Website, as well as your SchoolPing calendar. A copy of the Term Dates can be found below - please note there is one change to a rogue INSET Day in May 2021!

Date	Event
Mon 21st Sept	Reception children full-time from now on!
Tues 22nd	Finance and Full Governing Body Meeting
W/B 5th Oct	Walk to School Week
Weds 7th Oct	School Photographer - individual photos
Weds 14th Oct	Flu Vaccination for the whole school
Thurs 15th Oct	Class Representatives Meeting @ 9@30am

Please click here to be directed to a copy of the Term Dates

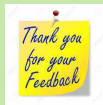
QUESTIONNAIRES

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

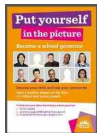


Parents/Carers



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We will be advertising for a Parent Governor shortly; you can find more information about the role of the Governing Body by visiting the Governor Page on our School Website:



SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy in the school, which our family members may be interested in. We are looking for someone to join our wonderful team at lunchtimes, supporting children in the Swan Cafe and in the Playground between 12:15-1:15pm. Information about this vitally important role can be found by clicking on this link:

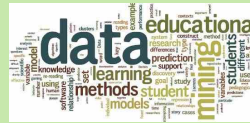


CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

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 email your details to the School Office. This important role helps us develop our communication link between home and School. The first meeting is planned for **Thursday 15th October @ 9:30am**. For the time being, meetings will need to be held virtually. More information about the role of Class Reps can be found by clicking [here](#).

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT & IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A family friendly copy of our School Development & Improvement Plan (SDIP) for 20-21 can be found by clicking on the image:



This provides a snapshot of the priorities for the school over the academic year, particularly addressing the specific challenges and whole school priorities that will be faced in this academic year as a result of Covid-19. The SDIP is primarily a working document for use by the school, celebrating achievements and detailing aspirations for the year ahead. The full SDIP is over 30 pages long and therefore a challenge to condense into one page; if you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to ask to see a copy of the full version, which will be placed on the School Website shortly! The aspects highlighted in green are areas we would value parental support with.

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 during the morning; 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

Miss Greco leaves us today, to embark on a post graduate degree. She has been at the school for 22 years and we are very sad to see her leave; however, we are delighted that she is continuing her learning journey and we wish her every success with her new venture! Miss Wicks will now be the Teaching Assistant in Pavilion Class in the mornings. We have welcomed Miss Clark to our team at lunchtimes; she is doing a sterling job ensuring the Swan Cafe is thoroughly cleaned between each sitting, quite a mission and lunchtime is a military operation! However, the children are being absolutely brilliant and are loving their new lunches.

PHYSICAL FUN!

We are ensuring there are plenty of opportunities for the children to be physically active during the school day. A reminder that a copy of our PE Timetable is on the School Website:

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Monday	Y1: Music (1st FL)	Y2: Music (2nd FL)	Y3: Music (3rd FL)	Y4: Music (4th FL)	Y5: Music (5th FL)	Y6: Music (6th FL)
Tuesday	Y1: PE (1st FL)	Y2: PE (2nd FL)	Y3: PE (3rd FL)	Y4: PE (4th FL)	Y5: PE (5th FL)	Y6: PE (6th FL)
Wednesday	Y1: PE (1st FL)	Y2: PE (2nd FL)	Y3: PE (3rd FL)	Y4: PE (4th FL)	Y5: PE (5th FL)	Y6: PE (6th FL)
Thursday	Y1: PE (1st FL)	Y2: PE (2nd FL)	Y3: PE (3rd FL)	Y4: PE (4th FL)	Y5: PE (5th FL)	Y6: PE (6th FL)
Friday	Y1: PE (1st FL)	Y2: PE (2nd FL)	Y3: PE (3rd FL)	Y4: PE (4th FL)	Y5: PE (5th FL)	Y6: PE (6th FL)

In addition Y1 and Y2 will have Outside Fitness sessions.

A reminder that children are to wear a PE kit to school on PE days (not for yoga).

SCHOOL STREETS SCHEME

Our School Streets scheme is currently unable to start. The School Travel Team have delivered training to members of their team at the site; however, desperately need some volunteer marshals. The Traffic Management Trainer will be on site next week on Tuesday 22nd @ 10am and Thurs 24th @ 2pm and would be delighted to welcome some volunteers to Port Hall Avenue! If we do not get any volunteers, we will have to postpone the scheme until after half-term. The volunteer marshal guidance can be found by clicking on the link - volunteers would need to complete page 7 of the document and return to the School Office.

Further information about the scheme can be found by clicking on this link:



FLU VACCINATIONS

The flu vaccination programme in schools will be going ahead this term. It is likely that flu and COVID-19 will both be circulating at the same time which means that it is more important than ever this year to help protect against flu. All children in the school are offered a flu vaccination at the school on **Wednesday 14th October**. The vaccine is offered as a nasal spray and is quick and easy to give and there are no needles involved. For more information for parents/carers please click on the leaflet image, You can also access [Flu Booklet here](#). 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 28th September**.



ROSH HASHANAH

We would like to wish all our Jewish families L'shanah tovah , as they will be celebrating the Jewish New Year this weekend.

We will be talking to the children about the importance of this celebration in the Jewish calendar.



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