

STANFORD INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Boom and the week has gone - some amazing Year 1 Superheroes joined us today and had a super, albeit blustery day!

FIND OUT HOW YOUR LITTLE STARS ARE GETTING ON

We are planning on virtual Parents' Consultations the week before half-term. We are in the process of setting-up a Microsoft Teams account, which will enable a link for each class. Bookings will go live via SchoolPing on Tuesday @ midday. As the consultations are being delivered remotely, the days and timings may be slightly different for each class, dependent on the member of staff's screen-time stamina and personal circumstances. We will be sending a letter with further instructions on how to log on remotely to your consultation slot, along with the expectations for the evening. This is new territory for all of us; however, we are quite adept at talking on screen now!



UPCOMING DATES

The DRAFT Diary Dates for the academic year can be found by clicking [here](#). All upcoming dates are posted on our School Website, as well as your SchoolPing calendar.

DIARY DATES 20-21

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

Date	Event
W/B 5th Oct	Walk to School Week / School Streets Scheme
Weds 7th Oct	School Photographer - individual photos
Fri 9th Oct	World Mental Health Day (nationally Sat 10th)
Weds 14th Oct	Flu Vaccinations for the whole school
Thurs 15th Oct	Class Representatives Meeting @ 9:30am
W/B 19th Oct	Remote Parents' Consultation Evenings

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

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

JP Photographic will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 7th October to take individual photos of your child. The proof of your child/ren's photo will be sent home and you can purchase copies if you wish. Their photographers and laboratory staff have undergone Covid-19 safety training to ensure their business can continue to provide their service.



GOVERNOR VACANCY

You should have received information about our current vacancy for a Parent Governor. All details can be found by clicking on the link below. A reminder that the closing date for interested applicants is Friday 9th October.



SCHOOL VACANCIES

A reminder that 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:



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Walk to School Week runs from the **5th – 10th October**, during International Walk to School Month. The theme of the week is 'Walk to School for Clean Air'. Throughout the week, there will be a daily survey of how the children came to school, along with other walking challenges. At the end of the week, each child will receive a sticker. We would encourage as many as possible of you to try, where feasible, to walk to school during the week.



The week also coincides with National Clean Air Day on Thursday 8th October.



SCHOOL STREETS SCHEME UPDATE!

In correlation with Walk to School Week, the School Travel Team have kindly offered to provide enough marshals to carry out the road closure on Port Hall Street/Port Hall Avenue every morning next week. The road is not closed to all vehicles, so please be mindful of this. All details of who is allowed to enter the School Street can be found on their [web page](#). They will have one or two colleagues present each day to talk to any parents/carers who may be interested in volunteering and they can arrange a couple of training sessions too. Hopefully the road closure will be a success; however, it will not continue without the support of parent/carer volunteers. Therefore, if you are interested in supporting us with this scheme, please click on the following link:



STAY WARM - KEEP COOL - STAY WELL!

Due to having to keep the school well-ventilated during the school day, it can be a little nippy at times! Whilst 30 bodies in a classroom does provide some natural heat, it is set to get colder and whilst we will have the heating on, we will be trying to balance between optimising the amount of fresh air and balancing this with thermal comfort. Therefore, please can you ensure that your child has either tracksuit bottoms, leggings, tights, trousers on, along with a jumper or fleece. Thank you.



CLASS REPS

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be a Class Rep this academic year. We currently have a rep for Pier, Palace and Dolphin Class; so there are still a few vacancies to be filled! Please email the School Office to register your interest. The first meeting is planned virtually for **Thursday 15th October @ 9:30am**. This important role helps us develop our communication link between home and school. More information can be found by clicking here:



PTFA WELCOME

The Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) Chairs and I met virtually last week - we are aware that we are currently unable to hold our usual social events; however, we are planning a virtual Committee Meeting for after half-term to welcome everyone to the PTFA, especially our new families. We are keen to consider creative approaches to get families involved in the life of the school at the current time. A Newsletter & Flyer will be circulated shortly providing more information.



ALL THINGS COVID!

Our Contingency Plan and Children's Remote Learning Policy has been updated to reflect how we will put immediate plans in place should individuals or groups of children need to self-isolate or if the school needs to close temporarily due to a local lock down. You can view these policies by clicking on the link below:



CONSULTATION ON PUBLISHED ADMISSIONS NUMBER

The Children, Young People & Skills Committee have agreed to the Council 's recommendation to consult on reducing our Published Admission Number (PAN) from 90-60 in Sept 2022. The consultation process will run from 5th Oct to 27th Nov (8 weeks) with the results going back to the committee in Jan 2021. The Local Authority would normally hold a series of public meetings at the school to engage parents/carers in the consultation, but given the current situation, the meetings will be held virtually. There will be two meetings, one in the morning and another in the evening. The consultation paperwork and dates and times of the meetings will be made public on Monday and therefore I will be writing to you with further information next week, including how you can support us in challenging the proposal, so watch this space!

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

We will be marking World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th October, ahead of the actual day, on Saturday. The children will be learning about the importance of keeping their minds healthy as well as their bodies and exploring activities, such as mindfulness during the day.. They will be bringing home a simple 'Hello Yellow' mental health challenge to complete over the weekend. We aim to promote good mental health and champion the views of children and their families to influence our developing mental health policy and practice. A copy of our Social, Emotional and Mental Health Policy can be found by clicking on the image:



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