

STANFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of the first half of the Autumn Term.

LIVELY LEARNING ACROSS THE SCHOOL

It is always a privilege and a pleasure to walk around the school, seeing and hearing the fantastic range of learning opportunities on offer and this year is no exception! Reception have settled brilliantly and were visited by a cheeky elephant this week! Year 1 have transformed into Superheroes and Year 2 have created the most amazing patchworks in different mediums. As you are not currently able to come in and see the school, I am putting together a short film to celebrate the learning taking place in each classroom. This will be posted on the School Website and hopefully your child can share their learning environments with you, to coincide with the Parents' Consultation Evenings.



UPCOMING DATES

The 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. This year, all dates are subject to change!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers virtually next week - a letter has been sent home with more information about the format of the meetings and your meeting link - you can view it [here](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Date	Event
W/B 19th Oct	Remote Parents' Consultation Evenings
Fri 23rd Oct	Reception Elmer Day - dress brightly coloured!
	Last Day of Term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET Day - School CLOSED to children
Tues 3rd Nov	Children return to school
Thurs 5th Nov	PAN Consultation Webinars - 10:30am & 6:30pm

Please click [here](#) to be directed to a copy of the Term Dates

CLASS REPS

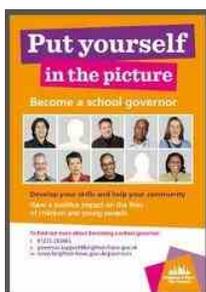
We had our first meeting of the academic year yesterday. The minutes of the meeting can be found by clicking on the image below and are also circulated with this Newsletter.

The Class Rep page of the School's Website has been updated with all the current documentation and information. I look forward to working with the Class Reps this year.



PARENT GOVERNOR

We had one application for our Parent Governor Vacancy and therefore I am delighted to welcome Anna Haselhurst to the Governing Board. Anna is a parent of a child in Year 1 and works for Public Health London Borough of Harrow (Harrow Council) as a Public Health Strategist. We look forward to welcoming her to our next meeting on 22nd November. You can find out more about our Governing Body members by clicking on the image below:



FAB PHONICS PRESENTATIONS

We would normally hold a Phonics Workshop for Reception Families this half-term. However, due to the current situation, this is unable to happen. Instead, the Reception teachers have recorded virtual presentations, which you can view at your own leisure. You will be introduced to Sammy Snake, Inky Mouse and Bee! These characters will introduce you to the magical world of learning letter sounds and the early stages of reading and writing. You can view the presentations by clicking on the link below:



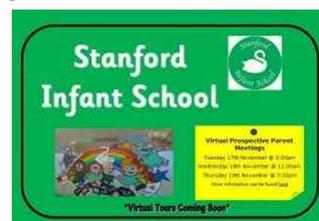
PAN CONSULTATION

As you will know, our school is being considered for a decrease to its Published Admission Number from September 2022. The consultation process is underway and there are a series of virtual Public Meetings. You can find out more by clicking here, or by clicking on the image to view a copy of the letter that was circulated home last week. Thank you for your support.

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OPEN DAYS / MEETINGS

As you may remember, it is this time of year when we welcome prospective parents to our school. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to hold visits to the school; however, we are planning three virtual webinars in November. Our Year 2 children usually take parents/carers around the school during the open days and we still want to provide the opportunity for them to be Tour Guides; therefore, we are planning on filming them showcasing our school for a virtual tour! More information can be found by clicking on the invite below, which directs you to the Open Days/Meetings Page on the School Website.



CHAT HEALTH

The School Nurse Team are continuing their Text Messaging Service for families. Click on the image to find out more:



LUNCH MENU

A copy of the menu for after half-term can be found by clicking on the image below. Whilst we had hoped to resume our hot menu offer after half-term, due to the increased measures that need to be in place, this is not currently possible. We are reviewing the situation all the time; however, lunchtime is a military operation and we need to provide enough time for all children to eat happily whilst ensuring the safety of the rest of the school. Due to a change of supplier, the Caterlink nutritionist is working hard to rewrite the special diet menus, which will accompany this menu after half-term. They will be redistributed to us before the start of term.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

It is really important that children are in school when they should be. Every parent/carer has a legal duty to send their child to school unless they are truly unwell or there is another exceptional circumstance. A child is considered persistently absent if they are away for more than 10% of school sessions, approx. 15 days in a school year, this includes both absence through illness and other term time absences. Our Attendance Policy is currently being updated to reflect the requirements and recommendations covered in the Department of Education's school attendance guidance for the 20-21 academic year.

Please click on the following links to find out more about the importance of attending school regularly:

Miss School Miss Out

Did you know? Leaflet



SCHOOL STREETS UPDATE 2!

As you will be aware, the School Streets Scheme was in operation last week due to volunteers from the School Travel Team. Although they are happy to support, the scheme could only continue if there are volunteers from the school community. I have received an email from a local resident, who is an ex-parent. He has offered to be a volunteer marshal a couple of mornings a week. Therefore, if we could get more volunteers for the scheme, to organise a rota system, it could continue after half-term. We would be able to provide Breakfast Club FOC for the volunteers children from 8:30am. More information about the scheme can be found by clicking on the link:

Brighton & Hove School Streets
<http://www.brightonandhove.gov.uk/schoolstreets>

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