

# STANFORD INFANT SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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Happy Diwali to our families who are celebrating the festival of lights.

## HAS ANYONE SEEN OUR DRAGON?

Year 1 had a stunning start to their Learning Journey! It began with a mysterious letter arriving from a dragon. The dragon had landed in our playground and lost her eggs! The children went on a dragon hunt, finding a knights sword, flag, bones, dragon footprints and... a nest full of shiny golden eggs! The children are so excited and when I visited a class earlier this week, one child exclaimed, "Miss Denyer, look at this Golden Egg, it has started to crack, it is going to hatch soon, so watch out, there could be a dragon about!" I am so proud of the magical learning experiences on offer to the children, even when the rest of the world is in chaos! It always brightens my day to visit the children in their classrooms.



## 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!

## PTFA FUN-D-RAISING

We had our first virtual meeting last night. The PTFA Committee have postponed assigning the roles of the Committee until the Spring Term, when hopefully we can meet face-to-face. We talked about our fundraising activities and how we can adapt some of our annual events to make them Covid-secure!

Date	Event
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day - children to come in odd socks!
W/B 16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week - 'United against Bullying'
	National Road Safety Week - 'No Need to Speed'
Mon 16th Nov	Quality of Education Committee @ 6pm
Tues 17th /Weds 18th/ Thurs 19th	Prospective Parents' Teams Meetings
Tues 24th Nov	Finance & Full Governing Body Meeting

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

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parents/Carers of children currently in Year 2 will need to apply for a Junior School place by 15th January 2021. Stanford Junior School has posted welcome videos their website:



Admissions Information can be viewed by clicking on the link here:



## READING WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

We would normally hold our annual Reading Workshop for Year 1 and 2 parents/carers at this time of year. However, due to the current situation, this is unable to happen. Instead Year 1 and 2 teachers are recording virtual presentations, which you will be able to view at your own leisure. There will also be a recording of our daily Reading Workshop. The Parent Workshop page of the School Website will be updated with these presentations next week.



## PAN CONSULTATION

Thank you for all the support so far with our Published Admission Number consultation. The Local Authority are happy for the slides used for the presentation to be shared with you all, so they are attached with this Newsletter. You can also download them from the consultation page on the Council's Website. There were also requests for further information made during the public meetings and this information has also been added to this page under the further information link at the bottom of the page. Minutes of both meetings will be circulated home next week. Please make sure you complete your response to the consultation by 27th November by following this link: If you need any support with completing your response, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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## REMOTE TOURS

As mentioned previously, we are holding remote meetings for prospective families next week. Our wonderful children have helped to put together a tour of our school and this will be posted on our website early next week. I am sure you would all like to view it too; it will be posted under School Info/Prospective Families/Open Days/Meetings. Click on the image to be directed to the page:



## RESTRICTIONS

A polite reminder that all families should be complying with the new National Restrictions. A childcare bubble allows friends or family from **one** other household to provide informal childcare. Children should not be going on play dates to the park or each other's houses after school. Thank you for your support.

## FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE!

I have finally had some luck with this important development area!

On Wednesday I met with the Forest School Lead from another school and an interested teacher keen to embrace the Forest School approach at our school. We looked at the area for development and came up with a plan! The PTFA have very kindly agreed that current funds and any future fundraising activities will be in aid of developing the Forest School approach at Stanford. I hope to be able to update you soon with further information. Exciting!



## TERRIFIC TREES

As you may have noticed, our trees were felled over half-term. The tree surgeons left two, quite tall tree stubs and we would like to be creative with them in a safe way. If anyone is good with a chainsaw, please get in touch! We are thinking they could be made into chairs or sculptures.



## PARENT GOVERNOR

We now have a vacancy for another Parent Governor. More information about the role of the Governing Body and the vacancy can be found by clicking on the image below. Alternatively, please contact the School Office if you would like the application pack sent to you.



## LUNCH MENU

A reminder that the School Lunch menu can be viewed on our School Website - click here to view it:



## UNITED AGAINST BULLYING

Circulated with this Newsletter is a letter detailing how we will participate in National Anti-Bullying week next week. The theme is 'United against Bullying' and the letter will provide more detailed information about how we approach the topic of bullying in school. We are all pieces in the puzzle, and together, we are united against bullying.



On **Monday**, we would like all children and school grown-ups to come to school in odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. You are obviously welcome to join in too!

At the end of the week, we will send home information about the whole school safety strategies we employ to ensure that everyone is equipped to keep themselves and others safe and happy at school. Mrs Damant has put a recording of our '**Every Colour Under the Sun**' song on the Music Page of the website.

## NO NEED TO SPEED

It is also National Road Safety Week next week. This is the UK's biggest road safety event, coordinated annually by Brake, the road safety charity. Road Safety Week aims to *inspire* thousands of schools, organisations and communities to take action on road safety and promote life-saving messages during the Week and beyond. The theme for 2020 is NO NEED TO SPEED.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK  
by Brake, the road safety charity



## THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS 2020!

It may look slightly different but our school will still be transformed into a winter wonderland this year! We have liaised with the School Kitchen Team and agreed that we will still provide a Christmas Lunch - it may just take all afternoon! We are also planning a journey around the world to celebrate Christmas and we will ensure our families get to delight in this experience, albeit remotely. More information will follow nearer the time but rest assured this magical time of year will still be celebrated in school.



Using Easyfundraising you can raise money for Stanford Infant School PTFA every time you shop online. It won't cost you a penny extra and is easy to register – sign up at <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanfordinfants/>

