

STANFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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It is always a busy time of year and this year is no exception - Reception have been reminding everyone how to stay safe on the road, Year 1 are still in search of their dragon and Year 2 are historians and are looking forward to re-enacting the 'Great Fire of London' next week. More photos of the fabulous learning opportunities to follow in the next Newsletter.

CREATIVE CLAY INSPIRED BY...

Inspired by Grayson Perry, the contemporary English artist, and his commentary on life through ceramics, Year 2 have been expressing their ideas about the events of the 'Great Fire of London' through the medium of clay. On Monday 14th December, the Year 2 children are invited to wear their own clothes to school (absolutely anything they are comfortable in is fine). There will be a Grand Exhibition where the children will be photographed with their piece wearing the outfit of their choice. The photographs will be placed on our School Website, as long as you have given permission for this. More information about this will be circulated by the Year 2 Team nearer the time.



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!

WEBSITE WONDERS

Our website is fast becoming our biggest marketing tool! There is lots of information, including virtual tours/workshops, etc. All information circulated home via SchoolPing is also posted on the [Website](#), so if you can't locate it on Ping, please do check the website. All dates are also posted on the calendar.

| Date | Event |
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| Thurs 3rd Dec | Class Reps Virtual Meeting @ 9:30am |
| Fri 4th Dec | Year 2 Fabulous Finish - Great Fire of London |
| Fri 11th Dec | Santa Dash! Children to wear Christmas Clothes |
| Mon 14th Dec | Year 2 Grand Exhibition |
| Weds 16th Dec | Christmas Lunch & Parties - Party Clothes |
| Fri 18th Dec | Last Day of Term |

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

CLASS REPS

Our next Class Rep Meeting is planned for Thursday 3rd December @ 9:30am via Zoom. Please let your rep know if you have any items to raise at the meeting. A reminder that any items raised should be general issues and not specific to individuals. Thank you. Copies of the previous meeting, along with more information about the role, can be found by clicking below:



COSY COATS

We are reminding all children to wear their coat when they are outside; some children can take some convincing. We do go out whatever the weather! Please make sure your child has a suitable coat with them every day. Thank you.



FRUIT & VEG



The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) is a government programme that entitles every child aged 4-6 to a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day. Fruit and vegetables are key to a healthy lifestyle and we actively encourage the children to choose the fruit or vegetable on offer each day at snack time. Currently we appear to have plenty left over.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

It is really important that every child is in school every day unless they are truly unwell. We know that Covid has made this more challenging; however, thank you for your continued support in ensuring our whole school community remains safe and well.

A copy of our revised Attendance and Punctuality Policy, along with a Covid-19 addendum, can be found by clicking on the image:



READING WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

A reminder that our Reading Workshop Presentations are now live on our School Website and can be viewed by clicking on the link below. There are presentations on The Teaching of Reading, Reading and Comprehension, Phonics and Spelling, and Reading at Home. There is also a video which captures Years 1 and 2 children engaging in their daily Book Browse/Reading Workshop activities. If you have any further questions about Reading at Stanford, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Damant, our musical maestro, will be leaving us at the end of December to embark on new adventures. She is still planning to continue her piano teaching, among other things, but wants the flexibility to be able to travel when the current situation allows. I am delighted to tell you that we have successfully recruited Ms Ede to join us from January. Mrs Milton, Pier Class Teacher Weds-Fri, is also leaving us at the end of this term for ventures new. We have also successfully recruited Miss Lawson, who will Job Share alongside Mrs Chapman in Pier Class. Both Ms Ede and Miss Lawson will be visiting this term to ensure a successful handover and transition. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Damant and Mrs Milton all the very best for the future and welcoming Ms Ede and Miss Lawson to our school from January.



PTFA MINUTES CAN BE VIEWED [HERE](#)

NUT FREE SCHOOL

An important reminder that we are a nut free school. There are several children in our school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts; therefore, please do not send your child into school with any nut products or products that contain nuts - this includes peanut butter. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter. A copy of our School Food Policy can be found by clicking on the image:



HOT MEALS

I am currently working with the School Meals Team in order to re-instate Hot School Meals from January 2021. As Year Groups are in the Hall for their lunches, each class 2 meters apart, we are hoping that this will be a relatively seamless transition!

A copy of the menu can be found by clicking on the link below:



LASTING LEGACY FOR PE & SPORT

As you may already be aware, we are proud to be a real legacy school and also one of the first in Sussex. The school is supported with teacher training, school based support, enrichment and competitive opportunities and supporting resources from Create Development, all through a holistic approach to develop children's physical, personal, social and emotional skills. Not only are we on a mission to get our children more active by developing the fundamental physical skills, our PE lessons are centered around the child to enable them to be successful in the classroom and in later life. More information can be found by clicking on the link:



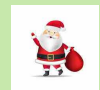
SANTA DASH

To coincide with the Brighton and Hove Virtual Event and Christmas Jumper Day, we are planning our own Santa Dash on **Friday 11th December**. We are inviting the children to come dressed in their own clothes, Christmas themed, if they wish! Each Year Group will come together in the playground for a Santa Dash around our running track! We are hoping for a fun, physical event, accompanied by Christmas tunes! We will have spare Christmas hats available.



CHRISTMAS CRAZINESS

Our annual Christmas Lunch takes place on **Wednesday 16th December**. You do not need to do anything for this but we hope as many children as possible will enjoy our Christmas Menu. We are hoping for a special visitor too, albeit virtually!



The menu for this day will be:

Roast Turkey & Stuffing, with a Pork Sausage or Christmas Wellington, both served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas, followed by Festive Cookie & Ice-Cream.



This will also be our Christmas Party Day, which will need to be class based this year. Children are welcome to wear their party clothes to school on this day.

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/>

