

STANFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the last Newsletter of 2020 and what a year it has been! We've made it - safe and well! A special well done to our Reception children (and families) for their first term at school. It may have been slightly different but there have been so many exciting things going on and much more to follow in the New Year! Thank you for your continued support.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The link for 'Children Around the World' is sent home with this Newsletter - we hope you enjoy it! Thanks must go to the wonderful Mrs Damant, and her daughter Meg, for putting it all together into one musical adventure. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Lunch and Parties on Wednesday and even received a message to their Year Group from a virtual Santa, who had magically delivered crackers to their classrooms for them to enjoy. The children have been visited by our Elf again this year, Stan, who has been up to mischief by the School Office. You can view his antics by visiting his page on the [School Website!](#)



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!

SPRING INTO LEARNING!

All information about the exciting Learning Journeys for Spring 1 has been circulated home and copies can be found on our School Website. Reception are 'Intrepid Explorers', Year 1 are going on a Pirate Adventure, 'Ahoy there me Hearties!' and Year 2 are going 'Around the World in 80 Days!'

Date	Event
Mon 4th Jan	Children Return to School
Fri 15th Jan	Deadline for Infant & Year 3 Applications
Tues 26th Jan	Finance & Full Governing Body Meeting
Thurs 28th Jan	Class Reps Meeting @ 9:30am
	Virtual Mathematics Workshop for families

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

APPLICATIONS

A reminder that the deadline for Infant (Reception) and Junior (Year 3) School Admissions for September 2021 close on 15th January 2021. You can find more information by visiting this link:



THANK YOU MESSAGE

On behalf of Together Co, I would like to say a huge thank you to the pupils of Stanford Infants School for writing the wonderful cards to our members over the holiday season. It has made many people's day; please see some quotes we have received below, Emily Daniel, Operations Lead with Together Co Befriending. *"This morning the postman delivered a Christmas card from a child at a school that your organization have joined with. Such a lovely idea, thank you."* *"Thank you for the Christmas card it made me feel quite emotional. So lovely, really lovely."*

WE WILL MISS YOU

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Damant and Mrs Milton today. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both every success and happiness with their new ventures. Mrs Marsh (Music Teacher) and Miss Lawson (Reception Teacher) are looking forward to joining our team from Jan.

'TIS THE SEASON TO HAVE FUN WITH...

Yule love the Science activities that have been provided by Explorify. The activities link to the many customs and practices associated with the winter months and festivals of all traditions. Please visit the Science page of the School Website by clicking on the image:



By popular request from the Year 2 children, I have also uploaded to the School Website the videos of Miss Parker expertly making snowflakes, for you to enjoy. The Year 2's loved creating the snowflakes themselves - all you need is a piece of paper and some scissors! Click [here](#) to view!

FABULOUS FOREST SCHOOL



Thank you to Josh and Paul, parents, who kindly volunteered to help rig up the canopy, among other jobs, for our Forest School last Saturday. The Forest School Page of the School's Website has been updated, so you can view the progress of the site. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Bennett to our school in January.



CONTACT TRACING - IMPORTANT!

A reminder that families should contact the school if their child becomes symptomatic **within 48 hours** of their last day in school if they go on to **receive a positive test result within six days of the final day of school**. Therefore, the School Office emails will be checked regularly until **Thursday 24th December**. If a child tests positive during this time, please email the School Office immediately.

The school may need to conduct contact tracing and any information to families will be circulated via SchoolPing. Hopefully this won't be necessary!

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/>

