

Stanwick Primary

Newsletter



October 2021

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school after the summer break. Our children have all settled into their new classes so well, they have really impressed us.

School Lunches

From next term the cut of day for ordering lunches will change from Sunday, to **Wednesday** night. When ordering school lunches, please ensure that you have booked your child's lunch by **Wednesday** night. This will allow Manor Catering to plan for the week ahead. Therefore, meals for the first week back after half term will need to be ordered by **Wednesday 27th October**.

ParentMail Communication

The school has recently made some changes internally to systems that we use. From next term you will start receiving emails from the school instead of on ParentMail. If you have a preferred email address that you have not provided before, please contact the school office and we will update our records.

Individual School Photographs

Braiswick will be in school on Friday 5th November to take individual photographs. Please ensure that your child comes into school on that day in their school uniform. Please send your child with their PE kit to change into if they usually have PE on a Friday.

Key Dates

Thursday 4th November
SATS Information Evening Year 6

Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th November
Parents Evening

Friday 26th November
Mufti Day
in exchange for donations
for the Tombola stall for Christmas
Bazaar

Saturday 27th November
FoSS Christmas Bazaar
2.00pm until 4.00pm

Friday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 16th December
School Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December
Christmas Pantomime in school



Foundation – Ladybird Class

This term we have been welcoming the new Ladybird class to life at Stanwick Primary School. The Ladybirds are working really hard to develop their independence, make new friends and build their confidence! They have all settled so well! Mrs Taylor-Jacob, Mrs Smith and Miss Baker could not be prouder of them all!

Ladybird's have had so many 'firsts' this term – starting with their very first lunchtimes. All of the lunchtime staff commented on how polite, friendly and independent that the Ladybirds are as they lined up, waited their turn, ate their food and then scraped their own trays – another super proud moment for us all!

We then had our first PE lesson – we have been learning how to warm up our bodies – playing lots of listening games such as – the Traffic Light game and Cars, Plane, Trains. We have all been very impressed with how well they are listening and following instructions. We have been developing our ball skills during our PE lesson – learning how to throw and catch accurately as well as dribbling and controlling the ball with our feet.

To kick off our topic 'Marvelous Me' we started our day with a terrible accident! Mrs Smith had fallen over and injured her knee. Luckily, Miss Baker was on hand to call for a Nurse. Nurse Becky rushed to see Mrs Smith, fortunately she had some bandages and some great advice to ensure that Mrs Smith was back up and walking within minutes.

Nurse Becky was generous enough to donate some real-life medical equipment for Ladybirds to use in their own role play hospital. A huge thank you to Nurse Becky for coming to teach us all about the role of a nurse.

We spent the rest of the morning creating salt dough bones, setting up our very own Ladybird hospital and taking part in an obstacle course to see the effects that exercise has on our body.





We have been spending Wednesday afternoons outdoors on the field. We explored all of the equipment. We were all so impressed with the fantastic problem solving and team work that was going on! The water wall was a big hit – especially when we had to fill our own buckets using the outdoor tap. Along with the water wall we also went into the sand pit and then made mud pies in our mud kitchen!

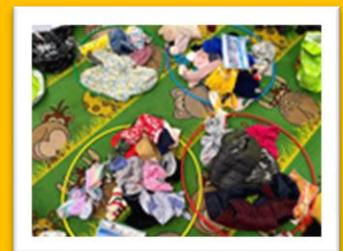
Our last 'first' for the term was our very first welly walk. The children loved exploring their environment outside of the school. Mrs Smith and Miss Baker were very impressed with how sensible and responsible that everyone was.

We are so lucky to have such an incredible class!

Year 1 - Squirrel Class

Squirrel class have had an excellent start to the new school year. I am so proud of the children and how well they have settled into year 1 and the fun and challenges that brings. The children have particularly impressed me with how well they have been accessing our rainbow challenges during continuous provision time. Some children have already earned their learning journals and will proudly show them off to anyone who comes into our classroom. The children have shown great independence when tackling these challenges and I have been super impressed!

We started our term off with a wow day for our new topic 'Weather Watchers'. The children enjoyed watching weather reports, playing in our weather station role play, making rainbow crafts and a raincloud in a jar. In our topic lessons we have sorted clothes into different seasons, explained the different weather we have in the UK and compared it with Antarctica, along with following a map and a key to find Snowy the penguin on a treasure hunt!





The children have particularly enjoyed learning 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' in our English lessons and have written some incredible stories for their gold writes. The progress they have made has been wonderful to see and we have lots of budding authors on our hands!

In maths, the children have shown a great understanding of numbers to 10 and the vocabulary of greatest and smallest. They have really got to grips with using a tens frame to help them with their counting.

What a great start to what I know will be a wonderful year with an amazing group of children.

Year 2 – Fox Class

In year 2 we have been immersing ourselves in the past to discover all about the Great fire of London in 1666. We have created our own London of 1666 by building our own Tudor houses.

We have learnt why and how the fire spread so quickly and how it was eventually put out. We have learnt about King Charles II and his interesting life as well as how he helped in the great fire. We know that thanks to Samuel Pepys we can find out what happened during to fire through his fantastic diary.

Speaking of Fantastic, we have just finished our class book of Fantastic Mr Fox which we all loved and everyone cheered at the end with the Great Feast!

In Maths we have been securing our knowledge of number bonds and tens and ones using 100 squares.

In RE we have been learning about Judaism and the stories of Moses that make up the sacred text of The Torah.

We have loved all our work this term and Mrs Ridley and Mrs Chadwick are so very proud of us all 😊





Year 3 – Hedgehog Class

This term our fabulous Hedgehogs have loved our topic 'Extreme Earth'. We have been following the news about Mount Cumbre Viejas in La Palma, Spain. We put our reporter hats on and have been writing our own newspaper articles about the event.

Hedgehogs have really enjoyed learning about the layers of the earth. We have studied how volcanoes are made and what happens when they erupt. In Art and DT, we made our own volcanoes and are getting ready to erupt them!

In Maths Hedgehogs have been learning about addition and subtraction. In our maths lessons they have demonstrated determination and perseverance when attempting challenging problems!

We have had lots of fun during our PE lessons this term and have especially enjoyed learning lots of new Hockey skills. We have learnt how to hold the stick correctly, how to control the ball and dribble through cones. We are looking forward to having our first game against each other soon, where we hope to see some goals!

We have been really impressed with the standard of homework this term, keep it up!

We are really proud of our awesome class!



Year 4 – Badger Class

This term Year 4 have focused on the Celts and Romans. They have enjoyed learning about how Celtic life in the Iron Age changed when the Romans invaded.

They have also been finding out about Boudicca's revolt against the Roman invasion which is inspiring some fabulous pieces of writing.

We have seen some wonderful homework creations of Roman shields and mosaics, clocks displaying Roman numerals and even clothing dyed with all sorts of natural pigments as would have been done in the Iron Age.

We are so impressed with the attitude and excitement that the children have brought to the classroom with their fantastic questioning and work on their topics.



Year 5 – Owl Class

Outstanding Owls have settled into Year 5 well. We have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks and have begun training for our own mini Olympics linking our learning about forces to the events.

Year 5 visited the brook to test the effects of water and air resistance on the paper boats we made in class. They all floated!

We are all looking forward to our mythical creature day on the 18th October and explore mythical creatures in-depth. We have enjoyed designing and describing our mythical creatures in English and can't wait to write our own mythical story about them.

We have a new sports crew this year too. Five children have been selected and have recently been on training to support them in a new sports project for this year.





Gardening club did so well this year and have harvested loads of vegetables. We made some delicious vegetable and pumpkin soup that was shared with the whole school. We have had a couple of vegetable give aways and managed to raise £33.50. This money has gone towards some new gardening gloves and seeds for the following season. Thanks to all who have donated.

Year 6 – Eagle Class

Eagles have had a wonderful start to the school year - we have enjoyed exploring many elements of World War One and starting our writing units with pieces of work linked to this topic.

The children have enjoyed completing some homework tasks including making a trench cake; the general consensus is that it's not that bad!

In maths, we have been persevering with some tricky BODMAS problems and have used a variety of practical manipulatives to explore this.

We recently completed a live lesson all about Harvest which we really enjoyed. It was made all the more entertaining when a cow gave birth to a calf during the live filming!

This term has also included swimming for Year 6 which has been tiring but fun and it has been great to see the progress the children have made in such a short time!

We proudly elected all of the Junior Leadership roles this term. Every child in Eagles Class has a responsibility which is fantastic for their personal development as we begin to think about their transition to secondary school in the future.





Sunshine Club

It has been lovely seeing some of our Ladybird class joining us in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Thank you for the donations that we have received. The children love it when we have new toys, the younger children have loved having the dolls to play with.

We have been fortunate with the weather in the afternoons, it has been lovely to have had some sunshine for the afternoon club to enjoy snacks and games outside.

Just a quick reminder to please book your child's session on WisePay, you can book right up to the day of coming. We are open from 7.30am until school starts, then from the end of school till 6pm.



School Calendar

2021/2022 Diary Dates

Friday 22 nd October	Year 3 Class Assembly School Closes for Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd November	School reopens to pupils
Thursday 4 th November	September 2022 Intake Open Day 2.00pm
Thursday 4 th November	Year 6 SATs information evening 6.00-7.30pm
Friday 5 th November	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 9 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 11 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 12 th November	BBC Children in Need
Thursday 18 th November	September 2022 Intake Open Day 2.00pm
Thursday 25 th November	Early Years Foundation Stage Maths Information Evening for Parents - 6.00pm
Friday 26 th November	Mufti Day in exchange for donations for the Tombola stall for Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 27 th November	FoSS Christmas Bazaar – 2.00-4.00pm
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December	FoSS School Disco KS1 - 6.00-7.00pm KS2 -7.30-8.30pm



Friday 17th December	Christmas Pantomime in School School Closes
Tuesday 4th January	School reopens to pupils
1 st to 17 th February	Chinese New Year – Year of the Ox
Friday 11th February	School Closes
Monday 21st February	School reopens to pupils
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
14 th March	British Science Week
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 1st April	School Closes
Tuesday 19th April	School reopens to pupils
Friday 22nd April	Earth Day
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 27th May	Family Fun Afternoon and School Closes for Half Term
Monday 6th June	School reopens to pupils
Thursday 21st July	School Closes