



Stanford Junior & Infant School

Newsletter – 31st March 2021



Thank you for all your support this term. Have a lovely holiday. Stay safe. From all the staff at Stanford.

Easter

Pupils have been learning about the importance of Easter time to Christians. The pupils have been making crosses, designing and making Easter Gardens and helping Mrs Cockerill and Mrs Maskell make Easter cards for some members of the community. St Margaret's Church helped with the Easter table in the school hall too. We really value these strong community links - thank you.

Pupils also enjoyed learning a song using Makaton signs which was really beautiful.



Personnel Update

We are sad to say 'Goodbye' to Miss Gowshall who will be leaving at the end of the month to start a new role. Miss Gowshall has been a wonderful member of the office team at Stanford and I am sure you join with us to wish her all the very best for the future. Mrs Lisa Jackson will be joining the school office team after the Easter break and we look forward to welcoming her to Stanford.

Mrs Fielding and Mrs Brady are returning to work on site and we are looking forward to welcoming them back. Mrs Fielding will be supporting pupils in the morning in her Teaching Assistant role and Learning Mentor work in the afternoons Mon - Wed. Mrs Brady will be returning to teach in Sunflower class straight after the Easter holidays and both staff are very much looking forward to seeing the pupils again.

Mrs C Smith, Deputy Head, will be commencing her maternity leave in early May - the pupils have been very caring and often ask about baby names! Mrs Marsden will be teaching Barley Class for the full week during the summer term to ensure consistency.

We send our best wishes too to Miss Wilson who has been off work. Seedlings have been looked after by Mr Morrison and Mrs Christie. We will of course keep you informed of any other staffing updates we receive. May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have helped with cover for their flexibility and support.

MAPAS

Next term, the children have all been invited to a special virtual MAPAS concert 'Music Through the Ages.' We are excited about this as it will enhance our wonderful Music curriculum and teach the children all about historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including learning about the works of the great composers.



Sports/Wellbeing

Sport is an important part of our curriculum at Stanford. Not only does it support pupils' physical health; it plays a vital role in well-being as well. We encourage lots of sporting activity through our active playtimes, and well-being Wednesdays, in addition to timetabled PE lessons. There will be lots of sporting opportunities coming up in the Summer term and we hope to spend as much time outside as we can. After-school clubs will be opening up again and we will be offering a 'multi-sports' club to KS2 classes. During the first half-term, this will be available for Year 3 (on Fridays) and Year 5 (on Tuesdays). This will change to the alternate year groups in the second half-term. Please see our website for further information. We will also be able to offer a 'Kickstarters' club for our Year 2 and 3 pupils, which combines football skills with promoting a love of reading. There are plenty of other sporting activities prepared for the children, including 'Wow' days delivered by specialist staff and several intra-school competitions.



Reporting COVID

If your child has symptoms, is unwell, or it has been confirmed that they have Covid-19, it is very important that they do not return to school until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated. Please inform us if there are any updates as Mrs Hackfath and Mrs Smith will be checking the office email during the holiday.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 20th April - Pupils Back
 Wednesday 21st April - Hook Day - Yr 4, Yr5 & Yr 6
 Thursday 22nd April - Hook Day - FS, Yr1 & Yr2
 Thursday 29th April - Hook Day - Yr 3
 Monday 10th May - Bikeability Y5
 Tuesday 11th May - Bikeability Y5
 Friday 28th May - End of Term
 Tuesday 8th June - Pupils Back
 Monday 19th July - Training Day to be confirmed
 Friday 23rd July - End of Term

Term Dates -

Inset/Teacher Training Days - 2/9/20, 5/1/21, 19/4/21, 7/6/21, 19/7/21

Term 1: 03/09/20 - 23/10/20	Term 2: 02/11/20 - 18/12/20
Term 3: 06/01/21 - 12/02/21	Term 4: 22/02/21 - 01/04/21
Term 5: 20/04/21 - 28/05/21	Term 6: 08/06/21 - 23/7/21

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