



Stanford Junior & Infant School

Newsletter – 11th February 2022

Happy Half Term!

Thank You

Thank you for all your support and help this term. We have had another super term - the pupils have been amazing and have been working really hard!

Well-being

Children's Mental Health Week - thank you for your support with our, 'Express Yourself' event linked to this and the children really enjoyed dressing in clothes to represent their personalities and who they are!

Our Pupil Well-Being Committee continue to meet and arrange events for the school - the mindfulness art club is going from strength to strength. Classes continue to benefit from yoga, mindfulness and calming strategies.

Our Nurture sessions continue to offer a wide range of programmes to help and support our pupils. From Lego therapy, play therapy, to programmes to help our pupils with their self-confidence and self-esteem. Wellbeing is one of our key focus for both pupils and staff and something in which we are very proud of.

To further build our wellbeing support in school, our learning mentor - Mrs Jones, is taking part in ELSA training. ESLA support is highly valuable in supporting the social, emotional and mental health challenges within school. We recognise that children learn better and are happier when their emotional needs are addressed.

Young Minds Matter

Compass Go, our Mental Health Support Team have started their POD workshop in school on anxiety. These workshops will be helping and supporting some of our pupils where they will learn strategies in how to feel less anxious in different situations.

Staff Appreciation Event

As part of our wellbeing focus, we had our staff appreciation day at Stanford School! Staff chose their favourite drink and snack in advance and these were delivered to them by SLT. We thank all our staff at Stanford for their continued hard work, dedication and enthusiasm this term.



Friendship Activity Event

The pupils who attended really enjoyed this. It was a time to chat with their friends and play board games and enjoy craft activities.



Community

Our Road Safety Committee, chaired by Mrs Griffiths, Governor, have been very busy. We are so grateful to the LA Road Safety team who have donated high viz jackets and bike helmets. The committee have drafted an update below
Stanford School Travel Plan

What is a Travel Plan? Our school has been working with *EQUANS to produce its own Travel Plan in Partnership with N.E. Lincs Council. Travel plans are aimed at promoting greener, cleaner, travel choices.

Developing our on-school plan - A plan must fit our individual school needs, develop over time and change as circumstances change.

Benefits - Reduce congestion, increase road safety as well as economic, social and health benefits.

Where are we now - A Pupil Road Awareness Group has been set up. Their current task is to produce a professionally designed leaflet demonstrating alternative methods of travelling to school.

Their first task is to seek the views of other pupils. They have produced their own questionnaire and are busy working on other methods to use, to get the data needed. The group is supported by staff and governor's and have access to advice from EQUANS, and N.E. Lincs Road Awareness Teams.

The school has received funding to improve related infrastructure in the grounds and is working with appropriate N.E. Lincs Council Departments on other issues that arise.

The Travel Plan Team will use this Newsletter to keep everyone updated.



Thank you to Mrs Wink and the Stanford Library for their continued support. We are looking forward to World Book Day too - more details to follow.

Mayor Civic Awards - we made 2 pupil nominations to these awards as our pupils continue to impress us as they show excellent coaching skills - inspiring others to help improve the environment and also supporting others to support their own wellbeing and positive mind set.

Stanford Jubilee Celebrations Working Party are well underway and have some excellent ideas to share as we look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion. Thank you to Mrs Brumfield for attending the Parish Council meetings on our behalf. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Miss Purshouse for leading the School Jubilee Planning Committee - a very special and memorable occasion which we will be sure to help the pupils celebrate.

Thank you to Mrs Smith, PE Lead, for sourcing some free resources for school - English Schools' Football Association have donated some footballs to school. We are also looking forward to a visit from Martin Norris a Team GB Athlete and our next Wow Day led by Premier Sports, next month.

We are making plans for **Careers' Week** and Mrs Smith and Mrs Marsden are contacting local businesses in order to make further links with the school - this will help give pupils an awareness of the wider world and help them consider what role and jobs they may like to do when they are older. If any families have some links they would be happy to share, we would be very grateful.

Mentor Meeting dates and times will be shared by text again - and booked via Scopay - the meetings will be over the phone. We look forward to sharing the progress of your child/ren with you and supporting with further developments.

Curriculum

Pupils have continued to enjoy a vibrant and ambitious curriculum for all.

Maths continues to be a focus at school - White Rose Maths gives us a clear progression to follow in our lessons and the pupils also love TT Rockstars. Foundation pupils have really liked being involved in a Maths Hunt and found lots of numbers and shapes!



Pupils have been enjoying their art and DT too- mosaic techniques for Rainforest art in year 4, animals in Foundation and bread tasting and making in yr 5.



Please help us continue to improve our home reading figures - there is a helpful video being uploaded to Facebook and our school web site about the Go Read app. We encourage the pupils to enjoy a range of texts and develop the love of reading in school. The younger pupils enjoyed sharing books in National Storytelling Week and reading collaboration.



Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying learning the djembe drums this term and our younger pupils have been making drums. The pupils really enjoyed playing their African drums.



SMSC and PSHE continues to be the golden thread running through our curriculum and school vision. As part of our curriculum, we enjoyed our after-school Friendship Activity this week and are very proud of our work on helping everyone in the school community have a positive well-being.



Pumpkin Class showed super collaboration as they worked together to sort and discuss some good and bad behaviour choices.

P- "I always have kind hands. I care about my friends."

J- "I love to be a Behaviour Ambassador and help my friends make the right choices."

H- Our class motto is, "We Get On! We try to be friends and get on well together."



Pupils in Foundation have been enjoying their outdoor learning with Mrs Groves - they planted some mini daffodils last term and are enjoying watching them grow!

Pupils in Foundation enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year.



Coaching partners is well developed at school. We have loved seeing the support and improvement peer coaching has made to pupils progress and understanding with reading vocabulary and comprehension. We are proud of our older pupils who run clubs and games at lunchtime - they show great organisational and communication skills.

Clubs



Our pupils have had the opportunity to learn new skills in our Wow days, visits, table-tennis club, multi skills club and football. We also enjoy lunch clubs, some led by the pupils, such as dance and well-being art club. Also, cookery art, craft and reading clubs are on offer and well attended. The cookery group learn about cookery skills and healthy eating - they made delicious healthy scotch eggs last week! A new drama and chess club will be beginning after half-term too.



Many thanks to all the staff who give up their time to help ensure these enriching opportunities are in place for our pupils. Our wonderful school Breakfast and After-School Club continues to thrive and is often booked up - if you would like a place please make sure you use the on-line booking system well in advance.

Personnel

Thank you to the Full Governing Body for their support and work with the school. We really appreciate the volunteer support from the governors too.

I am sure you join us in sending 'Get Well Wishes' to Mrs Wink - we hope she feels better soon.

We send our Get Well wishes to Miss Wilson. Cornflower Class pupils are being taught by Miss Hoad.

Thank you to Miss Holmes - we wish her all the best for her new teaching role at a local school.

Thank you to Ms Edwards who has completed her placement - we wish her well for the future.

We welcome our students Ms Hotchin, Mr Brutnell and Miss Denford who will be working alongside our teachers.

Finally, a huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work and dedication again this half-term.

Thank you for your understanding re Covid related absences in school - like all settings and establishments Covid has impacted in some way. We have covered where possible and staff have been flexible and supportive to ensure the very best standards continue at Stanford.

Test dates

2021/2022 Academic Year

Key Stage 1 - Key Stage 1 Tests should be administered during May 2022.

Phonics Screening Check- Week Commencing Monday 6th June 2022.

Multiplication Tables Check Y4- Schools should administer the multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 6th June 2022.

Key Stage 2 SATs

The Key Stage 2 SATs are timetabled from Monday 9th- Thursday 12th May 2022.

Monday 9th May- English grammar, punctuation and spellings papers 1 & 2.

Tuesday 10th - English Reading.

Wednesday 11th- Mathematics papers 1 & 2.

Thursday 12th May- Mathematics paper 3.

After School Sports and Activity Clubs

Monday - Year 3&4 Football

Monday - FS & Year 1 Reading Club

Tuesday - Year 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics with Premier Education

Tuesday - Year 2, 3& 4 Craft Club

Tuesday - Year 6 Drama Club

Wednesday - FS, Year 1 & 2 Multi-Skills

Wednesday - Year 5 & 6 Cookery

Thursday - Year 5 & 6 Football

Thursday - Year 4, 5 & 6 Chess Club

Friday - Table Tennis

Friday - Year 1, 2 & 3 Gymnastics with Premier Education

Please book online at www.scopay.com

NB. Current Cooking sessions to continue for two weeks after half term, new bookings will be for after the 2nd

March 2022

Dates to Remember -

Fri 11th February - End of Term (normal time)

Mon 21st February - Bank Holiday in lieu of Queen's Jubilee

Tue 22nd February - Start of Term

Tues 22nd February - Thinking Day

Wed 2nd March - Wow Day

Thurs 3rd March - World book day - more details to follow

Wk beg 7th March - Careers' Week

Tue 8th March - Yr 2 Singing Festival

Fri 11th - 20th March - British Science Week

Mon 14th March - Mentor Meetings

Wed 16th March - Yr 5 Collection Trip

Fri 18th March - Comic Relief / Red Nose Day - tbc

Mon 21st March - Martin Norris, Sports Champion, Team GB visit

Thurs 24th March - Bikeability

Thurs 24th March - Yr 4 and yr 6 trip - Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Mon 21st March - Yr 4 Swimming starts (Monday afternoons)

Wed 30th March - Wow Day and Gradley Cup (Football, yr 5 and 6)

Easter Service St Margaret's Church to be confirmed

Fri 1st April - End of Term

Tue 19th April - Start of Term

Wed 27th April - Wow Day

Thur 28th April - Swimming Gala

Wk beg 9th May - KS2 Sats

Thur 26th May - Founders Day and Jubilee Celebrations

Wed 15th June - Fri 17th June - Residential Trip

Wed 22 June - Compass Go Transition Workshop, Yr 6

Term Dates - Inset/Teacher Training Days - 2/9/21, 3/9/21, 22/7/22. Extra Bank Holiday - 21/2/22

Term 1: 6/9/21 - 22/10/21 Term 2: 1/11/21 - 17/12/21

Term 3: 5/1/22 - 11/02/22 Term 4: 22/2/22 - 1/4/22

Term 5: 19/4/21 - 27/05/22 Term 6: 6/6/21 - 21/7/22

Please see www.stanfordschool.org for further information.

Polite Reminder - School is Closed Monday 21st February. This is due to the extra bank holiday in June half term for the Queens Jubilee. As this falls during half term we have chosen to take it on this day instead as per Local Authority guidance.