



Stanway Primary School Newsletter

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Wow! What a half-term we have had...from the rigours of OFSTED to the delights of the various class assemblies taking place throughout the term; it has been anything but boring!

By now you will have read our **OFSTED report** which should be published on the OFSTED website towards the end of this week. As you will know, the Inspection Process is one which causes much anticipation and stress to staff and headteachers in particular(!) and we were so pleased that the team agreed with us that Stanway is a truly good school for pupils, staff and parents alike.

It has been a pleasure to invite parents into school for so many different events this half-term. It was lovely to share our amazing Art during the recent **Art Exhibition**, and for the choir to have their first public performance— didn't they do a good job?! Then we also have had Class Assemblies where the children have loved having their families see what they have learnt this term; **Phonics afternoons** to update parents on our new Phonics Scheme, Little Wandle; and of course our **Christmas performances** from the EYFS and KS1. I am looking forward to our **Carol Services** also on Monday, and I do hope many of you will be able to join us at the church.

To enhance all the classroom-based learning that has been going on, we have been very pleased to take two year groups on day trips this term— Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the WWII exhibits at Duxford Imperial War Museum, and Year 2 had a Victorian Experience at the Royal Gunpowder Mills last month. We have also had numerous visitors to the school including a Theatre Group teaching Year 5 about air

French Day

Our themed day in the Acorn Diner this half-term was French Day! The children and staff enjoyed a tasty cassoulet followed by Madeleines and chocolate sauce— tres delicious!! Many thanks to Mrs. Loveday and her staff who entered into the spirit of the occasion with berets and Breton tops!



Food Bank

Thank you so much for all your generous donations towards Colchester Food bank. We have been told that our donations weighed a whopping 255kg!! Many thanks to Miss Firth for organising this annual charitable event. Here she is with our School Councillors who helped to collect all the food together!



quality, an animal experience for Year 4 and a weekly Forest School led by Essex Wildlife for Year 3.

We are also delighted to have our School Library fully up and running this half-term. Librarians from each class monitor books in and books out and it is busy every morning with Key Stage Two selecting their Accelerated Reader books.



None of these things would have happened without the dedication and enthusiasm of the staff here at Stanway— they really are tremendous and I know you will join me in giving them heartfelt thanks for what they have achieved this term.

There remains one thing left for me to do and that is to wish you all a joyful festive season with your families and a happy new year.

Rebecca Loader
Headteacher



Christmas FUN!

Lots of Christmas fun was had on Friday, 9th December with discos in each Key Stage and a Christmas Jumper day on top. Many thanks to our PTA for organising the fun. We still have the Christmas Raffle and a visit from Father Christmas to look forward to on Friday!



Thursday, 15th December



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On Tuesday, 7th December, a brave group of parents joined their Year 6 children in our school hall for the Big SATs sit-in to get a taste of what it is like to take part in the statutory tests in Maths and English at the end of Year 6.

The Year 6's greatly enjoyed invigilating the ten minute tests to the highest standard— there was a lot of patrolling round the hall to check parents were not cheating, talking or using their phones! They particularly enjoyed marking their parents' tests— I can't think why!

Our parents were great sports and really entered into the spirit of the test. There was a lot of grumbling at the grammar questions, and desperation at trying to remember long-lost maths concepts!

This event was part of a campaign run by a group called More than a Score. Schools from all over the country took part, as well as a cross-party group of MPs at Westminster. Many educationalists, headteachers and parents feel very strongly that there is far too much statutory assessment in primary schools and that, in particular, the end of Year 6 SATs do not actually help children to improve or provide useful information to secondary schools.

I was lucky enough to be invited to Whitehall to attend a presentation of a report by ICAPE (the Independent Commission on Assessment in Primary Education) on Assessment for Children's Learning: A New Future for Primary Education in November. Amongst their recommendations, they concluded that high stakes assessment for primary-age children should be

phased out and replaced by more emphasis on assessment for learning and a holistic assessment of each pupil's learning during their life in primary school. They also suggested that Year 1 and Year 4 would be better placed as points for key summative assessments in primary schools.

We will wait and see if any of these recommendations are acted upon by the government in the year to come.



WOW

Despite the recent bad weather, we are so pleased that we still have a huge number of children traveling to school in an active way as part of the WOW Walk to School Challenge! In fact, the percentage of active journeys has increased from 87% in September to 90% in October to 92% in November! Just over a third of pupils walk to school, with the percentage of children cycling being around 2%. As the weather improves next term, we hope to have a 'Bling' Your Bike Day to encourage more children to cycle to school.

A big thank you to parents and carers for helping children become more active whilst helping to reduce the congestion in our surrounding roads during drop-off and pick-up times. **Mr. Godwin**



Attendance

It has been a difficult half-term for attendance with lots of illnesses circulating in different year groups and understandable parental concern about scarlet fever and strep A. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Tearry, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P.	Only need to stay off ill feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
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Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense Sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with "whooping" sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

This leaflet has been produced in partnership between

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals however, if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone us on the first day of absence and then on each subsequent day they are off. Let us know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.. The document on the left gives you further information.

TERMLY ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance % Present		
1 Blake	93.7		
1 Donalds	93.2		
2 Bond	94.7		
2 Dahl	91.9		
3 Morpurg	95		
3 Wilson	94.6		
4 Jackson	92.9		
4 Zephani	93.5		
5 Rauf	95.6		
5 Shakesp	91.8		
6 Rowling	96.8		
6 Tolkien	95.8		
R Hendra	91.4		
R Rosen	92.8		

Well done, **6 Rowling**, for the best

attendance this half-term, moving up from 2nd place last term! **2nd place: 6 Tolkein (3rd place last term)**

3rd place: 5 Rauf– still in the top 3!



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School Council Profiles

continued

Hi, I'm Edith and I'm the secretary of the school council now. My job is to take notes during the school council meeting every Friday. After each meeting I write an email to the teachers to explain what we have discussed in the meeting.

By the end of year six I hope to be the best version of myself. I am a dedicated person and am always giving ideas during the school council meetings. My fellow senior school councillors (Summer, Esme and Ollie) have also helped me to be the best school councillor I can be.



Welcome to two pages full of information that the Year 6 Journalism club have selected and written for you to share...

Young Journalists: Toby, Avaneish, Connor, Oscar E and Josh

School Council Events

By Esme and Summer

A Crazy Hair Day has been proposed and agreed to raise money for our charity, Colchester Zoo. It will take place on Friday, January 20th. For Crazy Hair Day we would like children (and teachers) to come to school in a creative hairstyle for a minimum of £1 donation. Of course though there has to be some



rules to make the day safe and appropriate, for example...no permanent hair dye, only washable 24 hour ones. There will be a competition as to who has the craziest hair



On Thursday, 17th November, Stanway Primary held our first ever Art Exhibition. We hope that all the people that came en-

joyed it and we are really glad to show off our amazing work. Thank you to the brilliant PTA helpers who came and supported the school. And a

big well done to the choir who sang lovely songs for our visitors. And thank you for the fantastic help from Avaneish and Toby.

By Avaneish



Year 6 Duxford Trip

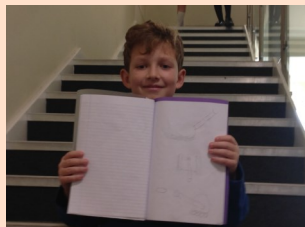
By Toby

On 22/11/22 both of the Year 6 classes (6 Tolkien and 6 Rowling) went on a day trip to Duxford War Museum. The trip was from 9am to 4pm.

They explored all of the hangars and only missed out on hangar 2. The hangars ranged from Land Warfare to American Aviation.

They looked at all the war planes like the spitfires, Nazi bombers and more. We filled in work sheets, wrote information and made sketches. There was so much to do!

All of our amazing work was beautifully presented. Here is just a tiny bit of all the amazing work Year 6 has produced.



THE WORLD CUP

By Oscar and Josh

This year the world cup 2022 has come to Qatar, and luckily in a school council meeting, our head teacher– Mrs. Loader– announced that we can watch the world cup England fixtures at lunchtime; but it is optional.

The world cup is an international football event, a tournament between each country's nation. The 2018 world cup was hosted by Russia and the winners were France. This was the last world cup, since it comes every four years and every two years is the Euros.



This is a world-wide event but not all 195 countries can be in because it disrupts other leagues. Also, only 32 countries qualified.

Year 6 Blog

By Toby

This term our topic in Maths has been fractions and comparing/simplifying them. We have split Maths classes and separated our learning so we do it at different times.

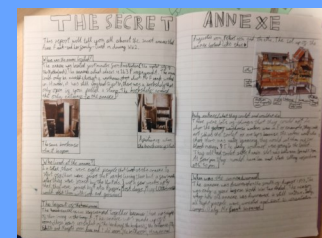


In English, we have been learning about Anne Frank and her book, 'The Secret Annexe'. Our main piece of writing will be a biography of Anne's life in the annexe.



After the half-term break, we started focusing on electrical circuits and electricity in general in Science. So far we have made circuits and learnt the symbols of the main components.

Our PE focus has been hockey and when the weather is not suitable to do PE in we do Just Dance videos or yoga.



Stanway Primary School PTA

PTA Newsletter



In this issue:

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- ♦ What else have we been up to
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PTA trustees

Chairperson	Michelle Moxon
Secretary	Saras Ruddick
Treasurer	Julia Randall
Vice Chair	Megan Govinden

In our first term, the trustees have focused on new ways to raise more funds for our children. We are working closely with the school to not only deliver events that our PTA run but to help with school events that require additional support.

What your funds are contributing to...

The school asked the PTA for a contribution of £500.00 per year group towards school trips, to bring down the costs for parents. The PTA agreed and we are currently working towards this goal.

What we have done so far to raise money...

Christmas Cards - There were some fabulous designs created by the children and I am sure the recipients of these items will be as equally amazed.

Christmas Disco - The children from Reception all the way up to Year 6 got to attend this years disco. They seemed to all have a fabulous time and were treated with sweets, picked by the parents, at the end of the evening. (did you get the right ones!!!)

Christmas raffle - We have had some amazing prizes donated by companies, friends and parents alike and we are incredibly grateful for the amount received it has been truly overwhelming. We look forward to Santa drawing the raffle on 16th December... I hope you are all on the nice list!

What else we have been up to...

We have provided tea, coffee and biscuits for assemblies and performances throughout the term and would like to thank those who made donations.

Purchasing and wrapping presents for Santa's visit on Friday. Next year we will be insisting his elves do this for him.

Planning events for next term look out for doughnut sales, mothers day and hopefully a PTA quiz night

£3500



Easy Fundraising—A quick and easy way to raise funds for the PTA

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanwayprimarypta/?q=stanway&cat=cause-autosuggest&searchSessionId=1299d317-8e88-4ff8-bb49-c8e8be20144d>

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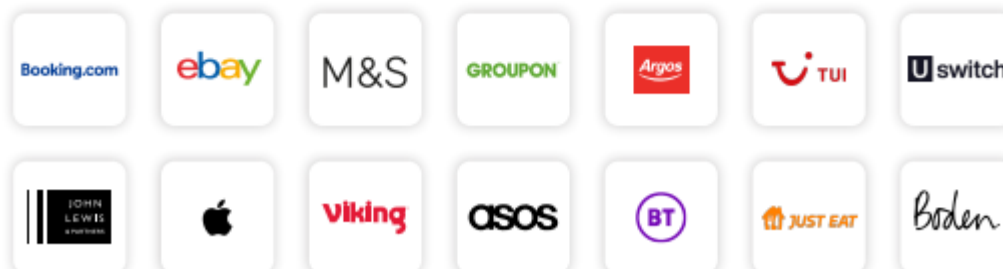
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022/2023

SPRING TERM 2023

JANUARY

Thursday 5th Children return to School
Thursday 19th Italian Pizzeria Lunch

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 7th Parents Evening (4:00pm – 7:00pm)
Wednesday 8th Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9th Parents Evening (3:40pm – 6:30pm)
Thursday 9th Break for Half Term
Friday 10th Non Pupil Day
Monday 20th Children return to School

MARCH

Thursday 2nd World Book Day - Dress Up Day
W/C Monday 6th Careers Week
Monday 13th STEM Day
Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th Year 5 Bikeability Course 1
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th Year 5 Bikeability Course 2
Friday 17th Comic Relief Day
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st Year 5 Bikeability Course 3
Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd Year 5 Bikeability Course 4
Thursday 23rd World Maths Day
Tuesday 28th LKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Wednesday 29th LKS2 Performance (2:00pm)
Thursday 30th LKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Friday 31st Break for Spring Holiday

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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SUMMER TERM 2023

APRIL

Monday 17th Children return to School

MAY

Throughout the month – KS1 SATs

Monday 1st School Closed – May Bank Holiday
Monday 8th School Closed – Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th KS2 SATs
Friday 26th May Break for Half Term

JUNE

Monday 5th Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 6th Children return to School
W/C Tuesday 6th Take One Book Week
Tuesday 6th to Friday 23rd Year 4 Times Tables Checks (3 weeks)
Tuesday 6th New Intake Parents Meeting (5:30pm)
Wednesday 7th New Intake Parents Meeting (5:30pm)
W/C Monday 12th Phonics Screening Week
W/C Monday 19th Sports Week
Tuesday 20th EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (Parents to be invited in the afternoon)
Wednesday 21st Consortium Sports (tbc)
Thursday 22nd KS2 Sports Day (Parents to be invited in the afternoon)
Friday 30th Outdoor Learning Day

JULY

Tuesday 4th New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic - Hendra (3:30pm)
Wednesday 5th New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic - Rosen (3:30pm)
Thursday 6th Year 6 Induction at The Stanway School
Friday 7th Annual Reports Go Home
Monday 10th Move Up Monday (am)
Monday 10th New Intake Sessions (am/pm)
Monday 10th Open Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm)
Tuesday 11th UKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Wednesday 12th UKS2 Performance (1:30pm)
Thursday 13th UKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th Year 6 Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor
Friday 21st Break for Summer Holiday