



Stanway Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term Round-Off

Apologies that our half-termly newsletter is a few weeks later than usual, but I wanted to celebrate the many highlights of the past half-term! Also included is some Governor news and a look ahead to an exciting new PTA event at the end of term.

There have been some real highlights with my particular favourite probably being World Week which took place on Friday, 10th March. As was the case with the Science Day in the Autumn term, the turn-out for this event was astounding. We are very pleased that so many parents and grandparents took the time to attend this event and share in what their children have been learning in school.

Children really enjoyed getting stamps on their passports and it was incredible to see the range of immersive experiences available in each classroom. Just like the real thing, the USA's security was rather tight at passport control and the Great Wall of China was crumbling in sections.

Football Tournament Update

Something a bit different which has taken place this term has been the Colour Teams football tournament that Mr. Godwin has organised in Key Stage Two. This is continuing into the summer term with Year 5 taking to the Astro. It has been a great focus for lunchtimes and both players and spectators alike have enjoyed the matches.

Reading Ambassadors

Our Word Millionaires have been brilliant advocates for reading throughout the school by listening to younger children reading each week and passing on their love of reading. It has been lovely to see them on a Monday morning and really important for our younger pupils to have some brilliant role models to look up to.

Teddy Tombola

The Teddy Tombola is scheduled to take place for the second Friday after Easter (Friday, 26th April). Today is the last day we are accepting teddies and we are looking forward to the grand draw on Friday!. The talent show has been scheduled as the Summer Term fundraising event. These events

raise money for the School Council and their chosen charity of The Dogs' Trust. They are organised and run by the School Council.



Our Sensory Garden

As promised, I would like to invite children to design our new sensory garden which the School Council will be working on during the summer term. Designs will be judged in three categories—EYFS/KS1, lower KS2 and Upper KS2 and one of these will be chosen as the overall winner.

Designs can be produced in whatever form you choose, as a paper illustration/plan or a three dimensional model in whatever materials available. The school council will be helping the SLT to judge the entries and the winner can expect to see their design become reality. Please note that we have a limited budget, so plan accordingly!

Lopsy, the Therapy Dog

Lopsy continues to visit us weekly and has spent time in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two this term seeing lots of different pupils. She has had a very calming effect on pupils, and giving her a cuddle has certainly brought my stress levels down when I have seen her!

Warm wishes,

Rebecca Loader
Headteacher



Thursday, April 25th, 2024



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Governor Update

WELLBEING

The wellbeing of our whole school community is an important priority for the Governing Board, and last year we established a wellbeing sub-committee to monitor and support the wellbeing of staff. Since then, we have conducted 3 staff wellbeing surveys and identified a number of ways to further support their mental health and wellbeing. We believe our staff are our most important resource, and to ensure they can provide the best learning experiences for our pupils it's important they are supported so they can be happy and healthy in all aspects of their lives, both at home and at work. We have put in place a number of actions in recent months including:

- a Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter outlining our commitment to ensuring Stanway Primary provides a consistent, positive, and safe environment which prioritises staff wellbeing and promotes good mental health
- raising awareness of wellbeing support available to staff both within the school and through external charities (covering mental, financial and physical wellbeing)
- Regular wellbeing drop-in sessions for staff with members of the senior leadership team
- Mr Godwin is now trained as a Mental Health First Aider
- Wellbeing surveys completed every April and October to monitor progress and identify ways we can support staff better
- We have also received an anonymous donation to decorate the staffroom area to make this an environment where staff can take their breaks in a relaxed and calm space. This is something that a team of volunteers will be completing over the Easter holidays.

GOVERNOR SCHOOL MONITORING VISITS

Monitoring visits provide governing boards with essential information about how their strategy is being implemented and how issues discussed at governor meetings translate into the everyday life of the school. Visiting school on a planned, regular basis allows governors to:

- better understand their school's strengths and areas for development
- determine if agreed policies and procedures are working in practice
- identify how resources are being used
- show staff and pupils that they are interested in school life, work and achievements
- experience the culture and ethos of the school.

Over the last few months, Governors have undertaken visits covering the following areas:-

- Safeguarding
- Mathematics
- Whole Governing Body morning covering Quality of Education and Behaviour and Attitudes
- Health & Safety
- Attendance at the Year 4 production

WHY IS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO IMPORTANT FOR OUR CHILDREN?

Each week in the School Bulletin, the attendance percentage for each class for the previous week is listed. You may ask, 'Why does the school inform the parents of this data?'

There are a number of answers to this question, but one is that being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe, providing access to extra-curricular activities and pastoral care.

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child receives a full-time education.

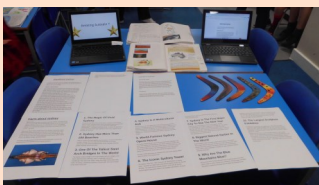
Research has shown that those pupils who perform better at school missed fewer days than those who did not perform as well. Indeed, data has shown that children who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

There are a few exceptional circumstances where missing a school day is permitted. Your child should only be kept away from school due to illness if they:

1. Have an infectious illness which could spread to other people
2. Need care during school hours that cannot be carried out in school

World Week

Take a look at what we got up to!



Our Big Green Adventure

I can't not give a special paragraph devoted to the superb Year 4 performance which took place last week. It was a rollicking, crazy affair with some amazing singing, dancing and acting. The props and singing were particularly good, and there was not doubt that the children had an amazing time. It is really rewarding to see how appreciated these performances are by children and parents. We were all very proud of our young performers.





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Dates for your Diary

SUMMER TERM 2024

APRIL

Monday 15th Children return to School
 Thursday 25th Year 5 Swimming starts for 10 weeks
 Friday 26th Teddy Tombola
 Tuesday 30th 3 Morpurgo Class Assembly (2:30pm)

MAY

Wednesday 1st Year 5/6 Netball Match v St Lukes (3:30pm)
 Thursday 2nd 3 Wilson Class Assembly (2:30pm)
 Thursday 2 May 1 Blake Forest Fun starts for 5 weeks
 Monday 6th School Closed – May Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 7th R Hendra Road Safety Course (9:00am – parents)
 Tuesday 7th 5 Rauf Road Safety Course
 Tuesday 7th R Rosen Class Assembly (2:30pm)
 Thursday 9th R Hendra Class Assembly (2:30pm)
 Thursday 9th SEND Coffee Morning (9:00am)
 Thursday 9th Year 5/6 Netball Match v St Andrews (3:45pm)
 Monday 13th – 16th **KS2 SATs**
 Friday 17th R Rosen Road Safety Course (9:00am – parents)
 Friday 17th 5 Shakespeare Road Safety Course
 Monday 20th Year 5 Trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
 Tuesday 21st Class Photos
 Tuesday 21st 1 Donaldson Class Assembly (2:30pm)
 Wednesday 22nd Year 1 Walk in Grymes Dyke (9:00am)
 Thursday 23rd 1 Blake Class Assembly (2:30pm)
 Friday 24th May Break for Half Term

JUNE

Monday 3rd Non-Pupil Day
 Tuesday 4th Children return to School
 Tuesday 4th R Rosen trip to Beth Chatto
 Friday 7th PTA Cool Down Friday (every Friday 3:15pm until end of term)
 Tuesday 11th R Hendra trip to Beth Chatto
 Thursday 13th 1 Donaldson Forest Fun starts for 5 weeks
 Friday 14th Father's Day/Someone Special Day - PTA Event
 W/C Monday 17th Sports Week
 Tuesday 18th EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (1:45pm)
 Thursday 20th KS2 Sports Day (1:45pm)
 Friday 21st Non-Uniform Day (PTA Summer Fayre Donations)
 Tuesday 25th Year 6 Induction Day at The Gilbert School
 Tuesday 25th 2 Dahl Class Assembly (2:30pm)
 Thursday 27th Year 6 Induction Day at The Stanway School & Thurstable School
 Thursday 27th 2 Bond Class Assembly (2:30pm)
 Friday 28th Cake Donations for PTA Summer Fayre
 Saturday 29th PTA Summer Fayre (11:00am-2:30pm)

JULY

W/C Monday 1st PTA Year 6 Leavers' Event (date tbc)
 Wednesday 3rd New Intake Hendra Stay & Play Session (3:30pm – 4:15pm)
 Thursday 4th New Intake Rosen Stay & Play Session (3:30pm – 4:15pm)
 Tuesday 9th Annual Reports Go Home
 Tuesday 9th Rocksteady Concert (9:00am)
 Tuesday 9th Year 6 Performance (4:00pm)
 Thursday 11th Move-Up Day (am)
 Thursday 11th New Intake Half Day Sessions
 Thursday 11th Open Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm)
 Thursday 11th Year 6 Performance (6:00pm)
 Friday 12th French Day (Bastille Day)
 Monday 15th – 17th Year 6 Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor
 Friday 19th PTA Colour Run
 Friday 19th Rocksteady Concert & Music Group (9:00am)
 Tuesday 23rd Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9:00am)
 Tuesday 23rd Break for Summer Holiday



SAVE THE DATE!

Stanway Primary School PTA

COLOUR RUN

19.07.2024

3.15pm

(First set of runners to start at 3.45pm)

Join us for a special end of school year event and sponsor your child to take on 'The Colour Run'!

The children will have 10 minutes per session to race around the track as many times as they like, with teachers at specified powder points.

Expect fun, excitement and a lot of colour!

All in aid of raising funds to improve the school's outside areas;
we've got some exciting plans in the pipeline!

This is a family event with relatives welcome to join in the fun too at a fixed ticket price of £10.00 per person.

Full details and how to book your ticket to follow soon.

Snacks, drinks and ice lollies will also be available to purchase.

