Autumn 2019 Newsletter

Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School

The new school year is well underway and everyone is settling in well. There's lots coming up before Christmas so read on!

Warm Weather Clothing Reminder

Now that the weather is changing please ensure that all children have a waterproof coat in school at all times and that their clothing and footwear is appropriate for the weather. As we head towards winter children should also have a warm hat, gloves and a scarf. Please also check their PE kits too to make sure they have joggers and jumpers to wear.

Parents Evening Appointments

We received positive feedback about the website based booking system for parent consultation meetings last term. We will continue to book parents evening meetings in this way so if there are any issues please let us know.

The website is updated regularly, so please keep checking for photos and information on what individual classes have been getting up to.

www.st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

Parking

Thank you to everyone for continuing to park considerately outside of school. We maintain a good relationship with the White Hart Pub and can utilise the car park for normal drop off and pick-ups until 3.30pm. Please may I ask that we respect this privilege. We need to ensure that the car park is available to customers of the pub.

During major events in school time, I will ensure they finish by 3pm in order for the car park to be clear for customers by 3.30pm. For events such as winter fair, Christmas evening performances and parents evenings, parents must not park in the pub car park unless they are using the facilities. Thank you all for your help with this.



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 21st October FOSS AGM 3.15pm All welcome
- Wednesday 23rd October & Thursday 24th October - Parents evenings for all classes – book through website
- Friday 25th October Go Yellow for Cancer/ wellbeing – £1 for non uniform
 - & break up for half term
- Monday 4th November INSET day for all students
- Tuesday 5th November School reopens for term 2
- Thursday 7th November Veolia
 Trip 1 KF or Eagles
- Thursday 7th November Year 1 parents meeting RE: Phonics
- Monday 11th November Governors meeting
- Wednesday 13th November Veolia Trip 2 – KF or Eagles
- Friday 15th November Children in Need
- Friday 15th November FOSS Charity Evening, Stanley Village Hall, (Adults only!) 7.30pm
- Monday 25th November M&M Theatre performs Christmas Carol in School –

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Attendance Figures for September:			
Robins	97%	Puffins	99%
Kingfishers	98%	Golden Eagles	98%

Term Time Absences

Last week a letter went out to all parents advising them on the publication of the school's statement on term time absence as well as our revised attendance policy. Regular attendance is really important for all pupils and we hope parents will have read and understand our position on this.

Its Panto time – Oh Yes it is!

This year we have the wonderful M&M productions coming in to perform a Christmas Carol for our children. You may recall that last year they came in to last school and we all enjoyed their performance so much that we booked them again straight away! Their production in school replaces our usual trip to the pantomime at the Velodrome, as not only was this a more affordable option, but we also found that a lot of our families already take their children to the pantomime there so it made sense to offer something different.

Flu Vaccinations eConsent

From September 2019 we will be using e-consent for the Flu programme. This year we are vaccinating children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please click <u>https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/</u> and click on the Seasonal Flu icon to complete the consent form, the option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

The school code for Stanley St Andrew's is DD112854

The Vaccination team will be in school on Wednesday 11th December 2019 For the Public Health England Flu information leaflet visit

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/att achment_data/file/806857/PHE_Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_leaflet.pdf If you experience any problems, please call the School Age Immunisation Team. Repton: 01283 707178 or Clay Cross: 01246 252953

School Improvement Plan

Each year the head teacher, alongside school staff and the governing body set the school improvement priorities for the year ahead. This year's development areas have been identified as follows:

1. To continue to develop leadership roles within school

2. To increase outcomes in writing to be above the national standard both at age related and greater depth.

To develop a creative curriculum that is purposeful and includes pupil voice.
 To continue to plan for and improve mental well-being for pupils and staff.

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- Friday 22nd November FOSS Non-uniform day Please bring-abottle to school!
- **25th 29th November** Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Friday 29th November FOSS Winter Fayre in School – 5.15pm
- Monday 2nd December Robins Nativity Trip
- Friday 6th December Last swimming day for this term
- Wednesday 11th December Flu Vaccination team in school
- Wednesday 11th December & Thursday 12th December Christmas performances
- Friday 13th December -Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children
- Friday 13th December FOSS Movie Night
- Thursday 19th December Christingle Service in Church at 9.30am more info to follow
- Friday 20th December break up for Christmas
- Monday 6th January 2020 School reopens for the start of term 3
- Lea Green 2020 This academic year, the Lea Green will be taking place slightly later in the year from Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th June 2020.

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Shoe Box Appeal

Letters and leaflets went out last week about the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal which is being organised by the Rotary Club of Derby. Each shoebox returned to us will be sent out to deprived communities in Eastern Europe. Full instructions on how to fill your shoe box can be found in the leaflet which went out. If you can't find your leaflet and want more information, please ask the school office. The boxes should be in school ready for collection by Tuesday 5th November please.

ParentPay

Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to use Parent Pay. We have 109 parents signed up which is amazing. I hope that everyone is finding this service not only simple to use but also much more convenient. Parent Pay has had an amazing impact on the workload of the school office

and we hope that our children and parents will benefit from this too.



School Uniform

Governors have recently reviewed and revised our school uniform policy and a copy of this can be found on our school website. You can also request a paper copy from the school office. Previously we have had a grey cardigan or jumper as part of our school uniform, however, in order to ensure we can easily identify our children when we are taking part in out of school trips and activities we are now asking all parents to ensure their child has a royal blue cardigan or jumper.

Please also be advised that children should not wear earrings of any sort when in school and nail varnish should also not be worn.

Clubs

Please ensure that if your child is signed up to an after school activity club which requires appropriate clothing and/or equipment that they have these in school. We have a lot of children who are unprepared! If your child does not have the required equipment and/or clothing to take part in an activity or club, they may need to be put in the after school club which will incur a charge equal to the difference between the cost of the activity and the cost of the after school club (currently £2).



Reading

please continue to listen to your children read as often as possible as it helps to promote their understanding of the world.

They can read anything out loud to you... even this newsletter!

FOSS

As you are all aware FOSS is a vital part of helping to raise funds for your children. We have been very fortunate to have a core group of parents that have taken on this challenge. I am very grateful to this team of parents who continue to work very hard to create fun events and raise money to provide extra resources for the school.

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