

STANMORE POST

For Parents and Carers

Friday 21st September 2018

We have had a wonderful week at Stanmore and it has been a pleasure to see the children engaged in their learning across the school. Year 4 children made their own pizzas with a variety of toppings, showing off their artistic skills as well as their bravery at trying new healthy food. The talented bunch even made their own boxes to transport the pizza safely home! Year 5, made a solar system out of varying sizes of spherical fruit! Both classes were inspired and motivated in their learning, which was wonderful to witness.

Meet and Greet with Mr Johnson, Mr Norris and Mr Davies

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the school hall on Wednesday afternoon to meet us and hear about our plans for the Autumn Term. We hope that having met us, and listened to what we have to say, you are feeling confident about the way the school is being led and supported. Now you know who we are, please don't hesitate to approach us on the playground for a chat, or contact us via email to arrange to meet about any issues you may have.

Year 6 Residential 2019

As current Year 5 parents will be aware, we have moved the residential trip from Year 5 to Year 6. Before the summer holiday, a residential trip to Calshott was tentatively planned but the high cost proved to be prohibitive to many parents. We have now booked a residential trip with JCA to Conover Hall starting on Monday 4th November 2019. The cost will be under £250.00 and offers a fantastic opportunity for the children. Mr Johnson has used this facility at Stoke Park and it has proved to be a very worthwhile trip for all involved. He will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 17th October at 3.15pm to share more information, and a reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all the parents/carers that returned slips requesting a place for their child to attend one of our after school clubs. All replies were given to teachers yesterday to hand to the children – if you didn't get one, and had applied for a place, please don't hesitate to contact the office for clarification.

Dojo

We have had some issues with parents not being linked to their child's class Dojo. This needs to be reported to your child's class teacher who can be contacted via the admin office email address (adminoffice@stanmore.hants.sch.uk) or the contact form on our website. Any communications can be sent this way, and any matter raised will be dealt with effectively and efficiently. Thank you.

EYFS

Our new Reception children have settled in well and are enjoying all the opportunities provided for EYFS. Next week, all the children will be full time. The children are all entitled to a free school meal and will select their option on arrival. Can we remind parents that any packed lunches need to be nutritious and healthy to ensure the children have plenty of energy to last to the end of the day! Thank you.

The photographer for the Hampshire Chronicle and the Daily Echo will be in to take class photographs of the Reception children on Friday 5th October. Please ensure we have written permission for your child's photograph to appear in this medium if you want them to have their moment of fame!

Admin Office

Please bear with us in the office while we are short staffed. The admin team are working hard to ensure everyone is looked after. We have advertised the position vacated by Mrs Mills and will let you know as soon as we find a replacement.

Wizard Learners

Congratulations to our Wizard Learners for this week who have received their certificate in our assembly this afternoon. They are:

- ❖ Juniper – Florence Gibb and Ava Matthews
- ❖ Maple – Alfie Griffiths and Agueda sanchez-Roriguez
- ❖ Hazel – Sophia Burke and Jacob McDonald
- ❖ Rowan – Poppy Crewe and Macii-Mons Colgrave Standen
- ❖ Birch – Addy Hamid and Libby Stratton
- ❖ Willow – Rubin Chard and Mihika Bhattacharya
- ❖ Sycamore – Harvey-Rhys Wheeler and Keira Dever
- ❖ Aspen – Abi McBriar and Thomas Megoran
- ❖ Beech – Laya Fuller and Sarah Nutbeam
- ❖ Oak – Amelia Wakely and Harley Stratton
- ❖ Elm – Ellie Hillyer and Ruby Stewart

Attendance This Week

All attendance is monitored and there will be a reward for the class in Key Stage 1 and the class in Key Stage 2 who has the highest attendance. **The expectation is that attendance should not fall below 96% for each child.**

Key Stage 1	Class	Percentage
Reception	Ladybirds	97.5%
Reception	Bumblebees	94.3%
Year 1	Maple	92.2%
Year 1	Juniper	98.2%
Year 2	Hazel	94%
Year 2	Rowan	94.8%
Key Stage 2		
Year 3	Birch	97.1%
Year 3	Willow	95.8%
Year 4	Sycamore	90.6%
Year 5	Beech	99.2%
Year 5	Aspen	92.4%
Year 6	Oak	95.2%
Year 6	Elm	94.7%

The winners for this week are **Juniper Class**, for Key Stage 1, and **Beech Class** for Key Stage 2. Well done!

*Can we remind parents/carers that late arrival at school is recorded as an unauthorised absence. This will have an effect on the overall percentage for classes who have children habitually arriving late. **Please can we also remind you that we can only authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to***

explain why the circumstances are exceptional. If you take your child out of school without permission, the absence will be unauthorised and this may be subject to a penalty notice.

FOS

The FOS have so much to tell you we could fill a whole edition of The Post!

Firstly, we have lots of dates for your diary. Please make a note and expect further details as each one approaches.

Our first cake sale is next Thursday, 27th September from 3pm. Please can Years R, 1 and 2 supply the bakes (nut free) and deliver them to the office in the morning. Tupperware and tins will be available for collection on Friday morning so make sure your item is labelled. If it's not raining we'll also be selling second-hand uniforms. Most items are £1.

The FOS AGM is on Tuesday 16th October from 2pm in the school hall. Please come along and find out what we do and how you can help.

The Halloween disco will be held on Wednesday 31st October. Tickets will be £3 and go on sale from Monday 29th October.

Our next cake sale is on Thursday 8th November. It will be the turn of Years 3 and 4 to impress with their baking skills!

The Christmas Fair will be on Friday 30th Nov. This is our biggest event of the year so please help in any way you can. We will need support on the day but also help with sourcing raffle prizes etc.

We will be running our bags2school scheme again. Our first collection will be just before Christmas. It's a really simple idea, we collect as many second-hand clothes, bed linen, curtains etc and the company pays us money based on weight. It's that easy! Please check their website www.bags2school.com for more details on what they accept. Start collecting now, ask your neighbours, friends and family to join in. It's a great excuse to clear the wardrobes in time for all those Christmas jumpers...which we'll see in the summer collection!

We really need help with setting up the FOS Web page on the new Stanmore school website. If anyone has experience of Web design and is prepared to keep the page up to date then please contact us. We think it's important to have a site that reflects well on the school and that prospective parents can look at. Please help if you can.

Finally, the FOS would like to say a HUGE thanks to Rowena Hodgins who has been our brilliant Secretary for the last 3 years. Due to greater work commitments she is stepping down, which is a real shame, but we hope to see her at future events. Thanks Rowena !

As one leaves, two arrive! We are delighted to announce that Jen Lockwood has agreed to be Vice Chair and Hayley Malcom, Secretary. They are welcome additions to our team, I'll try not to work them too hard!

If you need to contact us our email address is friendsofstanmore@gmail.com.

That's it. ..pew! Rachel, Jen, Ali, Hayley and Jo.

Winchester Teaching School Alliance - Are you interested in a career in teaching?
School Direct Teacher Training Information Evening

School Direct is an innovative school based training route into the teaching profession. Winchester Teaching School Alliance, working with The University of Winchester, is pleased to be able to offer School Direct teacher training places commencing in September 2019.

These placements are available in a number of the city's schools with both primary and secondary positions offered. We will be recruiting in a range of subjects at secondary level.

Both the city's schools and The University of Winchester have a proven track record of success in training teachers.

If you are interested in finding out more, we would like to invite you to an Information Evening to be held at The Westgate Lower School, Cheriton Road, Winchester on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 between 6.30 and 8.00pm.

More information about the programme including the schools; the subjects available; our training provision and funding possibilities will be provided.

Please email enquiries@wtsa.info or call Maggi Edwards on 01962 861161 to indicate that you would like to attend and to receive further information about arrangements for the evening.

Reminders

Don't forget to apply for your child's Year 7 2019 place before the closing date on 31st October 2018 at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Dates for Your Diary

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Year 1 – Tuesday 6th November 2018: Trip to Milestones (Letter to be sent on Monday 24th Sept)

Year 4 – Thursday 18th October 2018: Trip to Watercressline (Letter to be sent on Monday 24th Sept)

Year 5 – Friday 5th October 2018: Trip to Winchester Science Centre (Letter to be sent on Monday 24th Sept)

Year 5 – Wednesday 17th October 2018: Meeting about the Residential trip planned for 2019

If you have any queries or issues, please don't hesitate to pop in to see one of our lovely admin team in the school office who will be more than happy to help you. Or alternatively please email us at adminoffice@stanmore.hants.sch.uk

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

