



## End of term update

# Stanbridge News

### HT Welcome

I can't believe that a whole term has passed already! It has been so lovely to get to know the children and meet many parents and carers over the past six weeks. Thank you again for your messages of support and the warm welcome I have received. I have spent the term in and out of classrooms, really getting to grips with teaching and learning across the school and making plans for the future. As you are aware, our end of Key Stage 2 results need to improve and we need to act accordingly to ensure that all of our children leave with the expected skills. We have started today during our staff INSET with looking at Maths as a school and redefining what excellent maths teaching and learning looks like. I would like to invite you to a meeting on Thursday 4th April at 5.30pm to showcase my vision for the school in more detail. It would be lovely to see lots of you there. Have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all for term 4.

### PE Clothing

We love to use the outdoors for our P.E. sessions where possible. Please can you ensure your child has outdoor clothing in their P.E. kits. They should have:

- T-shirt, shorts, daps/trainers, jogging bottoms + socks if wearing tights. They can wear their school jumpers.

From term 4 Years 1-6 will get changed for afternoon P.E. sessions before lunch. Please make sure they will be warm enough in their P.E. clothes when outside at lunchtimes.

### New Website

We are excited to share that we have started designing a brand new website which will be easier to navigate. We are hopeful we can launch this in the Summer term.



### Running track update



Excitingly, work will begin on this in the Easter Holidays! We should be up and running by the end of term 5 and we will also have a new all weather area where some of the play

equipment currently is. Big thank you to the PTA for their help with fundraising.

### Changes to afternoon provision

After careful consideration and consulting with all involved, we have made the decision to adapt our afternoon provision from term 4. Children from years 1-6 will now have two sessions of high quality curriculum provision each week (one of these will be P.E.) when their teachers have their PPA time instead of masterclasses. This decision has been made for several reasons:

1. The organisation and structure of these sessions currently is not currently keeping all of our children safe and we cannot restructure them to make it work at this time
2. One of our specialists (Mr Mac—photographer) has been offered another work opportunity and can no longer continue running his classes
3. With this model running weekly, our children are not currently getting through the required content of the national curriculum in other subject areas
4. Outcomes from these sessions are varied

Mud Pies and Mr Jeanes will continue to work with children in school but in a slightly different way. We are looking to develop our enrichment provision from term 6 this year so that children do get these exciting opportunities (and more!) but we just need time to make it work—please do not think that these have been changed in order to stifle children's creativity and do more English and Maths—this is not the case. We are passionate about these opportunities and ensuring an exciting curriculum but it must be of the highest quality and viable in the future.

### Facebook groups

Whilst we appreciate that closed year group Facebook groups have their uses, and that most people using these do so entirely appropriately, please can we remind you that if you have an issue with the school that you come and see us first rather than use these groups to discuss them. Discussing issues you have can sometimes fuel untruths and generate rumours and is not helpful. Thank you for your support with this.

### Term 3 2018/2019

Dates for your diary:

- PTA AGM Friday 1st March 2:30
- Wednesday 6th March Pancake Flip off
- PTA Film night 7th March
- Parents evenings: Thursday 28th March 15:30—19:00
- Tuesday 2nd April—15:30—17:00
- Headteacher vision presentation Thursday 4th April 5.30pm
- Remaining inset days: Friday 24th May & Tuesday 23rd July