



## AIM HIGH AND FLY!

Welcome back to all our families! We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with each of you to grow our school and move forward.

Our new school motto is, 'Aim High and Fly!' This will underpin all our work and is being used daily around the school to set our expectations high.



During our assembly times, we have been learning a song linked to our motto, expertly written by Mr Woods.

This really brings our motto to life!

Each class has worked with their teacher to consider what, 'Aim High and Fly' means to them. They have then worked to design a class charter that follows our two school rules:

- Everyone has the right to feel happy and safe in school.
- Everyone has the right to work without distractions.

These charters have been sent home to every parent/carer in our 'Good Behaviour' booklet. You may like to display the class charter at home.

We have been very proud of all the children and they have settled into the new school year very well.

We look forward to sharing their achievements



throughout the school year. If your child has achieved something outside of school and would like to celebrate, please share this as we would like to recognise this in our celebration assembly every Friday at 2.50pm.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- *W/C 12th September—6A, 6B, 5B swimming every afternoon*
- *W/C 19th September—5A swimming every afternoon*
- *Fri 23rd September, 2.50pm—P.C.S.O Dan Cowley visiting in assembly*
- *Tues 27th September, 7pm—PTA AGM, all welcome*
- *Thurs 29th September, 9—10am—Parents/Carers Coffee morning to meet the new Partner Head Teachers*
- *Thurs 29th September, 5-7pm—Curriculum Governors meeting*
- *Mon 3rd October, 9—9.30am—RA Parents/Carers Phonic Workshop*
- *Tues 4th October, 9—9.30am—RB Parents/Carers Phonic Workshop*
- *Tues 4th October, 1.30pm—Tour for new Reception parents (for cohort Sept 2012)*
- *Fri 7th October—PTA Clothes for a Cause Collection*
- *W/C Mon 10th October—Year 6 Camp*
- *Thurs 20th October, 1—4.30pm—Football Tournament (details to follow)*
- *Mon 12th December, 5.30pm Key Stage 1 Nativity at Christ Church.*

YEARLY CALENDAR WILL BE SENT HOME VERY SOON TO INFORM YOU ALL OF KEY DATES THIS YEAR!

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## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

We are committed to ensuring communication to and from school is effective.

An **OWLS** form is used for parents/carers to tell us **O**: Opportunities of offers of time, resources or expertise to support the work of the school; **W**: What is going well? **L**: Listening ear—share any

concerns or complaints you may have; **S**: Suggestions and ideas. Please see the Reception Office for a form.

Non urgent messages about learning can be written into the Reading Record book and a teacher will respond. For urgent messages that the class teacher will need to know straight away, please either send a note

with your child into school, see the teacher face to face or telephone/pop into the school reception office.

Our monthly newsletter, termly class newsletters, coffee mornings and the school website will also be ways we ensure parents/carers remain well informed about school life.

**DATES FOR 2012 PUPIL INTAKE**

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2012? Come and join us for a tour of the school.

Tuesday 4th October (1.30 - 2.30 pm)

Monday 7th November (9.15 - 10.15am)

Monday 7th November (6.30 - 7.30pm)

**NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED!**

**PARENTS/CARERS COFFEE MORNING**

We would like to warmly invite all parents/carers to a coffee morning to meet the new Partner Head Teachers, Miss Bertham and Mrs Isaac.

They have enjoyed getting to know the children and have met many parents/carers on the playground.

The coffee morning will be held on Thursday 29th September from 9—10am.

There will be future coffee mornings and parent/carer events to ensure we share with you our



progress in developing our school.

**Parents In Partnership (PIP)**

We would also like to establish a 'Parents In Partnership' group to help us consult with parents/carers about school improvement. We would like to find representatives from each



class/year group. If you would like to be a part of our PIP group, please see a member of staff at the school reception office.

**Family Skills**

Do you have a particular talent or skill that you would like to share? We are always keen to involve parents/carers/family members in the life of the school and the children's learning.

Are you creative, an organiser, a scientist, a writer? We want to hear from you! Please let the reception office know if you are able to offer help.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

At the start of a new school year, we would like to remind parents/carers of our School Uniform Policy.

Long hair must be tied back or held off the face using bands in plain school colours – white, royal blue, navy or black.

Jeans and trainers must not be worn in school by any children.

School sweatshirts, cardigans, fleece jackets and caps with the school logo are

available from school and can be ordered using the Uniform Order Form available from the reception foyer. During 2011-2012 we will be moving to an internet ordering system. Further details to follow.

We have been impressed with how smart the children look in their school uniform and feel strongly that this ensures all children feel a part of the Stanbridge school family.

**PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**

There is currently one Parent Governor vacancy at Stanbridge.

A letter and accompanying paperwork has been emailed or sent out to you today.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please complete the nomination form and candidate statement and return it to school no later than Monday 26th September.

OUR NEW SCHOOL MOTTO...  
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**PUPIL MEDICATION**

We have recently had pupils arriving at school with medication which needs to be taken during the day. As a rule we are not able to administer medication except under exceptional circumstances.

If your child needs medication during the school day, please make arrangements for someone to come in to give it to them or, if this is not possible, please contact the Reception office to complete a medication form.

**NOTICES**

**Scooters**

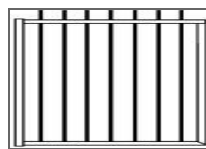
We would like to remind everyone that scooters must be placed in the school bike racks and not brought into school. They are parked at owners risk and children may prefer to bring a lock.

Thank you for your co-operation.



**School Gates**

Security of our school boundaries is of top priority and all staff ensure gates are locked at the start of each day. Please could we also ask parents/carers to be aware of closing gates behind them and using the main school office reception to bring their children in, once the school doors are shut.



**Dinner Money**

Dinner money should be paid in advance by cheque payable to Stanbridge Primary School. Payments can be made weekly, monthly or termly.

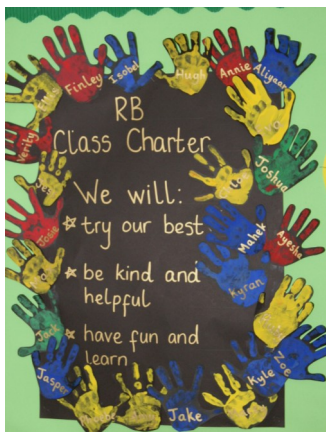
Amounts are as follows:

- 1 meal = £1.70
- 2 meals = £3.40
- 3 meals = £5.10
- 4 meals = £6.80
- 5 meals = £8.50



WELCOME TO THE NEW FOUNDATION CLASSES AND NEW TEACHERS!

We would like to say thank you to all parents/ carers who were able to join us for our coffee mornings on the first two days of term. We enjoyed meeting you and we have been proud of how quickly the children have settled into the Foundation classes



We would also like to welcome Miss Reeve



(Year 2) and Miss Jones (Reception) to the Stanbridge teaching team.

Miss Bertham and Mrs Isaac would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making them feel so welcome. 'The first two weeks with the children, staff and parents have been wonderful and we look forward to working with you all to move forward and build our school for the future.'



We're collecting Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers.

Please send your vouchers in to school with your child or pop them in the internal post box in the entrance foyer.

ROALD DAHL STORIES COME TO LIFE!

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to visit Mangotsfield Secondary School for a morning of fun, celebrating the works of Roald Dahl.

The children enjoyed dressing up and Abby B from Yr 6 won the fancy dress competition!

Literacy work was linked to this experience. Here

is Louise's (Yr 5) opinion of Road Dahl's book, Matilda.

'I like this book because it's very funny. I liked the bit where Matilda puts glue in her Dad's hat and it gets stuck! I like Matilda's Mum because she has a very squeaky voice and she is funny.'



LEAFLETS

VARIOUS NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRANCE FOYER. PLEASE POP IN TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON..

*(THE SCHOOL TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES ADVERTISED ON THESE LEAFLETS)*

NOTICES

Attendance

When a pupil is just starting the school year, or is new to the school whatever the time of year, this is very important as your child needs to settle into their new environment as quickly as possible. With this in mind, the school does not authorise any holiday in term 1.

Sending Money and Letters to School

Please ensure that payments are sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the pupil's name and class, the amount enclosed and what it is for. Please do not combine payments for different things. Your child should normally take it to class to be put in the class box, however payments and other payments can be posted in the white internal parent/pupil post box located in the entrance lobby.

School Car Park

Please can we remind parents that the school car park is not for use by parents throughout the school day.

There is plenty of parking in the surrounding roads but we would like to promote walking to school, so if you have to drive maybe consider parking a little further away and walking the last bit.

Are you a Circus Star?

Did you join the summer reading challenge at the library this year?

Have you finished and collected your certificate and medal? Congratulations if you have, but if you haven't there's still time...

Pop into your library soon to finish - you have until Sunday 18th September!



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## Get in touch



### Contact the school office for:

- Notification of sickness (choose option 1 when phoning)
- To make an appointment with a class teacher
- General school enquiries: trips, uniform, dinner money, lost property, dates



**Telephone: 01454 862000**

Or pop into the lobby at the front of the school to visit the receptionist.

Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy in the mornings between 8.30 and 8.55am, preparing for lessons. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please send a note or make an appointment for the end of the day. For urgent enquiries, please see a member of staff in the reception office, who will be very happy to help. Thank you.

### Have you visited the school website recently? You can find...

- **Past newsletters and handouts**
- **Dates for your diary**
- **School achievements and celebrations**

## PTA UPDATE FROM FRIENDS OF STANBRIDGE

I would like to start by saying a huge "Thank You" to parents, teachers and PTA Committee Members for all their help, support and time spent planning and attending PTA activities last year. Because of this we have managed to fund a significant range of items for the School including the Foundation Sandpit, School Piano amongst many other things. I have had a fantastic time as Chair, and look forward to welcoming in the new Chair, whoever that may be.

Please come along to our **AGM on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm** for drinks and nibbles and to celebrate the achievements of the last year and look ahead to activities planned for this term. We will be looking for a new Chair amongst other roles including a Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity

Officer so if you are interested in any of these roles please do come along or let me know in advance. Letters will be sent home next week.

Unfortunately the art mural which was due to take place this weekend has been postponed and we envisage that it will now take place next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of NFER who are developing a *pupil and parent voice survey panel* giving pupils and parents a chance to have their say on a wide range of educational issues. The PTA will receive **£2 for every household that signs up and you are under no obligation to complete the surveys**. Please see the website for more information and registration [www.nfer.ac.uk/](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/)

[panel](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/). You will need to enter our PTA reference code when you sign up which is: **ZY673**.

Finally, I would like to remind you of Easy fundraising, which is a great way to raise funds for your School by logging in and registering free at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). On top of this, if you search the Internet through [easysearch.org.uk](http://easysearch.org.uk), money is donated to your School every time you search - offering you another great and easy way to raise funds for our School.

Once again thanks to all and look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

**Dates for your Diary –**  
PTA AGM – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 7pm

Clothes for a Cause – 7<sup>th</sup> October  
(bags to School by 9am)

### School Office Opening Hours

**8.45am to 3.30pm  
Mon - Fri**

Closed daily between  
9.15am and 9.45am  
for registration  
procedures



Join us for  
our PTA  
AGM. We  
look forward  
to seeing  
you!

