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TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Friday the 11th of November Stanbridge took part in a Tag Rugby tournament. They had trained very hard for this day.

Stanbridge got off to a great start when Isaac, one of their players, scored a spectacular try! When it came to the second game, they played Blackhorse Primary School, but had to endure a shocker of a Referee! Amazingly Stanbridge won 5-2. Blackhorse did however play very well. Stanbridge were eager to play the next game as they had a bit more experience. The next game was Stanbridge v Park Primary School and Stanbridge sadly lost. Park school defended brilliantly and always made sure a player was available behind them, so that they

could pass to each other. Stanbridge managed to get through to the Wooden Spoon Play offs. They played magnificently and got through to the quarter final, which they won! What a good game! They then faced Barrs court in the Semi final- they clearly had a lot more experience however Stanbridge fought on! Graciously Stanbridge accepted their loss, Barrs Court were the better team, this time!

The players taking part from Stanbridge were Daniel, Isaac, Kenzie, Jorja, Phoebe, Ethan, Edward, Lucy, Nancy, Jake, Tom also James

Everyone played brilliantly, well done!

Reported by Phoebe Newman



FOOD PARCELS



We are planning to collect donations of non-perishable, in date food this Christmas for the East Bristol Food Bank which is a local charity that gives food parcels out to local people in crisis and in need.

Please see the website at:

www.eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk

Local food banks are designed to provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. Last year the UK foodbank network fed over 60,000 people experiencing food poverty.

A letter will be sent home next week with details of suggested items for donation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- *Mon 5th Dec - Schools Assembly Team in school*
- *Tues 6th Dec - 1.30pm Tag Rugby Tournament at Cleve RFC.*
- *Weds 7th Dec - 9.30am - 11.30am, Key Stage 1 Rehearsal at Christ Church*
- *Thurs 8th Dec - School Christmas Dinner*
- *Fri 9th Dec - Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal pm*
- *Mon 12th Dec - 5.20pm, Infant Nativity at Christ Church, Downend*
- *Wed 14th Dec - 6.30pm, Junior Carols by Candlelight*
- *Fri 16th Dec - 2.00pm, Junior Carols by Candlelight*
- *Fri 16th Dec - LAST DAY OF TERM*
- *Tues 3rd Jan - TERM 3 STARTS - Pupils return to school*

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FOOTBALL NEWS

On Thursday the 24th of November the spectacular Stanbridge football team battered Barley Close 8 – 0 in a local schools derby. We played a superb passing game and totally outclassed our rivals. The goals were scored by midfielders Harry S (2), Daniel (2) and strikers

Harry H (1) and Bailey (1). Isaac, our captain, scored two fantastic goals, one of which was a shot from the half way line! The other was struck so hard it broke the net!

Our aim for this season is to win the league. *'Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it*

happen.' – Michael Jordan

Team: Jack Whinham, Luke Bailey, Isaac Staples (captain), Harry Simons, Euan Baker, Daniel Brooks, Harry Haughton and Bailey Sloper.

Report by Euan Baker 6B

Ofsted Inspection

We are looking forward to sharing the results of our recent Ofsted Inspection that took place on Wed 23rd and Thurs 24th November 2011.

A written report is being sent home on Friday 2nd December and extra

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to growing Stanbridge.

Parents in Partnership (PIP)

Our next PIP meeting will take place on Friday 9th December 2011 from 9.00—10.30am.

Our last meeting was very well attended and we have priorities the topics to be discussed at this meeting. We will be focusing on playtimes and lunchtimes and gathering ideas and feedback about how to develop this part of the school day.

We are pleased to announce that we have a Play Leader who will be joining our lunchtime team for one lunchtime per week, to develop play strategies and work with the Lunch Break Supervisor team.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please see your class rep or use an OWLS form.



Reps are listed to the right. Other parents/carers are welcome to join us for the PIP meetings. Our minutes will be published on the school website.

PIP Class Reps

RA: Leonie Pollinger
RB: Sharon Murdoch
1A: Claire Bragg
1B: Sandie Bidwell
2A: Joanne Matthews
2B: Hayley Robbins
3A: Jackie Wetherall-King
3B: Jenny Tucker
4A: Lou Ashton
4B: Helen Strong
4B: Kirsty Poole
5A: Julie Rogers
5B: Jenny Tromans
6A: Claire Buckingham
6B: Sandie Bidwell

NATIVITY WONDERS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

OUR NEW SCHOOL MOTTO... AIM HIGH AND FLY!



We are excited about our Infant and Junior Nativity evenings coming up this month.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be performing the Nativity at Christchurch, Downend on **Monday 12th Dec at 5.20pm**. Every family has been issued 2 tickets each. *(Note date incorrect on tickets - please amend).*

Years 3-6 are hoping for good weather to enable

them to perform their 'Carols by Candlelight' outside. The audience can bring tea lights in jam jars.

Plan B (bad weather) will bring the performance inside. Performances will



take place on Wed 14th Dec, 6.30pm and Fri 16th Dec, 2pm. Every family will be issued two tickets, one for each performance. Please swap your tickets with another family if you cannot make the afternoon/evening.

There will also be an opportunity to swap your tickets at the school office from 3.00pm on Wed 7th and Thurs 8th Dec.

KS1 Evening Post Nativity photo to be printed on **13th December 2011**

NOTICES

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday 8th December

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their forms for booking the Christmas Dinner.

Bookings are now closed.

We're sorry but we are unable to take late requests.

If you have not booked you will need to provide sandwiches on the day.

p.s. There will be no KS2 tuck on this day.

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a Lunch Break Supervisor to join our team at Stanbridge. If you would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Fishlock in the school office.

Tree Planting

We have been given some wonderful tress for our school grounds. Can you help with some digging? Please come to the school office if you can help!



Children in Need

Congratulations to everyone who helped raise money for the children in Need Appeal on Friday 18th November, we are delighted to report that we raised £380.71. Well done to all those who raised money in their individual sponsored events.

OWLS FORM QUESTION AND ANSWERS



Thank you for the OWLS forms we have received in the last few weeks. We have managed to contact some of you on specific issues but thought you would appreciate some general feedback on some questions raised

Q: How do we encourage young children to eat their dinner?

A: The Lunch break Supervisors are very positive with the children and do everything they can to encourage them to finish their dinner. We are currently reviewing our lunchtime arrangements and from feedback from staff and pupils we are likely to be making some changes. We will keep you informed as they happen.

Q: Could we plan an Arts week for the summer term?

A: Our creative team are considering ways to promote all of the arts. We are currently looking at how we can make good cross curricular links and this is likely to be a focus in one of our in-service days. In addition we are planning a Sporting and Cultural Olympiad with the other local schools in the area. More news to follow.

Q: Can we have a cake sale to raise money for school?

A: The PTFA does a fantastic job at raising money and organising events for parents and children. The disco and Christmas shopping evening were a huge success and much fun was had by all. PTFA are always keen to get your suggestions and we will pass this one onto them.

If you have any suggestions or can offer help at any events please let us know.

Q: Could parents meet with teachers or TAs after school to raise any questions or concerns?

A: Yes of course. All KS2 children leave by their classroom doors and Reception and KS1 teachers hand over the children to a responsible adult. Please feel free to catch the teacher at this time for a quick word. It is difficult first thing in the morning but you can leave a message with the adult at the door and the teacher or TA will get back to you. We also have our new drop in sessions following the class assemblies when your child can show you the classroom and their books. We will continue to have our usual parent's evening to discuss progress with you.

Q: My child is complaining that she can't take an unhealthy snack to school like her friends.

A: If children bring a snack to school it should be a healthy option. This is a piece of fruit or a healthy snack bar. We do not allow crisps, chocolate, sweets. Children are encouraged to drink water to keep their brains healthy and active. They should not bring sugared drinks. Stanbridge has Healthy Schools' status.

Please keep the OWLS forms coming in - we welcome your feedback. Thank you also for your kind words and support.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENTS...

We are excited to report that our library plans are developing well. During the Christmas holidays, the area between the two halls will be painted and carpeted.

We feel a new library, that is well resourced, will raise the profile of reading across the school and instill a renewed enthusiasm for books!



We have been grateful for the many parent volunteers who have come forward. We will be holding a library planning meeting on Tuesday 6th December from 9-10am. All volunteers are

welcome to join us.

During this meeting we will start to think about sorting of books, furniture and painted murals.

The meeting will take place in the existing library.



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)

FOS CHRISTMAS EVENT SUCCESS!

Fun was had by all at our Disco and Christmas Shopping evening. Children from all year groups enjoyed dancing the night away and making some Christmas crafts. Over 290 children attended this event.

Grown ups could enjoy a cup of tea and some time to shop at our Christmas market.

We are proud to have such a dedicated team of Stanbridge PTA who worked hard to plan and organise this event.



We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, families, children and staff who helped to make this event a success.

This event raised £570.90!

Scooters

Please be reminded that for the safety of everyone, scooters should not be ridden in the playgrounds. Scooters can be left in our cycle store. We advise that these are locked as it has been reported that there has been an increase in cycle/scooter theft in the area.



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VISIT

WWW.STANBRIDGE.IK.ORG



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**

STOKE LANE TOURNAMENT

Stanbridge 1 - 0 St Barnabus

We started off really well dominating play, Isaac was unlucky with 3 or 4 long range efforts, then Harry S scored the well deserved winner.

Stanbridge 0 - 0 Christchurch

Somehow we never scored even though we dominated play again Bailey was unlucky not to score with two efforts well saved and Harry S coming close.

Stanbridge 4 - 0 St Barnabus

Dan opened the scoring with a brilliant solo effort. Then Ryan E scored twice within minutes to kill them off before Harry got to fourth.

Stanbridge 2 - 2 Christchurch

Dan again opened to scoring after we again started well but then somehow managed to get ourselves into trouble going 2-1 down but Isaac got us out of trouble with the equalizer.

QUARTER FINAL

Stanbridge 1 - 0 St Stevens

Jack saved us with a good save as we pushed on for the winner. Harry H put in some brilliant tackles on their star player marking him out of the game. It looked like the game was going to extra time before Ewan rose above their defence to head in the winner.

SEMI FINAL

Stanbridge 0 - 2 St Michaels

The first time all day we didn't play very well, Luke B put in some brilliant tackles as the last man. Bailey came close to scoring with an effort just wide, before they scored two quick goals.

I don't know how we didn't win the tournament as we were by far the best footballing side there with the best players. Star Man goes to the whole team for the effort they put in. Plus we had the loudest supporters!

Report by Mr Sloper (Manager for the day)

School Office Opening Hours

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

Closed daily between
9.15am and 9.45am
for registration
procedures

