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OUR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Infant Nativity 2011

Our annual infant nativity at Christchurch last month was a great success! The children all sang fantastically well and remembered the many actions to go with the words, which was no mean feat. Every member of the infant team was really proud of them!



The children looked super in their costumes and it made for a very colourful display in the church. I would like to thank again all the staff who worked so hard to prepare the children for the nativity, as well as Mrs. Bird who took costumes home to repair, wash and iron!

The vicar commented afterwards on how clearly our school had depicted the Christmas story – something he particularly appreciated – as well as the high standard of the children’s singing. When you attend an event like our nativity you can see why Stanbridge currently holds the Gold Sing Up award. The memories we store up of our children’s formative years are very special and the infant nativity is a key moment in their young lives, so I hope parents/carers have lots of photos to treasure and to look back on in the years ahead of this exceptional evening.

Christine Cottis



Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

At the end of last term KS2 put on a Carol concert for their parents. Unfortunately the weather wasn’t good enough to do the originally planned Carols by Candlelight outside, but there’s always next year! Each year group learnt their own chosen song and also a selection of traditional Christmas Carols. Every year group sang beautifully and it was a wonderful evening.

Lewis B and Ellie C braved the stage to sing a delightful duet of the first verse of Silent Night.

Thank you parents/carers for taking part in the singing of 12 Days of Christmas, your enthusiasm was fantastic. Especially the Number 6 Ladies!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thurs 12th Jan, 3.45pm Football match against St. Stephens
- Mon 16th Jan, 6-7.15pm—Maths Calculation Parents Open Evening
- Wed 18th Jan, 5-7pm Curriculum Governors meeting
- Thurs 19th Jan, 3.45pm—Football match against St. Augustines
- Tues 24th Jan, 7-9pm—Resources Governors meeting
- Wed 25th Jan, 6-7pm—Ofsted Update Parents Meeting
- Fri 27th Jan (all day) - Jump Rope for Hearts skipping event—details to follow
- Sat 28th Jan, 10am—1pm—Table top sale for Friends of Stanbridge PTA
- Mon 1st Feb, 7-9pm—Full Governing Body meeting
- Thurs 2nd Feb, 3.45pm—Football match against Blackhorse
- Tues 28th Feb, 9.15am Friends of Stanbridge PTA Meeting in After School Club Building—all welcome.

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NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH!

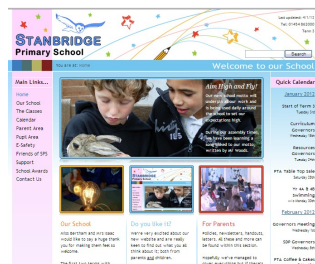
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Have you visited our new website? This launched on Monday 9th January and aims to provide members of our school community with relevant and up to date information about our school.

The site also has class pages where newsletters, pick and mix homework and other exciting information can be found.

There is a quick calendar on the home page so you need never miss a school date again. We also have a parent area where you can find all recent handouts/letters, OWLS forms, PIP and PTA information and much more.

This website will continue to grow over the coming months. As always, we welcome your feedback about this new venture.



We hope this will be a positive promotion of our school!

Donations of Books

As we continue to work on our new library we would welcome any donations of good quality books either fiction or non-fiction to fill the shelves.

If you have having a sort-out, please look out for any books your children have outgrown and consider donating them to our library project.

Many thanks.

PICK AND MIX HOMEWORK FEEDBACK

We have been pleased to receive some feedback about our Pick and Mix homework initiative through our Parents in Partnership (PIP) group and OWLS forms.

We would like to share this feedback with the whole school community and all areas for development have been addressed in this terms' Pick and Mix.

This terms' family learning task was suggested by a parent— play a board game with your family. Write an evaluation of it. Next terms' family challenge suggestion – design and make your own board game with your family.

All classes (except Reception) will have a homework book and if work is being marked, children can bring in work on paper to stick into their homework book.

All other 'even better ifs' have been addressed with the teaching team.

Thank you for your continued support with this initiative.

Strengths	Even better ifs...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There is an improved consistency across the classes in homework setting and tasks. •The activities are varied and cross curricular. •It has inspired children to go above and beyond in their learning at home. •It is creative. •There is an improved consistency in times tables and spellings across the school. •There is more flexibility and choice. •The aim high and fly owl symbol has encouraged children to push themselves and have higher expectations of what they can do at home. •The pick and mix allows children to do homework when they are in the mood and plan around family life. •Spellings/times tables and reading are non negotiable. •Feedback given by the teacher for certain pieces of work is encouraging and helps parents to understand how they need to improve and develop. •Timetables are marked consistently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Marking – issues with handing in the homework book and then waiting for it to be marked. The child needs the book for doing the next bit of homework. •Need to check that ALL classes have homework books. What about times tables/spellings books? Some all in one book, some separate. •Homework Club – this is on a Monday lunchtime, 12.30 – 1.10pm in the computer suite. We need to promote this more across the school. •Spellings/timetables tests (if done in year group) need to be done each week before the next set is given out. •Books need to be sent home with the children promptly once the class teacher has looked at it (and marked if necessary) •Need to consider resourcing of activities. E.g. thermometer. Children can come to computer suite for homework club if they do not have the resources at home. •Spelling lists – where are these from and how often are we giving them out?

SPONSOR A SPORTS KIT

At Stanbridge, we are proud to have so many fantastic sports teams such as girls and boys football, basketball, cricket and rugby.

We are keen to ensure that our teams look the part and demonstrate the high standards and team spirit that we see during practices.

We would like each team to eventually have their

own team kit and we are looking for local businesses to sponsor a kit. On average this costs around £250 for a full team kit (approx £25 per single kit). We would like to know if any parents/carers/family members are linked to a business who may like to sponsor a kit. We would be able to offer promotion through a logo on the kit and a mention in our newsletter

and website.

Please see Mr McGovern if you know of any local businesses who may be interested.



PARENTS' EVENINGS ADVANCE NOTICE WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR NEXT PARENTS' EVENINGS ON TUESDAY 21ST AND THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

NOTICES

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT - 27th January 2012

On Friday 27th Jan all of Stanbridge will be taking part in a Jump Rope for Heart event. Children are allowed to come to school in any sports wear and must be ready to take on the skipping challenges that await. Each class will take part in a class skipping activity and at Lunch time and breaktime there will be some exciting skipping challenges.

We are holding the event to promote awareness of heart disease. The British Heart Foundation works hard every year trying to find new ways of combating heart disease. It can affect anyone including children. This year, rather than gathering sponsorship we would like children to make a donation towards the work of the BHF.

More details to follow.

School Uniform

Details of our school uniform are in the Prospectus which can be viewed on the school's website.

Please can we remind parents that pupils should wear smart flat black shoes and long hair must be tied back or held off the face using bands in plain school colours – white, royal blue, navy or black.

Mobile Phones

For reasons of health and safety, children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school.

Jewellery

Jewellery, including rings and earrings, should not be worn to school as nasty accidents can occur. In the interest of safety, if your child has pierced ears, only **small plain studs** should be worn. Any child, whose earrings cannot be removed for medical reasons, can undertake PE wearing an earring providing the earring is covered by a plaster or tape. (Only stud earrings are acceptable in this case and parents should ensure that the plaster or tape is applied on PE days.) Wrist watches may be worn to school but we cannot accept responsibility for their safekeeping.

FOOTBALL REPORTS



Stanbridge Defeat Kings Forest

On Thursday 1st December, the Stanbridge football team thrashed Kings Forest 14 – 2 with a brilliant team performance. In the first half, Kings Forest held strong for five minutes, but then Stanbridge scored six quick goals. In the second half, Forest scored two goals, but Stanbridge stood tall and netted a further eight!

The goal scorers were: Harry H (4), Daniel B (4), Captain Isaac (3), Euan (2) and Bailey S (1). Jack W, Luke B and Harry S were strong in defense. Also, the managers did a smashing job – nice one Mr Baker and Mr Sloper!

Report by Harry H 6A

Stanbridge Girls Versus St Anne's Girls

On Thursday 15th December, the first EVER stupendous Stanbridge girls football team battled against St Anne's in an evenly contested game. Stanbridge got off to a good start as we had most of the possession and were coming on very strong. Lydia, who was upfront, had a few brilliant shots on target but unfortunately the St Anne's keeper made some great saves.

Minutes before the half time whistle was blown, St Anne's aimed at goal and the ball crept past Stanbridge's goal keeper and rolled into the back of the net. It was unfortunate for Kate, our keeper, as she had made some fantastic saves earlier in the game.

After half time, with the light quickly

fading, Stanbridge were given a corner and Nancy and Casey, both defenders, went up into the St Anne's box in an attempt to score. The ball was floated into the box by our captain, Lucy, but it bounced off Nancy's knee and saved by the keeper who managed to get a hand to it.

As the nail biting game neared its end, St Anne's had a wonderful opportunity to score another goal. However, zooming up behind their striker, like a cheetah, was our star defender Nancy and she managed to clear the ball away.

It was a challenging match for Stanbridge and we lost 1 – 0.

Report by Lucy A (6B)



FOOTBALL REPORT

Stanbridge Girls Versus St Anne's Girls

On Thursday 15th December, the girl's football team had a match against St Anne's. The score was 1 – 0 to them. Casey and Nancy were fantastic in defense and Lydia, Chloe, Dominica and Holly were great midfielders. Lucy was a fab captain and striker. Kate, in goal, saved two shots but unfortunately let one in.

Everybody had a great time. Lydia was so close to make the match a draw but the other

side's keeper was very good. Everybody played with all their hearts and worked harder than ever. The greatest thing about our first match was that we shared teamwork and joy.

We may well have lost, but we were proud to try nevertheless.

Report by Kate M (5A)



101 is the number to call...

From 19th September 2011, 101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than 999.

When should I call 101?

To report less urgent crime or disorder and for general police enquiries. For example:

- If your car has been stolen;
- If your property has been damaged;
- When you suspect drug use or dealing;
- To report a minor traffic collision
- To give the police information about crime in your area; or
- If you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

FRIENDS OF STANBRIDGE NEWS

Please look out for the separate FoS Newsletter coming out next week.

NOTICES

Fixed Penalty Notices to be issued

We have received notification from the Senior Road Safety Officer that he has received a strong complaint from a local resident regarding vehicles of parents causing obstruction to driveways, driving over and parking on footways and causing danger at junctions due to careless parking.

As a result of this the local police and South Gloucestershire Road Safety team's enforcement

officers will be attending the area in order to issue Fixed Penalty Notices or report drivers for summons in relation to parking offences.

In the light of this we would like to stress to parents the dangers that are being caused to your children and in the interests of the welfare of our pupils would stress that due consideration should be given when deciding where to park when dropping off or collecting your child(ren).

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Table Top Sale

Saturday 28 January 2012

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

We will be holding our first ever Table Top Sale at the school on Saturday 28 January to raise funds for our new library

Tables are £5.00 in advance (plus a cake donation)

Entry: Adults 50p, children free Refreshments available

We look forward to welcoming you to our first ever Table Top Sale

If you would like to book a table please contact Vickie or Gemma at the following email address fopta@ymail.com for a booking form and further details



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Get in touch



Contact the school office for:

- Notification of sickness
- 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 _____ in the school 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**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - MORE BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

We always like to encourage children to read at home so we will be sending you the new Scholastic Book Club catalogue to browse through.

Scholastic Book Clubs are a great way Scholastic Book Clubs are a great way for you and your child to choose books together. The leaflets feature a wide range of books for all tastes and abilities so there's something to suit everyone. You'll also notice that every book is discounted with prices starting from **just £1.99** so you can make great savings and help to support our school. We receive **free** books for our classrooms and the library with **every** order placed.

There's never any obligation to order but if you'd like to buy anything there's a **new easy way for you to order**. We've set up an online school group order so that you can visit **www.clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/stanbridge-primary**, add books to our basket and benefit from **FREE P+P** to the school. You'll be able to pay securely online by credit or debit card and the books will arrive in school for me to distribute.

HOW TO ORDER ONLINE
Visit www.clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/stanbridge-primary

Select the books that you'd like to order and add them to your

basket.

Checkout and choose the 'school delivery' option.

If you'd like to buy any books from the Book Club catalogue please complete your online order by **3rd February 2012**. If you'd rather not order online then please just complete the order form and give it to the office with your payment.

We hope that you enjoy browsing through the leaflet and the website – it's a great way to encourage your child to widen their reading experience.

WE ARE CONCERNED!

We have noticed that at the end of the school day whilst adults are talking, children are going out through the Westerleigh Road gates on their own and running down the main road!

In the interests of our pupils' safety **no infant child is allowed out through the gates unaccompanied.**

Please could parents/carers make sure that their child knows this and also be vigilant when collecting their children, keeping an eye on them at all times.

Thank you.

