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Christmas Celebrations

With Christmas looming ever closer, celebrations are well under way here at Stanbridge. The children have been working hard, learning song lyrics and lines, for the annual Christmas performances which, by now, many of you will have seen.

The KS1 performance took on the traditional nativity, with some familiar songs helping to tell the story and build a fabulous Christmas tableau.

In KS2, the children learnt a range of new songs that combined to capture the spirit of the festive season perfectly.

The result was two magical performances that couldn't help but fill us with Christmas spirit. We are very proud of what the children have managed to achieve in such a short space of time.

Our Christmas celebrations have been topped off by our annual Christmas dinner and the whole school trip to Christchurch in Downend. It is such a treat for us all to come together at this time of the year and reflect on the Christian origins of the Christmas festival.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER—LAST DAY OF TERM
- MONDAY 4TH JANUARY—BACK TO SCHOOL
- TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY—Y5/6 PARENTS MEETING FOR SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION (6PM)
- WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY—Y1-4 PARENTS MEETING FOR SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION (2:30PM)
- WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY—BED TIME STORY (5PM KS1, 6PM KS2)
- WEDNESDAY 20TH AND THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY—PARENTS INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT ASSESSMENT (2:30PM, 5PM AND 6PM ON 20TH, 9AM ON 21ST)
- FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY—PIP MEETING
- THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY—PTA DISCO
- FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY—LAST DAY OF TERM
- MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY—INSET
- TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY—BACK TO SCHOOL

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LIGHTS AND ACTION



Did you notice anything different about our Christmas performances? Eagle-eyed observers will have noticed that we have had a brand new lighting system fitted in the hall.

The lighting bars and electrical points were all installed as part of our extensive rewiring project.

The lights will enable us to light more of the children during performances. As they are LEDs, we can generate different colours too!

The new lighting rig compliments our updated sound system, which allows us to make music in the hall, gym and even on the field.

We have also invested in two new radio mics to allow the children to be heard more clearly.

I hope that you noticed the difference to the performances this Christmas.



PTA Success

What a busy term the PTA have had! They kicked off November with a film night where children from across the school enjoyed watching the feature film, Home.

Whilst they enjoyed the show, the children each got to tuck into a little goody bag and a drink.

In December, the PTA then put on their Christmas Fayre. There were lots of stalls selling a range of goods, some had games to play and, of course, there was the fabulous BBQ that kept the hungry masses happy.

A Christmas Fayre wouldn't be the same without an appearance from a very special visitor. Lots of lucky children got to meet Father Christmas and share some of the things that they hope he will bring them on Christmas Eve. We were exceptionally lucky that Father Christmas even agreed to write personal letters to some of the children.

In the hall, following a very festive opening by the school choir, Mr McGovern hosted Stanbridge Has Got Talent. The audience were treated to a range of special skills and unique talents. In the end Hattie

and Ella Smith were crowned champions for 2015 with their wonderful Irish dance routine.

The fayre was very well attended and there was a really lovely atmosphere. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend; it always makes us appreciate what a wonderful and supportive community we have here.

Thank you also to all of the volunteers from the PTA who organised the events. They helped to raise a considerable sum of money which will help to make a real difference to the school.

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Stanbridge, as part of the NEXUS Teaching School Alliance, is one of a growing number of schools leading the way for more school-led teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for the pupils in our local area. We are offering a School Direct course, a school based route which offers a brilliant opportunity if you want to train and learn on the job, which results in QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and a PCGE (Post graduate Certificate of Education). You will have the chance to train in two of

our good or outstanding schools, two of which have SEND resource bases, and you will also benefit from the opportunities of working in a Teaching School Alliance. Our previous trainees were all graded as being good or outstanding and the majority are now employed within NEXUS schools.

We have vacancies now to start training from September 2016 and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We're looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

We'd love you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting teacher training opportunities available. We can also provide you with support and guidance on your application form and offer you school experience if you just want a taster of what teaching could be like. For further information on what becoming a teacher might involve, you can also visit www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching.

Please contact the school office giving your name and contact number indicating you are interested in the School Direct Course if you would like to come in for a chat.

LEAFLETS

VARIOUS NON-SCHOOL ORGANISATION 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

Parking

P As with most schools, parking at the beginning and end of the school day can be frustrating and, on occasions, can pose significant safety risks. We are currently working on a plan to identify some Park and Stride areas away from Stanbridge Road that should allow for safe parking for everyone.

In the meantime can we ask everyone who uses a car to bring children to school to park responsibly, adhere to highway laws and ensure that you consider the safety and wellbeing of all of our children, families and neighbours.

Parent/Carer Communication

DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PARENT COMMUNICATION

We now have a dedicated email address for parent communication as follows:
admin@stanbridgeprimary.org.uk

This email address is for **non-urgent** communication with the school as we cannot guarantee to check it more than once a day.

Please ensure you do not use this email address for personal information about your child or information for the class teacher that may be needed on the same day. Please put this in a letter for your child to hand to the teacher, or see the class teacher at the end of the day.

If you have a query or wish to notify us of something such as a forthcoming pupil absence (not on the day) you can now email us at the admin address

Our Facebook page and school website contains up to date information and school news and is a good point of reference to check dates and see what has been going on at the school.

INSET DAYS

2015-2016 Inset Days

Monday 15th February 2016

Thursday 24th March 2016

Friday 1st July 2016



Term Dates

Last day of term 2—Friday 18th December

First day of term 3—Monday 4th January 2016

Last day of term 3—Friday 5th February 2016



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Get in touch



Contact the school office for:

- Notification of sickness (telephone and choose option 1)
- To make an appointment with a class teacher
- General school enquiries: trips, uniform, dinner money, dates etc.

Telephone: 01454 862000

Email: admin@stanbridgeprimary.org.uk

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...

- **Letters, newsletters and hand-outs**
- **Dates for your diary**
- **School achievements and celebrations**

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

You may remember in the last newsletter, that we told you about the exciting visit by two Chinese teachers from Number 11 Primary School, Liupanshui, China. This is part of an international link that we have formed with the school. Last academic year, Mrs Minter visited them and this term we played the role of host.



The two teachers had a lovely time with us. They visited classrooms and spent time

finding out about the sort of things that we do in lessons.

They found that our style of teaching was very different to that used in their school.

As well as the academic side of school life, they wanted to get a feel for all of the other things that we offer here. They especially liked our masterclasses.

Football is a huge sport in China, the President has already vowed to win the World Cup in a few years



time! We therefore took them to watch our school team play Blackhorse. Whilst the result wasn't the finest, our visitors thoroughly enjoyed watching the game.

Children in Year 4 have been writing special letters to Number 11 School wishing the staff and children a merry Christmas and a happy new year. They have really enjoyed learning and recreating the special symbols used by the Chinese.

School Office Opening Hours

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

Closed daily between
9.15am and 9.45am
for registration
procedures

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost an item of their property they are encouraged to look and find it themselves.

If you wish to help your child find their missing items, lost property boxes can now be found on the playground by the small door to the main hall (KS1) and by the gym doors (KS2).