



STANBRIDGE NEWS

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401 Marathons and a Colour Run!

On 18th Sept several of Stanbridge Flyers running club took part in the 401 Challenge - a marathon running event organised by Ben Smith who is attempting to run 401 marathons in 401 days... and this day was his 384th!! Following this, many took part in the Colour Run event on the school grounds which was organised by our PTA.



Approximately 150 children, parents, family members and staff had lots of fun taking part in this special event, raising money for our school and St. Peter's Hospice. This event raised approximately £700! You can see a short film of our fitness and fun event on our Stanbridge TV webpage here: http://www.stanbridgeprimary.co.uk/401_challenge_1617.m4v

Get fit with The Stanbridge Flyers!

If you would like to join our FREE adult running club, Stanbridge Flyers, come along to the school car park on Wednesdays 6-7pm. All abilities welcome. This is a fun, supportive group and the numbers keep growing. What better way to get fit, for free?

We are also running a Coach to 5K group on a Tuesday evening, 6pm (4 more weeks left if you would like to join).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- W/C 10TH OCT—YEAR 6 ON CAMP
- WED 19TH OCT, 6PM — EYFS SEPT 2017 INTAKE OPEN EVENING
- W/C MON 24TH OCT—HALF TERM
- MON 31ST OCT—FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
- TUES 15TH NOV, 3.30PM—PTA FILM NIGHT
- THURS 17TH & TUES 22ND NOV, 1.30—7PM—PARENT LEARNING MEETINGS
- W/C 28TH OCT—PTA ELFRIDGES PRESENT WRAPPING SHOP OPEN
- TUES 6TH DEC, 5.30PM & THURS 8TH DEC, 2PM—YEAR 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
- WED 7TH DEC—SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- WED 14TH DEC—VISIT TO CHISTCHURCH CHURCH, DOWNEND
- THURS 8TH DEC, 5.30PM AND FRI 9TH DEC, 2PM—EYFS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES
- MON 12TH DEC, 6PM, TUES 13TH DEC, 2PM, WED 14TH DEC, 6PM—KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES
- FRI 16TH DEC—LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Huge Thank You Afternoon Tea!

We were thrilled to welcome lots of volunteers to our school for afternoon tea on Friday 7th November.

Anyone who volunteers at our school makes a big difference to every child's learning and staff at our school are so grateful for the additional help. Volunteers assist with reading, art and

craft activities, practical activities and much more.

We were pleased to be able to say a huge 'thank you' to them and our Year 6 children did a grand job at hosting

this event with Mr McGovern. The children even made a thank you film for Stanbridge TV!

If you are keen to help out in school this year, please see your child's class teacher.



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Sing Up Gold!

We are proud to let you know that we are a GOLD Sing Up school! As you know, we love to sing at Stanbridge. Our Glee/ Drama club now has 60 members and we are working on harmonies and singing in a round during our assemblies. We look forward to more performances in the coming year.



Cakes, Bakes and Tea for Macmillan

Our annual Macmillan coffee afternoon was another big success. This event has grown over the years and we have been so impressed with the support from our school community. The office was flooded with cakes and bakes and people rushed to the gym to buy cakes and have a cup of tea.



The event raised a whopping £594.50.

We know the work of Macmillan Cancer Support makes such a difference to so many families. Many of you will know someone who is

battling cancer and charities like Macmillan help to make the lives of those families a little easier during the most difficult times. Nationally the charity has made



£5,533,661.84! We are so pleased that we were able to be a part of this special event. Thank you for all your support and donations.

This event couldn't take place without the hard work and dedication of Mrs Fishlock, Mrs Amos, Mrs Brooks and a host of parents.



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Absences
 Our School Policy (in line with the majority of schools in South Glos) is that no holidays will be authorised in term time. If a parent decides to take their child out of school without authorisation, this may result in a Penalty Notice fine being issued by the Local Authority. The fine is £60 (per parent, per child). E.g. A two parent family taking 2 children out of school for an unauthorised holiday would be liable for a total of £240 if paid within 21 days or £480 between 21 and 28 days. Absence requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. This request must be put in writing as a letter to the Head Teacher, at least 2 weeks before, fully explaining the reason for the request.
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Life Education Bus Wonders

Another year, another exciting learning programme aboard the Life Education Bus. Children from every class were excited to get stuck into their learning about healthy lifestyles and learn more about how to look after our bodies and keep fit. Gerald the Giraffe was there to greet the children and help them to learn about this

topic.

A parent session was also held to share more information about what the

children learn whilst visiting the mobile classroom.

This learning builds on our Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) programme. Topics included medicines, how our bodies work, healthy eating and keeping safe.



NOTICES & REQUESTS

Downend Library Reading Club

For 7-11 year olds

Meet monthly at Downend Library, Thursdays 5.00—6.00pm

For more details, please ask a member of staff at the library or get in touch.

01454 868006

downend.library@southglos.gov.uk

www.southglos.gov.uk/
 childrenslibrary



ONLINE CLUB BOOKING

Our club online booking system is now available through our School Gateway using your phone or computer. We ask that you only book your child onto two clubs in a year, to enable all children to have an opportunity to take part.

Please contact the office if you do not have access to the School Gateway and we will be able to assist you in booking.

ONLINE PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

We can now take ONLINE payments via the **School Gateway** which can be accessed via your smart phone or computer.

Use this link: login.schoolgateway.com or go to the school's website www.stanbridgeprimary.org.uk and click the **School Gateway** icon at the top of the main page.

Other payments should be sent via your child in a clearly marked envelope. No combined payments please.
 Thank you

Are you interested in getting into teaching?

Stanbridge, as part of the NEXUS Teaching School Alliance, is one of a growing number of schools leading the way in teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent, help develop them into outstanding teachers and deliver the best possible outcomes for our children. We are offering two School Direct courses – salaried and unsalaried – both school based routes which are a brilliant opportunity if you want to train on the job. 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 good or outstanding and the



majority are now employed within our NEXUS schools. We have vacancies for September 2017 and we'd love to hear from you if you're

thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We're looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, a passion for teaching and who want to inspire the next generation.

Come along to one of our information sessions at Mangotsfield CE Primary on 20th October at 10.00am or 3rd November at 5.30pm to find out more. For further information on our courses and getting into teaching, visit www.nexustsa.org.uk/Services/School-Direct-ITT/

Pupil Leader Jobs!

We have had an overwhelming response to our job adverts for pupil leaders! Miss Bertham received so many wonderful letters from pupils, explaining why they have the skills required to be a good leader at our school.

Taking on the role of a pupil leader is a big responsibility and these teams need to be good role models, well organised, able to support others and good communicators.

The children were very excited to receive their job offer letters this week!



We now have 11 pupil leadership teams at our school including reading buddies, perfect prefects,

school councillors, eco warriors, e-safety squad, digital leaders, house/vice captains, justice councillors, playtime buddies, sports crew and peer mediators.

Our pupil leaders were so proud to be selected and we look forward to sharing more information with you about their work over the coming year.

This experience will also prepare them for the world of work when they are older.

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

School Anti Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school or school grounds under any circumstances.

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes are battery powered products that release a visible vapour that contains nicotine that is inhaled by the smoker.

Although they do not produce smoke, the use of e-cigarettes could annoy others. The No Smoking policy applies to the use of electronic cigarettes.

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.

We ask that you do not email class teachers or Head Teacher directly, but use this central email address.

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
2016-2017

Monday 20th
February 2017

Friday 26th May
2017



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

VISIT

WWW.STANBRIDGEPRIMARY.CO.UK



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**

School Office Opening Hours

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

Closed daily between
9.15am and 9.45am for
registration procedures

NOTICES

Lost Property

Our lost property is now stored in the playground outside the hall and gym.

EYFS and KS1 lost property store can be found outside the hall (near EYFS classrooms) and KS2 lost property store is located outside of the gym double doors.

Please make sure you name every item of your child's belongings as it makes it much easier to return lost items.



Winter Weather—Be Prepared!

During the winter months we ensure children get fresh air and exercise and children will be outside during the school day. Please make sure your child is well prepared in the colder weather, with a hat, scarf and gloves.



A warm/waterproof coat should also be provided (named).

Diary Dates

Please make a note of all the important dates coming up next term. It is a busy one! All dates are updated on our website and our Stanbridge Facebook page also provides regular reminders and information about school events.

Please also make sure your mobile number is up to date at the school office so that you can receive information via text message and our school gateway.

