



STANBRIDGE NEWS

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Outdoor Adventures in Bude on our Year 6 camp

Diary Entry 1: 09.10.17

After we arrived at the Outdoor Adventure centre, the children settled themselves into their rooms and prepared themselves for their first activities. A group of children peeled on wetsuits for body boarding, others modelled helmets in preparation for their 80ft abseil and the remainder worked on their team building skills through a variety of fun activities.

Dinner was greatly welcomed before our night-time activities began: A torch lit walk across the coastal path and a variety of games to decide who made the championing super team.

We are all looking forward to what the next day can offer us...



Diary Entry 2: 10.10.17

Waking up hearing the sound of roaring waves was a thrill for Year 6 as they began to get geared up ready for their next lot of activities. For some it was body boarding, abseiling for others and a spot

of canoeing for the rest. The waves were strong but that only meant there were more waves to catch!

Some were made to walk the plank from the Canoes into the canal after a competitive game aboard whilst others descended the coastal cliff drop onto Widemouth bay. After now having filled up on spaghetti bolognese and chocolate cake the children are getting excited for their night-time activities ahead.



Diary Entry 3: 11.10.17

The grey clouds rolled in and the heavens opened above Widemouth Bay this morning. Groups were beaten by the south westerly winds as they attempted to kayak and canoe up the canal. Surfers were hit with sheets of rain as they attempted to try their hands at surfing, but found themselves enjoying the thrill of body boarding instead and wet weather archery and beach art was a real test on the childrens stamina.

Thankfully, a warming roast chicken dinner followed by chocolate profiteroles helped to warm us all back up as the sun shone before it set!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- W/C MON 9TH OCT—YR 6 CAMP
- MON 16TH NOV—DIWALI WORKSHOPS FOR YR 3,4,5
- TUES 17TH OCT—FOOTBALL CUP MATCH AT PARKWALL PRIMARY
- THURS 19TH OCT, 5-6.30PM—PTA DISCO
- FRI 20TH OCT—INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
- MON 30TH OCT—FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
- W/C 30TH OCT—BOOK FAIR VISITING SCHOOL
- TUES 31ST OCT/FRI 3RD NOV—YEAR 4 BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1 COURSE
- WED 8TH/TUES 14TH NOV, 1.30—7PM—PARENT LEARNING MEETINGS
- FRI 10TH NOV—DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL
- FRI 17TH NOV—CHILDREN IN NEED DAY—WEAR SPOTS!
- SAT 18TH NOV, 11AM—2PM—CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year we are holding a Christmas shoebox appeal and it is a great opportunity for your child to make a special gift box for those families in need this Christmas.

We ask people to fill a Shoebox for a family – not just a child. Our list contains items for all family members and includes items such as shower gel & shampoo, family games, stationary items, gift for mum and dad as well as sweets, soft toys, hats, scarves etc.

The Family Shoeboxes of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.

Due to the number of elderly people that are now being left alone due to their families leaving to work away,

there is now also an Elderly Shoebox Appeal. The boxes are similar however the children's games and education materials are replaced with a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc. Boxes get sent to Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine.

A leaflet and letter has been sent home with more information. Please send your shoebox in by 10th November at the latest.



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Hooray for Homework!

We have been so impressed with our pupils' attitude towards home learning. This makes such a difference to each child's progress and they are so proud to come into school and share what they have been learning. This term, Neeti in Year 4 led an assembly all about the Hindu festival of Navratri using a



magnificent powerpoint presentation.

Children in Year 3 have wowed us with biome creations and we have seen some fantastic Big Maths and spellings practice in Key Stage 1!

Miss Bertham has a 'wall of fame' and children who come to visit have their photo put up on the wall along

with a shiny gold Head Teacher's sticker.

Thank you grown ups for all your support in helping your child to learn at home. Daily reading, spelling and number practice helps to build your child's confidence in lessons and reinforces the learning that they do at school.



Pupils lead the way! Leadership jobs filled!

We have had another fantastic response to our Pupil Leader job advert! 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 term!



Our leadership teams include reading buddies, perfect prefects, school councillors, eco warriors, e-safety squad, digital leaders, house/vice captains, 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 2017-2018

- Fri 20th Oct 2017
- Mon 18th Dec 2017
- Tues 2nd Jan 2018
- Fri 25th May 2018





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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**

School Office Opening Hours

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

Closed daily between
9.15am and 9.45am for
registration procedures

PTA NEWS

There are some exciting plans underway this year for the PTA. We received some excellent feedback from our survey with 86% of respondents telling us that the events are good or excellent. Here are some comments that reflect the hard work that the PTA put into creating the events...

- "The variety & quality of events was well worth the money"
- "I have been so impressed with how many good events are run in the year"
- "I feel that the PTA work extremely hard.....Thank you for working so hard to support our children and allow them to have some great memories of school."



A fantastic year of fundraising

We hosted over 10 events this year with highlights being the Colour Run, It's a Knockout and the annual discos and film nights. We also hosted free Splash Parties on the field after school and this was a really fun school community event. The PTA have raised over £7,000 this year. We are now focusing on raising funds for all weather surfacing around our play equipment on the field.

We are proud to have been published in the PTA+ magazine. Our Colour Run event was recognised as an exciting way to raise money and



other schools have been in touch to find out more for their school.

Upcoming Events:

Our disco is taking place on Thursday 19th October, 5-6.30pm. Tickets are on sale now! Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 18th November, 11am—2pm and promises to be a fun filled day with Santa's Grotto, raffle, stalls, games and more! The PTA are also helping to organise our Children in Need cake sale that will be taking place on Friday 17th November at 2.30pm.

