



# School Newsletter

Our vision is:

To encourage and support thoughtful, happy and responsible children with a lifelong passion for learning, within a Christian community.

Forgiveness    Thankfulness    Fellowship    Compassion

## December Edition 2016

### January

Tues 3rd First day of the Spring Term.  
 Wed 4th Year 4 swimming starts.  
 Fri 6th Termly letters to parents.  
 Fri 13th Alive and Kicking starts in Y5 for 10 weeks.  
 Wed 18th FACT Assembly.  
 Thurs 19th Census Day and special lunch.  
 Mon 23rd Look at me Learn in Reception this week.  
 Wed 25th 9am SLT Coffee Morning.  
 Mon 30th 9am whole school worship.

### February

Tues 7th Safer Internet Day, Parents' Evening.  
 Wed 8th Parent's Evening.  
 Thurs 9th Break up for half term at 3/3.10pm.  
 Fri 10th Inset Day.  
 Mon 20th First day of the second half term.  
 Fri 24th Termly letter to Parents.  
 Mon 27th Fairtrade fortnight.

### March

Mon 6th Stay and Play in Nursery this week.  
 Mon 13th 9am whole school worship for parents.  
 Tues 14th Full Governing Body.  
 Wed 15th Year 4 swimming ends, FACT assembly.  
 Thus 16th 9am SLT Coffee Morning.  
 Mon 20th BLP week  
 Mon 27th Y1 Easter concert at 9.15am.  
 Wed 29th Spelthorne Music Festival rehearsal AM and Concert 7pm.  
 Thurs 30th Spelthorne Music Festival Concert 7pm.  
 Fri 31st Last day of the Spring Term, finish at 1.15pm.

### April

Tues 18th First Day of Summer Term.

## Headteacher's News

Merry Christmas! This is the final newsletter of this term and what a term it has been. This month we have had 8 performances of Christmas Shows, the grand opening of our pond area, a fabulous Christmas Fayre and the open afternoon. Our Library is finished and will open formally in January and all remedial works have been completed on the new classroom.

As the end of term arrives we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff. As a result of a falling budget we had needed to restructure our staffing and our midday supervisors will leave us along with Mrs Ross, who works in the office. We also saw Mrs Clarke and Mrs Cogbill leave and Mrs Buckmaster will also be leaving.

We wish them all well as they move onto other jobs and opportunities. We also say goodbye to Miss Scott who was covering maternity leave for Miss Wassall. We have a replacement who is Mr Shaw. Mr Shaw will be with us until at least the end of the academic year. Miss Wassall has had her baby, a baby girl called Lillian.

I would like to thank you all for your support for the staff and the school this term. I would like to thank the staff who have worked hard all term and have given numerous additional hours to ensure your child reaches their potential. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! God Bless!

Mr. Franklyn, Headteacher

## The Christmas Dinner

All the children really enjoyed the Christmas Dinner this year held on Wednesday 14th December. A big thank you to all the kitchen staff who cooked the festive meal, and another thank you to all the staff whom helped serve the children. It was a fun time had by all!

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 14th December it was National Christmas Jumper Day. Everyone at Stanwell Fields wore their festive jumpers and looked really good.

## Year 1 Acting Lesson

On Thursday 15th December, Year 1 had Dame Dotty come in to see them to talk about Pantomimes. Year 1 got to ask questions about Pantomime and then had a go at acting out their own short performances in groups.



## Visitors' comments

Pyramid Productions visited the school on Thursday 15th December and performed the Peter Pan Pantomime for the whole school. The three main actors in the pantomime made the following comment about the school: "We had a lovely time here performing for the children whom were all well behaved and really enjoyed the pantomime! They are all little stars!" Katie, Benedict and Ruby from Pyramid Productions.

## Prayer for Christmas Day



Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

### Reminders

It has been noticed that bad language is being used in the playground when parents are collecting or dropping off children. This is becoming an increasing problem. Parents please do not use inappropriate bad language, we are trying to set a good example to our children.

Please remember to ensure your children are wearing the correct colours for school uniform, which are dark grey skirts or trousers, or blue checked dresses. Not black. Also, please note that girls hairbands or bows etc. must be blue, black, white or grey. The bows must not be too big.

It has been noticed that children are not always wearing the permitted school shoes so please note that both boys and girls must wear sensible school shoes with low heels; and must not wear trainers.

### Lateness

We still have a considerable number of pupils arriving late. Pupil's lateness hinders their education and learning, it also causes disruption to the class. Please do make an effort to ensure your children arrive on time. This is paramount to their success in the future.

### Contacting us

The main office is open from 8.30 am to 4pm. Our answer machine will be on outside of these times. A message can be left on 01784 258082. You can also email: [info@stanwellfields.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stanwellfields.surrey.sch.uk) to pass on letters and notes. If you are interested in finding out information about the breakfast and afterschool club then please call **Angela on 07759 757685**.

## Rocksteady Concert

We were treated to a show by our amazingly talented rock steady students this month. We got to see each child play in their band and we rocked along with them. It's great to see how far they have come since starting.

## Pond Opening

The newly constructed pond had its grand opening this month. A big thank you to The Lord Knivett Trust, Councillor Robert Evans, FOSF, and Greggs Project who all kindly donated towards the costs of the pond. Both Emma Campbell from Babcock, who designed the Pond, and Simon from Kew Landscaping, who constructed the Pond came along to the Pond opening, along with members of the companies that donated monies. This is an ecological area which all the children will benefit from as part of their nature observation studies.



## Christmas Concerts

Each year group here at Stanwell Fields performed and sang in their Christmas Concerts to parents. A lot of hard work went into the production of these and on the days they were a success. Well done to all staff and pupils!

## Year 6 Christmas Carol Singing

This month Year 6 visited Churchview Care Home and sang Christmas carols to the residents. The Year 6 pupils enjoyed this trip to Churchview and the residents enjoyed their choice of songs.

## Peter Pan Pantomime

On Thursday 15th December Pyramid Productions visited Stanwell Fields, and performed a marvellous pantomime for the whole school. A big thank you to all the actors and actresses. The children really enjoyed watching the show!

## Year 2 WOW Day

We enjoyed a festive, fun and messy snowman themed WOW day in Y2 on Monday. The children came to school dressed as snowmen then spent the afternoon on different activities: Making a sock snowman, making a melted snowman biscuit, designing a special snowman card and snowman finger painting! A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came in to help us!



## FOSF Update

The Friends of Stanwell Fields would like to say a very big thank you to everyone that came along to our first Christmas fair this month. We were thrilled with the support you all showed by coming along. We are very excited to share with you that we raised over £1300 profit from the fair in an hour and a half! We also ran a chocolate tombola and refreshments stall at the school open afternoon and raised £238! We are spending the money raised from the fair and the open afternoon on the children's Christmas disco to pay for the DJ and for wet play items for every class for the wet and cold January and February months. We are already busy planning 2017 with disco's, teddy bear picnic (for nursery and reception), summer fair and much more. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and new year. Many Thanks, Friends of Stanwell Fields.

## Year 6 WOW Day

On Monday morning, Year 6 and their parents and carers took part in a Chinese Celebration as part of their WOW Day. Year 6 had been learning about Ancient China and Modern day China throughout the term. All the children had prepared a Powerpoint presentation, showing things that they had either learnt during the term in school or during their Home Learning. The animation skills of the children, shown on the Powerpoint presentations, were particularly impressive. Following this, we all then had an opportunity to try some Chinese food and Jasmine tea.

## External activities / notices:

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# CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOL

Date: Thursday 22nd December - Friday 23rd December 2016  
Time: 09:30am-3:00pm  
Age: 5-13

From **£30**

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