



Stanton Drew Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023



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Bank Holidays

Please note – the school will be closed on
Monday 1st and Monday 8th May for
bank holidays.

Meerkats Class

As you know, today is Mrs Abbott's final day at Stanton Drew – we all wish her the very best in her new post at Chew Magna Primary School. Miss Hariett Pestell takes the post in September 23 and we have already arranged some days for her to come into school and meet the children, staff and parents. The arrangements for the rest of this year have now been finalised - see the table below. We welcome Kirsty, Abigail and Wendy to our school; Mrs Parsons, Mrs Bryant and Mrs Allwood will continue to provide additional support in Meerkats class as usual. I am sorry that we could not find a full-time teacher to take over; Mrs Tucker (English lead), Mrs Lambert (maths lead), Mr Marriott and myself will all be providing support to the Meerkats team to make the transition period as smooth as possible.

All the teachers have very good references as well as experience of working with YR, Y1 and Y2 children in a mixed-age setting.

w/c 1 st May	Bank holiday on 1/5 Strike Action day Wednesday – Miss Kirsty Scott	Thurs – Mrs Beccy Blight Fri – Mrs Beccy Blight
w/c 8 th May	Bank holiday on 8/5 Tuesday & Wednesday – Miss Kirsty Scott	Thursday and Friday – Miss Abigail Mead
w/c 15 th May (to Friday 30 th June)	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Miss Kirsty Scott	Thursday and Friday – Miss Abigail Mead
w/c 3 rd July (to Friday 21 st July)	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Miss Kirsty Scott	Thursday and Friday – Miss Wendy Straughton

Year 2 Badger Watch

Last night, the Year 2s went to Folly Farm for our badger watch trip. We had great fun doing a nocturnal animal trail, also trying to name the plants, trees and flowers that we have been learning about in Science. We then played a game learning about how bats locate their food.

After our packed tea we dissected owl pellets and found which animals they had eaten for their tea! Ours was a vole. Sadly, we didn't see any badgers and we got absolutely soaked! Molly lost her glasses but luckily, in the pitch black, we found them again back up in the woods!



Meerkats – Folly Farm

Meerkats had a wonderful time at Folly Farm before Easter. We went on a fabulous nature trail in small groups, reading all the clues and finding the answers. We also had to make a habitat which had to have air, water, shelter and food. Luckily, we managed to have a picnic outside, however not long after the rain came and we got absolutely soaked!! Finally, we got to make pictures using bright and colourful plants and flowers. A lovely day!



King Charles III Coronation Celebration

As part of the nation's celebrations over the weekend, we would like the children to wear red, white and blue on Friday 5th May. We will have an in-school assembly to mark the occasion and then finish the day with a cake sale that the PTA have kindly offered to organise.



RNLI Assembly

Last Wednesday, we had a visit from a representative of the RNLI who spoke to the children about their work and how they help people in need.



Chinchillas – Stanton Court visit

We visited Stanton Court and decorated some flower pots with the residents ready for some spring flowers!



Open School

Our next Open School day session is Monday 22nd May at 2.45pm. Similar to the last time, please do come in and chat to the children about their work/progress in their classrooms; gates will open at 2.40pm. (Children will be in their classes until the usual finish time of 3.15pm and will be dismissed as usual).

Liquid Nitrogen Science assembly

On Monday morning, Year 5 travelled to Bishop Sutton Primary and enjoyed a liquid nitrogen science show that was performed by Year 10 students from Badminton School. The children said it was amazing, inspiring, really cool, fascinating and epic!



Bank match funding

Several banks match fund events in schools. If there are any parents who work for a bank that match fund events for charity, we would love to hear from you!

Annual Parent Survey

Every year we ask parents/carers to complete a survey about their child / children's experience at school. This takes place across all the schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, and gives us really valuable information about your views and helps the school to further support students in future. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 12th May. Please do so by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/e4mTFwDJim>

Many thanks for taking the time to give your feedback, it is really appreciated. Please note, the form will automatically close at 12 noon on Friday 12th May.

Richard Jones Foundation

We recently received the good news that the Richard Jones Foundation has supported £2000 funding for the Federation to buy a new Science scheme of work, as well as some science playground resources and some Design Technology resources and tools. We are very grateful for their generous support. The trustees of the Foundation meet twice a year and are currently looking for an additional trustee to join them - preferably from the Stanton Drew or Bishop Sutton areas. If you are interested in supporting their work as a volunteer, please email the clerk at:

peter.h.godfrey@googlemail.com

It would be great to have school representation on the board of Trustees to consider any Federation applications for resources!

We have also heard the PPSCT (Publow, Pensford and the Stantons Community Trust) have agreed £1800 worth of funding to make further improvements to the outside playground areas. Watch this space!

Diary dates

Tues 2nd May – Strike action – school closed – all classes

Tues 9th May – Frid 12th May – Year 6 SATs

Wed 10th May – Year 3 and 4 athletics festival – letters have been emailed home

Thurs 11th May – Meerkats Tobogganing, Mendip Activity Centre

Frid 12th May – Year 6 water fight to celebrate the end of SATs!

Tues 16th May – Year 2 striking and fielding event – details to follow

Thurs 18th May – Year 3 and 4 frisbee golf, Mendip Activity Centre

Mon 22nd May – Open School – see above

Tues 23rd May – Class and leavers photographs


Wed 24th May – Frid 26th May – Year 5 residential visit to Charterhouse

Frid 26th May – End of term

Certificates

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude, great behaviour or good manners etc) in the latest celebration assemblies:



Meerkats	Chinchillas	Lemurs	Leaves 	
The whole class!	Harvey	Matilda	Jack	Henderson
Marcie	Henderson	Libby	Ted	
Elodie	Ellis	Magnus	Olivia	
	Autumn		Marcie	
	Ella		Molly	

Note: the records are made by Year 6 children, so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2022-23
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023
Easter Holiday	Monday 03 April 2023 – Friday 14 April 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 26 May 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 May 2023 – Friday 2 June
Inset Day	Monday 5 June 2023
Term 6	Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2023-24
Inset Day	Friday 1 st September 2023
Inset Day	Monday 4 th September 2023
Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Inset Day	Friday 20 th October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17 th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19 th February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 th February 2024 – Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

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Friends update



Pre-loved uniform – donations needed!



Our pre-loved uniform stock is running low, particularly PE kit and uniform in larger sizes. If you have any of the following items, can you drop them to the school office:

- PE kit – particularly PE tops
- School polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans for ages 9, 10 and 11

Our next pre-loved uniform sale will be held after school in the playground on **Friday 12th May**. There is no set price for the uniform, just donate what you can.

King Charles - Coronation Project

Thanks to everyone that ordered the coronation artwork, we managed to raise £63.95. The designs looked lovely and will be a cute memento for you to look back on in years to come.

New date for the Spring Fair

Please note that the Spring Fair has been moved from Saturday 17th June to **Saturday 24th June**. It will still be held in the village hall. We'll need volunteers on the day to help run the stalls, we'll also need prizes for the tombola, raffle, chocolate for the Chocolotto stall. More details to follow!

Save the date!



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We have the following events booked, please save the date:

Friday 12th May – Pre-loved uniform sale after school, in the school playground

Monday 12th June – Clothes collection, 9am from outside of the school

Saturday 24th June (~~17th~~ **NEW DATE!**) – 2.00-4.00pm - School Spring Fair, Stanton Drew Village Hall

Facebook groups

Keep up to date with events and updates by following the **Stanton Drew Primary School Parents & Carers** page and **Stanton Drew Primary School Friend Association** page on Facebook. The Friends post when a new event has been booked so make sure you follow both pages. 😊



Stanton Drew Primary School Friend Association



Stanton Drew Primary School Parents & Carers

School Lottery

If you haven't signed up already then **please go online, sign up to the lottery and purchase your lottery tickets!** Please ask friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues to sign up.

Go to: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stanton-drew-primary-school>

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for the school every week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot. There is no commitment to stay in the lottery and players can choose to leave at any time.

The draw takes place every Saturday, winners will be notified via email. Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT! There is also a winner picked at random to win the weekly raffle prize, which means there is a guaranteed winner for the school every week, so far winners have won between £8 and £20. The more people that buy tickets, the bigger the raffle prize winnings pot. All winnings will be paid directly into your bank account.

If you already have an account then please check to see that you have purchased tickets for future draws, we would hate for anyone to miss out. 😊

Easy Fundraising

Please sign up to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to get a free donation for the school every time you shop online....

Thank you

The Friends



Valley Arts presents Nature Camera Action with Doug Allan

Saturday 13th May 2023 – 7.30pm, Ubley Parish Hall

Join us for another fascinating evening of adventures and insights from award winning wildlife and documentary camera man Doug Allen.

Doug has filmed for series such as Blue Planet, Planet Earth, Human Planet and Frozen Planet and given hundreds of presentations about our changing planet and how best to deal with the challenges it's facing.

For tickets please visit www.valleyartscentre.co.uk

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Tickets from
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