



Stanton Drew Newsletter

Thursday 8th December 2022

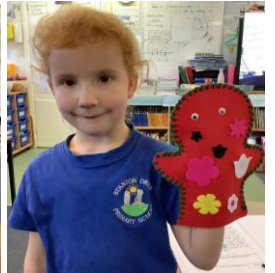


14 Dec – Molly C
16 Dec – Isabella E
18 Dec – Oscar
21 Dec – Maddie
24 Dec – Rory
4 Jan – Emmeline



Meerkats

Children in Meerkats have been learning Design and Technology, and have been practising their sewing skills - over stitch and running stitch. Here are the end results! Thank you to our volunteers who came in to help us!



End of Term

This term will end next Friday 16th December. Term 3 will start for children on Wednesday 4th January, following an inset day.

Illness and Strep A

We are currently experiencing high levels of illness in both schools and there is understandable concern about the tragic deaths of several children nationally with Strep A infections. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or have a high temperature. At both schools we continue to encourage good respiratory and hand hygiene to help prevent the spread of infections.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued some guidance with regards to Strep A infections and it provides good advice on symptoms and when to seek medical advice. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness and it is very rare that the bacteria causes the serious illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). However, it is important everyone is aware of symptoms, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel, and please keep your child(ren) away from school if they are unwell. Please make sure you inform us if your child develops Scarlet fever so we can take steps to control any potential outbreak.

Year 2

Children in Year 2 travelled to Chew Valley School last week to take part in a bench ball session with other primary schools in Banes...



Nativity

Children in Meerkats practiced their Nativity today with singing and a full costume rehearsal. They are now very excited about the live performance today!



Ukulele Concert

Parents in KS2 were invited into school this week for a live ukulele concert, where the children played and sang a variety of songs brilliantly!



Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

We had a very festive day in school yesterday when all the children and staff dressed in Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch with crackers!



Attendance Overview (update) and new policy from Jan 23

The DfE have recently issued very comprehensive guidance on the importance of regular school attendance and its correlation with success in school and ultimately, qualifications like GCSE and 'A' levels. The latest percentages by class are below, (a reminder that caution needs to be taken with data of this type – i.e. number of children in the class, age of children etc however, it's a good indicator).

Meerkats	Chinchillas	Lemurs
95.1%	96.7%	93.3%

Class attendance percentage from start of T1 to 6th December 2022



LSP have now issued a revised Attendance policy and Governors approved the policy at the LGB meeting on Monday this week. We will post the policy on the website (which will be in effect from the start of T3) and Mr Marriott will share some of the key changes before the end of this term via email.

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence may seriously affect their learning. The Department for Education (DfE) defines a pupil as a 'persistent absentee' when they miss 10% or more schooling across the school year, for whatever reason. The table below indicates how what might seem like just a few days of absence can result in children missing a significant number of lessons.

	Sessions* missed	Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost hours of learning
Excellent	0 – 4	100% - 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	8 – 15	98% - 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	19 – 34	95% - 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	38 – 54	90% - 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	57 – 76	85% - 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190

*One session is one half day i.e. there are two sessions

Within the new policy, where there are continued concerns about a pupil's attendance which are not resolved informally, parents/carers may be asked to meet with the school to discuss the matter more formally. In some cases, this may result in a formal action plan being produced. The school may also invite other involved professionals, where relevant. Also, where a pupil has a high level and/or frequency of absence, LSP may require suitable evidence in order to authorise any future absence where illness has been given as the reason. If this is the case, the school will make the parent/carers aware of this expectation in advance.

More detail to follow in due course.

Tennis

For Term 3, Year 3 and 4 will be having tennis coaching on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit including trainers, a warm tracksuit, a warm waterproof coat, and their named bottle of water on Fridays for next term. The club will provide a tennis racket for your child, but they may bring their own if they wish.

After School Activities – Term 3

We would like to confirm the after-school activities for the school that we are able to offer for Term 3. I do hope that this is something that may be of interest to some of our children. Multi sports and basketball can be paid for and booked using these online links:

Basketball – <https://getsported.org/StantonDrewPrimarySchoolY3to6BasketballClubTerm32023>

Multi sports – <https://getsported.org/StantonDrewPrimarySchoolYr1to4MultiSportsClubTerm32023>

Please note – Basketball and multi sports clubs will not start until the second week of term – w/c 9th January. All other clubs will run on the first week back.

Yoga – there are still a couple of places left – please pay on Parentpay

Children on benefit related free school meals may attend free of charge, please email the school office if your child would like to attend.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activity	Stem Club	Robotics	Multi Sports	Yoga	Basketball
	Miss Everson	Mr Schofield	Akeel Yousaf	Mrs Richardson	Akeel Yousaf
Time	1515-1615	1515-1630	1515-1615	1515-1615	1515-1615
Cost	No cost	No cost	£25	£21	£25
Booking	Form	Form	Online	Parentpay	Online
Open to	Years 3-6	Selected Y5&6	Years 1,2,3 and 4	Years 1-6	Years 3-6

Mad Science

We will also be offering Mad Science as an after school club next term on Wednesdays from 11th January. The children will be taking part in an assembly this week, and booking information has been emailed separately. If your child is receiving benefit-related free school meals, this club is free! Just let the office know you would like to join.

Diary Dates


Saturday 10th December – Christmas fayre 1-3pm in the village hall

Thursday 15th December – KS2 Pantomime and KS1 Christmas party – no swimming

Certificates

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



Meerkats	Chinchillas	Lemurs	Leaves 
Elizabeth	Ellis	Flo	Blue
Theo	Poppy	Hannah	Steven
Wilf	Autumn	Libby	Rory
Oscar	Henderson	Viola	
		Ted	

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

Friends update

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the first ever Wreath Making Evening. We managed to raise just over £500 which is just incredible, it was a fabulous evening as well!

Again, please don't forget this is a great time of year to use **Easy Fundraising** – please sign up to <https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/> to get a free donation for the school every time you shop online. Shops include Amazon, John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Ebay and many more.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who has returned raffle tickets, please do this as soon as possible.

We are really low on volunteers to help out on the day. If you are able to spare even just 1/2 an hour, please do sign up by emailing the school office, it would be appreciated. Also, please donate anything you can for the Tombola, Chocolotto (chocolate bars) and baked goods to sell on the day. These can include savoury goodies as well as sweet.

Last of all we are really looking forward to seeing you all at the fayre! It is looking like it will be a fun filled day!



Thank you so much for supporting The Friends in 2022.

Merry Christmas!

The Friends

Term Dates

2022-2023	
Term 1	1st September 2022 – 21st October 2022
Term 2	31st October 2022 – 16th December 2022
Term 3	3rd January 2023 – 10th February 2023
Term 4	20th February 2023 – 31st March 2023
Term 5	17th April 2023 – 26th May 2023
Term 6	5th June 2023 – 21st July 2023
INSETS – school closed	1st and 2nd September, 31st October, 3rd January 2023, 5th June 2023

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**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from all the children,
staff and governors
at Stanton Drew Primary School**

