



Stanton Drew Newsletter

Thursday 5th November 2020



10th Nov - Tallulah
Harrison



Please keep sending in your used stamps for recycling. There is a box in the school entrance.



Here are some of the
Chinchillas
Stone Age Dwellings



Microsoft Team Parent Training

If you would benefit from some training on using Microsoft Teams Mr Marriott is offering the following sessions for you to join tomorrow, Friday 6th November

1600 - Lemurs & Chinchillas

1645 - Meerkats

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope that you enjoyed a good half term holiday and that the children enjoyed the break.

The term ahead

As I hinted at in a recent message, it is undoubtedly going to be a challenging term ahead of us. There is nothing more than I want than for all children to be in school enjoying their lessons and break times and playing with their friends. Neither though does anyone want to see pupils or staff put in harm's way. As infection rates increase across communities it seems inevitable that more staff will be forced to isolate at home, making it increasingly likely that more schools will be forced to close for some period of time. This week for the first time since the pandemic started, the rate of infection in B&NES is higher than the national average – with infections across all age groups. However, if we all continue to be careful and vigilant, we may be able to avoid closing bubbles. We need all parents to support us with the measures that we already have in place, as well as being mindful of the 'face, hands, space' message, and being swift in taking action and informing us if children or members of their household display symptoms. That way we can keep our communities as safe as possible – and reduce the potential risk of having to close bubbles. We will also need to continue to be slightly 'overcautious' in terms of any symptoms that children display; this will be more challenging as we approach the colder weather.

MS Teams

This week, most of you will have been able to speak to your child's teacher as part of Parents' Evenings; if this is not the case please message the teacher on Clasdojo to arrange an alternative appointment. Please also remember that the log in details for MS Teams are really important and will be needed if we go to a lengthy closure (2 weeks+) of a bubble or a wider closure. Mr Marriott will be offering some MS Teams training for parents over the next few days – watch out for details.

Ventilation

We have received additional guidance on ventilation as well as the colder weather approaches. Both staff and children need to be working in comfortable conditions but ventilation of indoor spaces is still a necessary strategy to reduce risk. The short version is that we will have windows open for the foreseeable future to allow added ventilation and then as each class is cleaned during the day, we'll open the windows and doors further. This means that children may well need to wear an added layer to keep them warm e.g. a t-shirt under a polo shirt.

Website

Also previously mentioned was the change in website provider to E4 Education. This work should synchronize over the weekend with Monday 9th November being the date that the new website goes live - the website address remains the same apparently! This is a requirement of the LSP MAT, and if I am honest, not a job that has been top of my recent priority list. However, we are hoping for a smooth transition and that all the information transfers correctly.

And finally...

The staff are working tremendously hard to make sure that children are happy and engaged in their learning and enjoying playing with their friends. Life in school is not back to normal and we are faced everyday with new significant challenges as well as the 'day job'. Your support and understanding whilst we move through this next phase are greatly appreciated. As we start this new term, I would like to thank all the staff who have worked extremely hard to make sure that we try to keep school as safe as possible and give the children the best educational experience possible. Although we don't know how things will develop over the next few months, I believe that the last few months has shown us the power of working really closely together for the benefit of everyone in our community, which it remains a privilege to serve at such an important time.

Best wishes

Dieter Cook

Tennis

For term 2 Year 5 will be having tennis coaching on Friday afternoons as well as their PE lesson with coach Mollie on Monday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit including trainers, a warm tracksuit and their named bottle of water on Fridays for this term. The club will provide a tennis racket for your child which they will sanitise, please do not send your child in with a racket from home.

Tempest – Photographs

Proofs of the class photographs taken by Tempest were sent home on Tuesday. As before please could all orders be made online to avoid any paper coming into school.

Communication/Letters Home

We will be continuing to communicate as much as possible via email between school and home so please check your email inboxes regularly for any letters or Newsletters. We will not be sending any paper copies of any letters home so if we require permissions we would ask that you just reply giving that by return email. We will continue to use Groupcall to text you any last minute messages or reminders e.g. cancelled clubs, so please also make sure that we have your up to date mobile telephone number. If you need to get a message to any of the teachers, please either call the office or email the school and Mrs Clubbe will ensure they are received. Alternatively parents/carers can contact teacher via ClassDojo.



Christmas Meal

The school Christmas meal will be on Wednesday 9th December and is now available to order on Aspens Select at the normal price of £2.15 for those of you who pay. The children are welcome to bring in a Christmas hat to wear if they would like to.

Diary Dates

2020-2021

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| Term 1 | 1st September 2020 – 23rd October 2020 |
| Half Term | 26th October 2020 – 30th October 2020 |
| Term 2 | 2nd November 2020 – 18th December 2020 |
| Christmas Break | 21st December 2020 – 1st January 2021 |
| Term 3 | 4th January 2021 – 12th February 2021 |
| Half Term | 15th February 2021 – 19th February 2021 |
| Term 4 | 22nd February 2021 – 1st April 2021 |
| Easter Break | 2nd April 2021 – 16th April 2021 |
| Term 5 | 19th April 2021 – 28th May 2021 |
| Half Term | 31st May 2021 – 4th June 2021 |
| Term 6 | 7th June 2021 – 21st July 2021 |
| INSETS | 1st September, 2nd November, 4th January, 12th February, 22nd February, 8th March |

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Friends



Following The Friends AGM on 3rd November, we are pleased to introduce to you the new committee:

- **Deb Davis (Chair)** - Daisy Y2 and Delilah Y4
- **Emma Snary (Treasurer)** - Thomas Y5
- **Catherine Marsh (Secretary)** - Poppy Y2
- **Sally Davis** – Harry Y5
- **Matthew Elliott** – Lucas Y2 and Isabella Y3
- **Anna Fairhurst** – Freddie Y3
- **Kat Roberts** – Amber Y6
- **Andy Strickland** - Freddie Y3

New members are always welcome, so if you would like to get involved, please contact Catherine Marsh (mrscatherine.marsh@gmail.com). It really helps to get as many parents, grandparents and carers involved so that we can continue to fundraise even during these strange times!

As you all know we can't meet up to hold fundraising events so we are working on possible online events. At the AGM we were discussing a plan to hold a sponsored walk that all the children can do (along with family members). The children will be given a start and end date to rack up the miles and then they record their final mileage online. More details to follow so watch this space!

Thank you

The Friends

Clothes Collection

The Friends of Stanton Drew Primary School is organising a textiles collection to raise funds for the school. If you have any good quality clothes, shoes (tied together), handbags, curtains, towels and bedlinen please deliver them to school by the roadside on the morning of

Tuesday 15th December by 9am

- * Please ensure they are securely bagged to keep them dry in case of rain.
- * Please note they cannot take duvets, pillows, cushions, school uniform or ripped or dirty items - they must be fit for reuse/resale.

For more information and a full list please visit bag2school.com

If you need assistance with the collection of your bags please contact Anna on 01275 314435. Thank you for your support.