



Stanton Drew Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022



30 Sep - Atia
06 Oct - Olivia
09 Oct - Martha



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



A big Stanton Drew welcome to our new pupil

Leo in Year 4

We are excited to introduce to you our elected Student Council members



Toby – Lemurs



Libby – Lemurs



Poppy - Chinchillas



Monty – Chinchillas



Molly – Meerkats



Rory - Meerkats

Attendance (from Mr Marriott)

As part of new government guidance on attendance, I will be regularly reviewing both schools' attendance data to better understand reasons for absence and offer support where appropriate for children and families where attendance drops below 90%. Regular attendance at school is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment (DfE Working together to improve school attendance 2022). When a child misses a day or an afternoon for an avoidable reason, it's not just the learning from that session that is lost, they may miss something important for understanding the content in the next lesson they're present.

Positive relationships between home and school are the foundation of good attendance and over the coming months I will aim to communicate clearly, fairly and consistently whenever there is a concern over attendance. As a Federation, we consider over 95% attendance as 'good' and children with attendance of below 90% as persistent absentees, in-line with DfE guidance. Of course, children can't help being ill but it may be that we can support families with a referral to the school nurse or other services if there is a recurring problem affecting both health and schooling.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either school.

Cheddar Gorge

Last week, Chinchillas Class from Stanton Drew and Wrens class from Bishop Sutton visited Cheddar Gorge as part of their learning about the Stone Age. The tour guides commented on the exemplary behaviour of all the children as well as their impressive understanding of Prehistoric Britain.



Parent's Evening

Our parent consultation evenings will take place on Tuesday 11th October and Wednesday 12th October for Meerkats and Chinchillas, and on Tuesday 11th October only for Lemurs.

Sign-up sheets will be available from next Monday morning 3rd October outside the office entrance.

Music Tuition

Children in Years 3-6 will start learning the ukulele every Monday afternoon. We are asking for a contribution of £25 for the year please, which is available to pay for on Parentpay.


Tennis

Year 6 are attending tennis coaching at Bishop Sutton Tennis Club every Friday afternoon for Terms 1 and 2. Please can you make sure the children come into school in their full PE kit and a waterproof coat in case of rain. The club will provide tennis rackets. Thank you to the Friends for kindly covering the cost of this coaching.

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 
Samuel	Ella	Viola	Elijah
Thea	Poppy	Matilda	Sidney
Theo	Abel	Delilah	Stephen
Oscar	Winnie	Pippa	Olivia
Elizabeth	Autumn	Lyra	Molly
Elianna	Riley	Harrison	Winnie
Emmeline	Leo	Toby	
Lola			
Samuel			
Rory			
Nicola			
Sid			

Note: the records are made by Y6 children so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

Open Days for Parents of Reception Children in Sept 23

We have two Open Days, 12th October and 2nd November, for parents whose children are due to start school in September 2023. If you have or you know of anyone whose child is starting school in September 2023 please telephone the school office to make an appointment to visit. Our visits are split into half hourly slots 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 in the morning and 2:00 or 2:30 in the afternoon on both days.

STANTON RINGERS

We have been asked to pass on this message to you from the Bell Tower Secretary...

“You may have noticed there has not been much ringing happening since end of July. This has been due to us having a small team of Ringers and if we have a few not available for whatever reason then ringing does not take place. This is a MASSIVE plea for more Ringers please. Preferably from age 11 upwards. No upper age limit. If have a child wishing to ring at a younger age then please get in touch. Certainly if Bells are to remain being rung for our Community then we need MORE ringers.

This is the first year since I took over as Secretary (approximately 2012) that we have not had enough Ringers to ring for the Flower Show and do Tower Tours. PLEASE just give me a call on 07855272542 or text me and I will give you a briefing on what is involved with Bell Ringing. Both experienced AND new Ringers are needed please and we do have qualified Teachers that can be brought in too at no cost if needed. May I also add that no costs other than a little of your time is required to ring the Bells. Once qualified you are welcome to ring in any Tower across the Country.”

Diary 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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