



# Stanton Drew Newsletter

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022



21 Nov - Riley  
24 Nov - Sidney



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



*Please remember a coat*



## The Wild Place Trip – Meerkats

Children in Meerkats class visited The Wild Place on Monday and had a wonderful time learning about the different animals, taking part in a workshop and a detective hunt!



## The Archie Project

On Tuesday this week, children in Chinchillas class visited Stanton Court nursing home as part of the Archie Project, where they took part in an art and craft session with the residents.



## Head lice

To help us overcome the on-going issue of head lice (particularly with the younger children in Meerkats), please can all parents/carers be particularly vigilant and use the wet comb method to help us prevent further incursion. (There is nothing that we/you can do to prevent head lice, but with a concerted team effort from all parents/carers, we can prevent further spreading)!

More advice can be found on the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



## School Council News

The last time School Council met they decided they would like us to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week with [Odd Sock Day](#). On **Monday 14th November**, to show support for anti-bullying, please encourage your child to wear an odd pair of socks to school. The more colourful the socks, the better! During Anti-Bullying Week we will have assemblies and lessons to help us recognise bullying and know what to do if it happens.

School Council would also like us to support

**Children in Need** - Spots and stripes dressing-up day on Friday 18th November.

Please come to school in spots and stripes for Children in Need, which School Council at both schools feel is a very worthwhile cause.



We have set up a Parentpay link below for donations rather than cash in school...

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8462>

In addition, we would like to hold a **cake sale on the 18th!** Please send in donations of cakes, which will be sold after school. **Cake Competition** - Children are invited to decorate their own cakes for a competition in school – prizes will be given for the best decorated cake in each class. The cakes will then be sold after school also.

## Open School

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, we will be holding an open school session at 2.45pm where parents/carers are invited to come into school to visit the classroom, talk to your child about their work and see the progress that they have been making in the first ten weeks or so. We look forward to seeing you!

## Nativity

We are pleased to inform you that our Christmas Nativity will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the village church. There will be two performances at 2pm and 5pm. Friends are kindly providing refreshments.



## Christmas Jumper Day


We have decided to support Save the Children this year and take part in Christmas jumper day on the same day as Christmas dinner to be truly festive! Please encourage children to wear a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and send in a suggested donation of 50p/£1 to support this charity. Thank you.



## 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 
Stephen	Daisy	Delilah	Marcie
Molly Cl	Oliver	Matilda	Riley
Olivia	Winnie	Flo C	
Emmeline		Rufus	

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

## Chair of Governors Message

Hello! I am Philip Gladwin, the new Chair of Governors for Bishop Sutton and Stanton Drew Primary schools, and am writing to introduce myself and explain the work the team of Governors do to support your children at school. I am a Dad of two and have been a school Governor since 2014. Both my children attended Stanton Drew before joining Chew Valley. I work for the NHS as a Data Analyst. Outside of work, I enjoy CrossFit at the Cattle Market in Winford, try to get around the Chew Valley 10K each year, and am a member of the bell ringing group in Stanton Drew.

Behind the scenes Governors are working hard. We are a group of currently eight parents and members of the community who work as volunteers to ensure the children receive the best possible education. We meet regularly with senior leaders and members of staff from the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) and challenge the senior leadership team on a wide range of topics. Recently we have:

- Agreed the financial budget for the year ahead and meet with the business manager throughout the year to keep the budget on track
- The safeguarding Governor meets with Mr. Cook regularly to understand the work that staff do to support any children who are experiencing difficulties
- Reviewed and updated relevant policies for the school. Many of these are available on the school website
- Attended a review day with LSP and members of teaching staff to scrutinize the work children are doing in English
- The Health and Safety Governor is preparing an audit
- Last, but not least, we are preparing for an OFSTED inspection so that we are ready to respond to their questions when they call...!

I hope this has gone some way to demystifying the work that we do. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work that Simon Waller did as the previous Chair and make a commitment to continue the work he started.

With warm wishes

Phil Gladwin

## Provisional diary dates

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Years 3 and 4 sports festival at Chew Valley

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 – Bench ball at Chew Valley

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas fayre

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Pantomime and KS1 Christmas party

## Term Dates

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

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