



## Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021

*Welcome back to all of our returning children and families and a very warm welcome to all our new starters and their families. We are excited to share what we are sure will be a wonderful year in school with you and your little ones.*

*This newsletter contains some important information for you, including some important reminders relating to our return to school. There are also some important dates attached to this newsletter, outlining events planned to take place in school for your diaries which we hope you will find useful.*

*As Covid guidance given to us has changed, we have begun to make small steps to returning to normal whilst being mindful of ensuring the safety of our entire school community while we do so. Children have been given a bit more freedom to play with children in different classes, but not all classes are mixing together at once. We have returned to having face to face assemblies with some classes coming together in the hall, but ensuring that we have good ventilation when we are together. We plan to begin this year's school events retaining some of the restrictions that were in place last year, such as undertaking some events involving parents virtually, however we are reviewing this all the time and plan to undertake Nativities and Carol Service with Parents invited. We are extremely excited to be able to even begin to plan this!*

*I want to take this opportunity to reiterate to you that if you have any concerns or worries, often just a little chat with us can iron out any issues. We all want the same thing for your little ones and we take our responsibilities very seriously and will always do our utmost to do the best for your children and your family. If there are things that you aren't sure about or you have any concerns, please remember to chat to your child's class teacher or telephone me on 01207 232445 and I will do my utmost to help.*

*Our roofing work is expected to begin next week and will last several weeks. Many thanks for supervising your children on site and not allowing them to play near scaffolding or on equipment in the yards.*

*With the support of yourselves, our children and our staff, I am looking forward to us all enjoying a fantastic term! Mrs L. Thompson - Head teacher*

### **COVID-19 reminders...**

*Although we are gradually trying to return to normal, Covid is still with us. To protect our school community, can we please ask the following of you:*

- Do not come to school if you are suffering with any symptoms of COVID-19. Please let school know if your child has symptoms or tests positive.
- Leave the premises as soon as you can after drop off/ collect your child.
- Ensure that you follow social distancing requirements – 2 metres is still advised!
- Familiarise yourself with the symptoms of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands regularly and encourage your child to do the same.
- Respect social distancing when speaking to school staff.

### **COVID-19 symptoms**

The main symptoms associated with COVID-19 are:

- High temperature
- A sudden and continuous cough
- Loss of or change to taste and/or smell

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS YOU SHOULD ISOLATE AND GET A TEST

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

### **Breakfast Club and After School Provision**

If you are interested in our breakfast club or after school provision which provides wrap around care between 8am-5.30pm on site for only £4 per day, please speak to Mrs Thompson, Head teacher or Miss Kaur, our new Office Manager.

### **Changing Contact Details**

Please ensure that we hold a current email address and telephone number for you. Much of our communication to you will be via email, including newsletters and updates about events.

**If you are not receiving communications from us to your email address, please come into school to let us know.**

**Please let your child's class teacher know if there are any changes to the people allowed to pick up your child.**

### **Reading Books & Homework**

At our school, we value the benefit of 'repeat reading', meaning that children read a book more than once to ensure that they become confident and fluent. This means that children do not need to change their books every day but should re-read them instead.

**Once children are given reading books, we expect them to read to a parent/carer every day, even if you read a part of the book. We also expect you to sign your child's reading record book to say that you have listened to your child read every day.**

Children should only return their book bags with their reading books to school every **Monday and Thursday**.

We will continue to track the number of times your child has read with you (indicated by the number of times you have signed your child's reading record) and give awards to those reading regularly at home using our 'reading clouds' system. Further information about our reading clouds reward system is in your child's reading book.

Homework will be given out on Thursday to be returned every Monday.

### **Positive Behaviour**

We follow the Good to Be Green positive behaviour scheme which helps children to understand that there are rewards and consequences for their behaviour choices.

Overall, it aims to encourage children to make positive choices and gives a clear, consistent structure for children to respond to. Importantly, every day is a new day; starting on (and hopefully staying on) green!

If making a positive choice proves difficult and a child receives a consequence, they miss 5 minutes of their Friday 'Golden Time' For each day a child stays on green all day, they have their name placed in our weekly Friday draw to win a prize!

More days on green = more chances to win!

***Our Fancy Friday Table is also back! Look out for photos on Friday of children who have been chosen to sit on this special table for their lunch!***

### **'Stanley Super Funders'**

To help us to provide the exciting additional activities and visits that we want your children enjoy in our school, our 'Stanley Super Funders' will continue each week this year.

We would like your child to bring in 50p for our school fund every Monday morning. In class, the children will count the funds brought in for their class.

During our Monday assembly, the class who have collected the most school fund for the week will be announced as our Stanley Super-School funders for the week and will enjoy extra playtime at the end of Monday's lunchtime.

We do hope that you are able to support us in our fundraising challenge!



## Dates for your diary...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Class Newsletters to go out
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Story Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	National teaching assistant day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents will be sent a form to indicate the number of cakes they would like to buy for McMillian Coffee Morning on 24.9.2021
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Deadline for parents to send in money and forms to indicate the number of cakes they would like to buy for McMillian Coffee Morning
Thursday 23 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents to please send in cakes as donations for McMillian coffee morning.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	McMillian Fundraising Coffee Morning – school council will run stall. Chdn will select cakes that parents have requested and take them home. Children will learn and perform a song per class which will be shared on our school Facebook page.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Punctuation Man Show – KS1 – hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct-31 <sup>st</sup> October	Black History Month
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	National Poetry Day (UK) – theme Choice/Chose a Poem <a href="https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/about-npd/">https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/about-npd/</a> Children can enter a poetry recital by learning a poem at home ready to read to their friends in school on this day.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Alice Evans from Oasis to talk about being Eco friendly with energy - Class 4 and 5
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Alice Evans from Oasis to talk about being Eco friendly with energy - Class 3
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents invited to sign up for parents' meetings
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents meetings Monday – Thursday – 3.20pm-5.20pm (sessions to be selected by parents)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents to please begin to send donations into school for Harvest – all donations to go to local food banks.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Steph from St Andrew's Church will talk to the children about Harvest
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Harvest Festival Service – 1.30pm (all children) Children will learn a song to share with rest of school and record for Facebook.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Last day of Autumn term 1

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

School Closed - Half term holiday

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School Closed to children – Staff PD day 8.30am-4.30pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School reopens for Autumn term 2
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Armistice Day Assembly and events
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – non-uniform – more details to be sent nearer the time
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week events - theme 'One Kind Word'  Anti-bullying Alliance - Odd Socks Day – children to wear odd socks to show that difference is good.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Road Safety Week Events - theme - Road Safety Heroes
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations – YR-Y2
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 phonics tests this week
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Letters out to Nursery and Reception Parents to choose which Nativity they wish to attend.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Non-uniform day – classes to bring selected items in for Christmas Raffle Hampers– more details of items will be sent out nearer the time.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Raffle for Hampers to take place.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties + Special Visitor
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity (including Nursery AM) – 9.30am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity (including Nursery PM)– 2.15pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 children to go to the Panto – Beauty and the Beast (Stanley Civic Hall)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Carol Service – 10am at St Andrew's Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School closed to children- staff training day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School reopens to children – Spring Term

