



Newsletter 4

Friday 5th November 2021

Events

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a very energetic visit to the Colour Run event at Milton Country Park, Cambridge yesterday. Whilst running around the 2 mile course we were covered in powder paint (which should wash off clothes!) and enjoyed an outdoor picnic together. Our pupils were a credit to our school and do look out in the local press and TV for coverage. We are also looking forward to visiting the Pantomime Cinderella on Wednesday 8th December. If you have not already done so, please return your booking form as soon as possible. We will be in touch with parent volunteers shortly to let you know if your help is needed. Volunteers are also warmly welcomed by Friends for the Outdoor Christmas Market & Carols. We are hoping to plan lots of trips and visits for all the pupils next year.

Safeguarding – Everyone’s Responsibility, Every Day

You will notice a new regular Safeguarding item on our newsletter. Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility, every day. Each issue will address and signpost information on different areas of safeguarding. If, after reading this, you have any questions regarding items raised, or if you ever have a safeguarding concern regarding your child, or indeed another child, you can always speak to any member of staff or a member of our school’s safeguarding team who will be more than happy to assist you. Our safeguarding leaders are Mrs Hindmarsh, Mrs Massingham and Mrs Munday.

Safeguarding – Personal Information

Does your child know what personal information is? Does your child understand the importance of keeping information private? Are they aware that by uploading a video or photo online, they may actually be sharing private information without realising? Have they (or even you) ever uploaded a photo or video with the following in it: wearing their school uniform or wearing a local club shirt; showing their local area in the background, perhaps inadvertently including street names, shop names or house numbers; celebrating their birthday? Ask your children: Do they truly know all of their online ‘friends’? By sharing photos described above, a follower might be able to work out what school or clubs they attend, where they live and their date of birth. Do you want people knowing this information about your child?

Covid Update

Following new guidance, as part of our Enhanced Response Area status, we have updated our Risk Assessment which is now available on the school website. The restrictions from last term remain in place, e.g. we cannot invite parents into schools until 10th December at the earliest. We have therefore decided to re-schedule our Christmas production for the last week of term, hoping that these restrictions may have eased. If not, then we will record the production for you to see. Under new guidance we will also now be informing parents in classes if there is a positive PCR test in that class. Rules around isolation remain unchanged and pupils should still attend school unless they have symptoms. We are still planning to visit the Pantomime but will let we know if advice changes.

Class Learning – Year 5



Year 5 have had a successful first half to the Autumn term. The children enjoyed learning about the different properties of materials. We investigated which materials were soluble in water as well as reversible and irreversible changes. In Geography, we learnt about lines of longitude and latitude. We understood how contour lines on a map show you how high and steep the land is. The children continued to enjoy our class novel “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” and we continue with violin lessons, where we are beginning to sound like a real orchestra!



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor and we are looking for a committed parent or carer to help drive improvements at our school. This role may be particularly of interest if you have **skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education** but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available. If you are interested please do contact Paul Lewis, Chair of Governors at paullewis@stanground-st-johns.peterborough.sch.uk for more information.

St John the Baptist Church, Stanground

Our local church St John’s is organising lots of Christmas events. These include a Remembrance Service, Mini Angel Festival and Christingle and Carols (dates below), as well as our school Christmas service on Thursday 16th December. Revs Andrew and Carol Avery are very friendly and familiar faces to all our children. They are weekly visitors in school, hosting a collective worship following the church calendar. Rev Carol also runs the local charity Mary’s Child which was created to love, care and support families and individuals in need, providing practical support and signposting to other charities and agencies. You can contact Carol at the church or through www.maryschild.org.uk confidentially if you need support.

Friends of SSJ

The Friends AGM is going to be on Monday 8th November at 7pm and all parents are welcome to join. Please email friends@stanground-st-johns.peterborough.sch.uk for the Zoom details. Friends are planning lots of exciting events for the children, which widen their experiences but also help raise money for the school. This includes subsidising or Pantomime Visit, organising an outdoor Christmas Market and a Christmas Disco. Volunteers are always warmly welcomed to the friendly team and we especially hope that new Reception and Year 1 parents will join.

Behaviour

Many thanks to our parents for the high number of responses to our behaviour survey. It was very interesting to see your ideas and we have used them to revise our behaviour policy. Our new staged system has been shared with pupils this week and will be sent out to you. Once our full behaviour policy has been approved by Governors later this month, I will also share with you. By trialling the use of clear consequences, we have already seen an improvement in both learning behaviours in the classroom and at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Key Dates

Monday 8th November	New Clubs Start
Monday 8th November	Friends' AGM 7:00pm (Zoom)
Sunday 14th November	Remembrance Service, St John the Baptist Parish Church (All welcome)
Wednesday 24th November	Flu Immunisations – Session 2
Friday 19th November	Governor Day
Saturday 27th November	Mini Angel Festival, St John the Baptist Parish Church (All welcome)
Sunday 28th November	Advent Sunday
Monday 29th November	Year 4 Parent Consultation Meetings – (3:30-6:30pm) Remote
Sunday 5th December	Christingle and Carols, St John the Baptist Parish Church (All welcome)
Monday 5th December	Year 4 Parent Consultation Meetings – (3:30-6:30pm)
Wednesday 8th December	Whole School Pantomime – The Key Theatre (£6)
Friday 10th December	Friends' Christmas Disco (£1) 2:00-3:00pm: Years R-2 3:20-4:45pm: Years 3-6
Monday 13th December	Friends' Outdoor Christmas Market & Carols 3:00pm-4:30pm
Monday 13th December	Lower School Christmas Performance – Dress Rehearsal to Upper School
Tuesday 14th December	Lower School Christmas Performance: 2-3pm and 6-7pm
Wednesday 15th December	Lower School Performance: 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 15th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Service at St John's Church 9:30am
Friday 17th December	Autumn Term ends
Wednesday 5th January	School closed to pupils: Teachers' Inset Day
Thursday 6th January	Spring Term begins