



Newsletter 5

Friday 26th November 2021

Events – Remembrance Service, Children in Need, Library Visit

Despite Covid restrictions, we are delighted that so many of our children are taking part in extra curricular activities. Thank you to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who attended the Remembrance service at St John's church on Sunday 14th November. Our staff were very proud of the conduct and contribution of our pupils. Thank you also to our children for taking part in last week's Children in Need day and raising £206 by dressing in pyjamas or fancy dress. Reception pupils have also enjoyed a local trip to Stanground library – more information is included in their Class learning page below.

Covid Update

You will know that we have had to introduce restrictions from our Covid Outbreak Management Plan this week. Our Year 6 pupils have temporarily returned to remote learning. New cases are slowing down so we hope to welcome them back on Monday. In the meantime, they have enjoyed being the first class in our school to try using Google Classrooms. This has meant they can meet with their teacher live each day to motivate them with their learning and complete and hand in all work electronically, without the need to print. We will continue to inform you if there is a positive PCR test in your child's class. If your child does need to isolate and receives Free School Meals then a packed lunch can be booked and collected from the school office each day. We are currently still planning to visit the Pantomime but will let we know if advice changes. Our Christmas production is still scheduled for the last week of term, hoping that these restrictions may have eased.

Updated website and Pupil Voice

We have updated our website with new photos and information. Please do visit <https://www.stangroundstjohnsschool.co.uk/> to view. We are working on bringing our parent information, policies and curriculum pages up to date. Please let us know if there is anything new you would like to see. Our new behaviour policy, which includes a clear Pupil code of conduct, is now available on our website to view. We regularly discuss this with our pupils. We are also re-introducing our **Pupil Council** from next week where all pupils will have the opportunity to discuss school issues e.g. uniform, behaviour, curriculum. They will discuss issues in class first before sending two representatives (on a rota) to meet with a member of staff.

St John the Baptist Church, Stanground

Our local church St John's is organising lots of Christmas events. Tomorrow is the Mini Angel Festival and Christingle and Carols follow soon. Our school Christmas service on Thursday 16th December is still scheduled to go ahead and we will keep you updated on Covid restrictions. Please remember that you can contact Rev. Carol at the church or through www.maryschild.org.uk confidentially if you need practical support or signposting to agencies or charities.

Safeguarding – Everyone’s Responsibility, Every Day – What are your children saying online?

Most games now include some form of chat facility; this can be via a headset or via a messaging feature within the game. It is very easy within these chats to behave in a way that children would not if they were face to face with each other e.g. it is easier to call another child a nasty name via a screen than to say it to their face. These types of incidents can quickly escalate as online environments are often unsupervised so whereas an incident of name calling on the playground is quickly brought to the attention of a member of staff this does not happen in an online environment. Talk to your children about how they are speaking to their friends online. Sit with them while they are playing the game to see how your child chats with others, is it always appropriate? Explain to them what to do if they are called a nasty name, how should they respond and what they can do if a situation escalates.

Please remember that if you ever have a safeguarding concern you can always speak to one of our school DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leaders) Mrs Hindmarsh, Mrs Massingham and Mrs Munday.

Class Learning – Reception



Jurassic Class have had a very busy first term. The children have settled in really well and have enjoyed lots of new learning. This term we have been following our topic ‘Marvellous Me’ and learning all about our local area. Last week we visited our local Library. The children had a great time and even got to take a book home. We hope to visit again very soon! We also took part in the Joe Wicks challenge for Children in Need. The children enjoyed getting dressed up. This week we have been using our new phonics knowledge to write letters to Santa. We are going to post them next week and hope that he writes back.



Key Dates

Saturday 27th November	Mini Angel Festival, St John the Baptist Parish Church (All welcome)
Sunday 28th November	Advent Sunday
Monday 29th November	Covid restrictions – no indoor clubs this week
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) Remote
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