



Stanton St. Quintin Primary School
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Term 2—2nd November 2017

Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a super half term break. This term is traditionally a busy one and we are starting the term with a visit from Katrina Hart, GB Paralympian tomorrow. Please make sure that all PE kit and sponsor forms are in school tomorrow.

As the weather becomes colder, please can children bring warmer clothes for outdoor PE - a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt make all the difference. Also a reminder of bringing coats to school as we are out in most weathers for playtimes/ lunchtimes.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn
 Headteacher

Time to celebrate some success.

Last year at Stanton was a fantastic year for academic achievement. When the results came in for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, Stanton was above the national and regional average for Maths, Reading and Writing in all categories. In fact, for Maths at Key Stage 2 we achieved 100% of children reaching the expected levels of attainment. We also have a higher percentage of children reaching 'greater depth' in a number of categories when compared with the national and regional averages. Well done to the children and staff for such a fantastic set of results. Such high achievement in Key Stage 2 really helps set up our children for their first steps into Secondary school. There was one area where we can do better at Stanton and that the tricky subject of Phonics.

As the chair of the Performance and Standards committee at Stanton, I and the committee, review the academic progress of our children on a regular basis and performance in phonics is something we've tried to tackle in a few different ways in the past couple of years. We are working on a new scheme for phonics at the moment which has been shown to work really well at other schools, so we are hoping for better results at the end of this academic year.

Well done to all the children and staff and lets keep up the great work.

The full results are on our website here: <http://www.stantonschool.net/attachments/download.asp?file=527&type=pdf>

Completed Sponsor Forms needed tomorrow!



We're very excited to be welcoming **GB Paralympic Sprinter Katrina Hart** to the school on **Friday, 03 November**.

Katrina has cerebral palsy and competes in the T37 category. Katrina won a Bronze Medal at the 2012 London Paralympic Games in the 4x100m relay. Katrina will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils**, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**.

A sponsorship form will come home with your child to use in order to help raise money for the event. There is no minimum sponsorship, Sports for Schools have made this clear 50p, £1.00 or more. As a school we are conscious that we are also involved in the Shoe Box Appeal and so families may be wishing to make shoe boxes over the half term and this may well stretch resources.

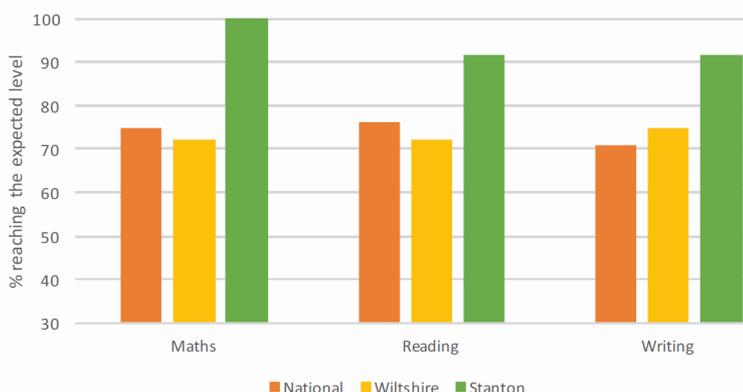
Much of the money that is raised will be used to buy **sports equipment** for the school, while also **supporting GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes)**.

Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and moneys** are returned to the school office on or before **Friday, 10 November** at the latest.

Please also make sure that your child/children come to school on the event day with their PE Kits!

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.

KS2 Attainment 2017



SPOOKY LORRY COMPETITION

The Pit Stop have informed us that some of our entries were in the top 25 winners. Well done to our artists!

Leo, Tommy and Mika

Mika was just pipped to the post to be the overall winner so especially well done!

The winning entries will be displayed in the Pit Stop for the next week—so you may wish to pop along and take a look!

FOSS Update - Amazing Auction news!!!

We have had an incredibly exciting start to our Safari Auction which went live on 1 Nov - there was a bid for £750 first thing, which has increased today to £2500!! Whoop whoop! We are all so happy - how wonderful for our children and the school! Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with making this happen and to those of you who have spread the word so far. We really need your help to continue to publicise the auction to anyone you know - friends, family, work colleagues, distant acquaintances, anyone wanting to use up some air miles or buy a holiday of a lifetime at a discounted price! You can email the pdf of the advert which was sent out to all parents a couple of weeks ago, or share on Facebook, or we do have some posters printed if anyone can put one up at work or in their local area (please collect from Mrs Druce). This is such a fantastic opportunity for the school - I am hoping that I can update you each week with an even higher bid!

In other news, Foss is also working towards the KS1 nativity photographs, and the 'Carols round the Tree' later in this term.

Best wishes, Yvonne and the Foss Team

Rent a Christmas Tree and raise £5.00 for your school!



Rent a Christmas Tree!

That's right, you can rent a beautiful real Christmas tree, grown in Gloucestershire, leaving a minimal carbon footprint and raise money for your school. It is all organised through Draycot Stores at Chippenham Pit Stop, just by the recycling centre in Draycot Cerne.

Pot grown and nurtured in Gloucestershire.

Book a tree of a size to suit your home; we can pick one for you or you can pick your own.

Collect it from 2nd December (or we will deliver for a small charge)

It's alive so it won't drop needles if you look after it!

Bring it back to us after Christmas (by 11th Jan) and get your deposit back*

The tree goes back to the grower for 11 months!

Zero waste, and even better it will go on to consume CO2 for all of 2018.



Look out for additional information and a booking form in your child's book bag! Many thanks

Rags2Riches



Many thanks for supporting our Rags2Riches collection we have raised £130.70!!

Stanton St Quintin Primary School

Applying for a primary school place for 2018?
Come and meet us!

Weds 15th Nov at 1:30pm
'Small Woods' taster session



We'd love to show you and your child a little taster of our weekly outdoor learning sessions!

Just come along wearing some warm and waterproof outdoor clothes and wellies.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Many thanks for distributing our Open Day flyers to your friends and neighbours. We are now offering a special "Small Woods" taster session for our pre schoolers and have produced a flyer to inform people about this. We will be sending a few copies home with your child and would be so pleased if you would hand these out to interested people.

Polite Parking Request

Parking: This is always a problem outside school; the use of the school bus or shared lifts will greatly help. Please note that directly opposite the school is a passing bay, not a public lay-by, please do not park in this area as this causes a grid lock at peak times when the school bus is picking up.

May we remind you that our **yellow zig zags are to be kept clear**— No picking up, dropping off, or parking! However, as we do not have any blue bay markings, blue badge holders may park on the zigzags if their vehicles are not obstructing access or causing danger to pedestrians—this is advice that has been taken from the community officers.

As good neighbours, we would also ask for parents **not to block access to residents drive ways, or park on the grass verges** on the road up to the woods which causes upset and complaints.



Diary Dates for Autumn 2017

Term 2

November

- Friday 3rd Sports for Schools—Olympic visitor Katrina Hart. Activities and assembly
Thursday 9th Family Learning Workshop—Writing 9am—10.30pm
Friday 10th Remembrance Service 10.50am. Gather at the village war memorial
Monday 13th School photographer visits. Individual portrait photos 1.00pm
Wednesday 15th Small Woods open afternoon for prospective new families 1.30pm

December

- Friday 1st Christmas Jumper Day—wear a festive jumper to school or tinsel!
Decorating the school for Christmas
Friday 1st Amazon Class—Christmas Cross Country—Hardenhuish School
Saturday 2nd School Choir and additional children— Carol singing for the Pit Stop 10.45pm
Wednesday 6th Rhine Class theatre trip
Friday 8th Nativity dress rehearsal—all costumes needed in school
Tuesday 12th KS1 Nativity performance to parents (tickets) - 1.30pm
Wednesday 13th KS1 Nativity performance to parents (tickets) - 6.00pm
Thursday 14th Year 6—Carol Sing at Dorothy House Hospice
Friday 15th Whole School Christmas lunch and party
Friday 15th Carols with parents 2.30pm
Tuesday 19th Darling and Nile Pick and Mix morning
Wednesday 20th Church service 9.30am
Friday 20th End of term 2. Children can be collected from 2pm.

January

Term 3. Children return to school Thursday 4th January

Community News

From the SSQ Parish Hall

You may have notice that over the last year Stanton St Quintin Parish Hall has had a complete refurbishment, including a new modern kitchen, now toilet and disabled facilities, up to date insulation and heating and there is also extra parking to the rear for 18 plus cars.

There are various weekly classes being run and the hall is available for parties and private functions. Details wee be posted on the new notice board shortly. To help fund this and future improvements we have set up a 200 Club. This is limited to 200 members only and there is a monthly draw for £200, except in December when the draw will be for an amazing £1,000!! Cost to take part is only £1.15 per week and there are various payment options. For more details ask Emma Cambourne in the playground or call her on 0771 359 5993 or Ros on 01666 837115

Join up forms are available. Just ask!