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# Term 1—September 2017

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Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a lovely break. I am so pleased that the children are back in school. It was funny popping back into school during the summer and having an 'empty' school—in the middle of a deep clean where the furniture and classrooms are all in transition. This week, each and every class has a buzz about it, learning has started from Day 1 and the school has life again. We are back!

This Newsletter will come to you in paper format this week. We are nearly there in terms of migrating from Homecontact to Parent Pay and once each parent has registered their account then we will be back to normal service! A letter was sent to each family during the holidays asking you to set up your account. If you have misplaced this letter or are having difficulties in registering please contact Mrs Druce and she will be more than happy to help you.

This week Class Letter, Curriculum Maps, After School Clubs and Dates for the term will be coming your way. This information will also be available on the school website by the end of the week.

We use the school website to share not only learning and information about the school but also inform parents of school news. There is a School News App that can be downloaded free of charge that will notify users when something has been added to the school website. This together with the school's twitter account @StantonSchoolHQ are additional ways in which we share information.

There are a few changes to day to day organisation:

Early Morning Drop Off on a Wednesday will take place in the hall for the time being. Children will take part in fitness activities but these will be run by a member of staff. Children should come to the Hall door for registration from 8.30am.

Woods Learning for Nile and Darling Class will now take place on a Thursday Afternoon. Children should come to school in school uniform, with woods clothes in a bag. They will then get changed during the day. At the end of the day we will then send children home in their woods clothes with school uniform in their bags.

In recent months, there has been much in the media regarding Leave of Absence. Wiltshire Council have published an information leaflet regarding requests for leave of absence. As a local authority school we follow these protocols. Attendance and punctuality are areas that as a school we will be working to improve this year. Please support us by making sure your child arrives in school on time and has good attendance. A copy of this leaflet together with information about illness will also be sent home this week.

Your child's learning is a partnership and I very much look forwards to working with you all this year.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn  
Headteacher

# Early Morning Drop Off

## Monday and Friday

**Up and Under Sports Coaches** continue to provide a **Quick Fitness** session for each child who arrives at school before 8.50am on a Monday and Friday. The session will run from 8.30— 8.50am on a Monday and Friday.

All children who arrive at school before 8.50am, will be asked to join the **Quick Fitness** session and the door will be open to parents to talk to staff from 8.50am.

Children will be registered for **Quick Fitness** by a member of school staff at the gate before going down into the playground to meet with the sports coaches

## Tuesday and Thursday

Working Parents, who need to drop their children off at 8.30am can continue to do so on Tuesday and Thursday using the self register system in reception.

Please bear in mind:

- Staff are busy preparing for their day ahead
- Early drop off from 8.30am to 8.45am for CHILDREN only
- Parents are welcome to enter the school at 8.50am at the start of the school day
- Parents who wish to talk to teachers or the office will need to wait until the start of the school day at 8.50am
- The school will be opened at 8.50am for children and parents.

## Wednesday

The 8.30am drop off on a Wednesday will take place in the School Hall, where there will be a morning fitness session delivered by school staff. Parents should bring children to the School Hall door where children self register and join the session.

Our 8.30am early morning drop off will continue to be offered free of charge until further notice.

## Curriculum Maps and Class Letters.

These will be sent home in hard copy today as we are still in the setting up process of Parent Pay. Correspondence will be sent home electronically from next week—so please make sure you have activated your PARENT PAY ACCOUNT.

Copies will also be available of the school website [www.stantonschool.net/children/ourclasses](http://www.stantonschool.net/children/ourclasses)

## 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**, which causes upset and complaints.



### **Transition from HomeContact to Parent Pay.**

We are close to completing the transition process to our new Parent Pay Communication system. The majority of parents have completed the activation process and are now set up to receive emails text messages and payment requests. If you have not yet activated your account, please do so as soon as possible. We would not like you to miss important information.

**Children that are new to the school in Reception and in other year groups will be given an activation letter in a day or so.**

Financial balances left in HomeContact Ewallets will be returned to you in the form of a cheque. We hope to get these produced by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we set up this new system. There will be a few teething problems, but we hope to have these all sorted soon.

Our extra curricular after school clubs schedule will be sent home today. Please look out for it. Some clubs have limited numbers so apply quickly to avoid disappointment! If the club is fee paying, we will collect payment via Parent Pay to confirm your child's place. Many thanks

### School Uniform

It is lovely to see everyone coming into school in their smart school uniform. A plea from the staff and myself. Please make sure all school uniform including PE kit is **named**. It is so much easier to return items of clothing if they have a name in them. Thank you!

## **P.E. Kit**

PE kits are required in school each day. It is such a shame when children miss out on such a valuable experience because of a forgotten PE Kit. Whilst we hope that children as they develop their independence skills will start becoming responsible for bringing the appropriate equipment into school, if your child does not have a PE kit in school, we will text or telephone to remind you.

We hope these Newsletters keep you informed about what is happening in school but if there is something missing, then please let me know. We are always looking at ways in which we can improve communication between school and home. Most letters will be sent home on a Thursday via email, so please check your inbox particularly on that day!

**Come and join the fun**

**Stanton St. Quintin  
Baby & Toddler Group  
meet in the school hall**



**Pop in and see us on FRIDAY!  
9.10am till 10.30am**