



Stanton St. Quintin Primary School
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Welcome Back and a Very Happy New Year to you all!

The first week of term is always an exciting time with new topics and units of learning being launched. Visiting classes this week has been an absolute pleasure — the children being completely engaged in their learning and not even noticing when I have popped in! With this week's Newsletter, class letters and curriculum maps will also be sent home giving a flavour of the topics your child will be exploring during the Spring Term.

I echo a plea from class teachers regarding reading at home with an adult and supporting Home Learning activities. These times are such beneficial opportunities for your child, reinforcing skills learnt at school and developing fluency and understanding in the texts that are being read. If children are fluent and confident in literacy and numeracy skills they will be better equipped in applying and building on these skills in all areas of their learning.

As I mentioned before the Christmas break our school's performance data was published in early December. Stanton were placed 9th in all of the 243 primary schools in Wiltshire. We firmly believe that our approach to being confident in those basic skills from Reception through to Year 6 allows our children to be confident learners and achieve the very best outcomes they possibly can do. For this to happen there must be partnership between home and school. We do this by sharing what we are learning about; inviting you into school to come and join in with our learning; holding formal and informal meetings about your child's learning; and asking you to support and be involved in the Home Learning tasks that are set.

This term our learning will incorporate a 'Healthy Me' Week. This will take place between 20th-24th January. During this week we will be exploring healthy minds and bodies and look at ways in which we are able to adopt and make healthy choices. During the week the school nurse will be visiting to look at the importance of hydration with the children; Mrs Knight will be leading on fitness sessions and Abbeyfield School Sports Ambassadors will be running a multi-skills session with Darling Class. On the Thursday morning of that week, the whole school will visit Stanton Woods for Woods Learning. So children will need to come 'booted and suited' with lots of warm layers, bringing their school uniform to get changed into afterwards. To finish our week The Farm Cookery School will be running workshops and a Food Fayre exploring, making and tasting healthy snacks. This has been very kindly funded by FOSS. There has been much planning done in the background and we are very much looking forward to the week now. We would love for you to join us for the Food Fayre on the Friday afternoon—the timings are being finalised and will be confirmed in next weeks newsletter.

With such a busy and focussed term I would like to thank you in anticipation for your support and partnership in your child's learning and indeed Stanton St Quintin Primary School.

Karen Winterburn

Please make sure that all PE kit—indoor and outdoor for warmth are in school all week, and that kit is named so it can be returned to the rightful owners if misplaced.

Look **carefully** to see who visited the wooded area today... inspired by our new topic Fantasy in the Forest

By Darling Class

Even a cat came along too!



Young Voices is just around the corner.



Tickets have arrived in school and can be collected from the school office. The final information letter has been sent home. Please return the back page as soon as possible.

Please keep practicing the songs at home. Not only are we not allowed words on the day but we will be too busy performing our silky moves to hold a song sheet.

Please remember a tin of food for the FoodShare Charity collection.

The access code to the online resources through the Young Voices website is YV2020

Keep Singing!

Whole School Home Learning Task—Spring 2020

This term, linking with our **Healthy Me Week**,
our Home Learning task is as follows:



3 Stars and a Wish!

Next week your child will come home with a paper bag... inside the paper bag there will be a key ring and 4 pieces of card...

On 3 of the pieces of card children should draw, write, take a photograph of 3 different things they enjoy doing—these are the 3 stars.

On the fourth piece of card, children choose one thing they would like to change or do to continue or become and an even 'Healthier Me'.

Please support your child in completing this whole school Home Learning Task. It's a great topic for conversation over the dinner table and once brought into school will contribute to enhancing the school's learning environment. Which means **Star Credit time!**

Please aim to complete this task by **Monday 10th February** so that we can share them when you at Parents Evenings on the 12th and 13th February. But if they are finished early they will add to our whole school display. I wonder what the staff's 3 stars and a wish are?

Enjoy!

School News App—how the app works

Firstly, you will need to download the app from either the [iTunes App Store](#), [Google Play](#) or [Windows Store](#) by clicking on the relevant buttons below or by loading up the app store on your phone and searching for '**School News**'.



Once you have located and downloaded the free app, launch the app and you will then be able to either click on the '**Find my school**' button which uses the phones GPS to locate all the schools in the surrounding 20 miles, or you can type in the schools postcode and click on '**Get my school**' button. Your school's postcode is: **SN14 6DQ**

You will then see a list of schools that use the app. Click on the school you wish to view news & events for.

You will then be able to click on the '**News**' button to view all of the latest news items that have been added to the school(s) you have selected and also all of the upcoming calendar events by clicking on the '**Events**' button.

Clicking on '**My Schools**' will display a list of schools that you view news and events for. Clicking on one of the schools will the display the school address, telephone number and email address which you can click on to either phone or email the school directly from the app.



Diary Dates for Spring 2019

January

Friday 10th	Lacrosse club will start back this week—weather dependent
Wednesday 15th	Science Masterclass Sheldon for selected year 5 children
Wednesday 15th	NRich Competition—Swindon for selected children.
Thursday 16 th	Pupil Census day – 100% infant meal take up needed.
Thursday 16 th	10am depart for Young Voices – Genting Arena Birmingham
Monday 20th	Healthy Me Week—all PE Kits need to be in school today
Thursday 23rd	Whole School Woods Learning—Woods Clothing required for all children, school uniform to change into.
Friday 24th	Farm Cookery School workshop and Food Fayre—Fayre Timings to be confirmed.

February

Tuesday 11th	3.30-6pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 12th	3.30-6pm Parents Evening
Friday 14th	End of term 3. 3.00pm pick up
Monday 24th	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 25th	Term 4 children return to school

March

Wednesday 18th	2pm Whole School Music Concert—to include peripatetic music lesson showcase
Monday 23rd	Rags2Riches collection

April

Friday 3rd	End of Term 4. Children may be collected from 2pm
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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! 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 PCSO 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.

Thank you



January Catch UP Clinics (FLU)

School Age Immunisations Team

Virgin Care Services Limited

There is a further opportunity for your children (reception to year 6) to receive the flu vaccine if they have missed it or you would now like them to receive it having previously not been sure.

Chippenham – 16th January 15.00 – 16.30

**It is essential that you call to book in to these clinics and NOT just turn up: To book please contact:
Swindon/North Wiltshire –**

0300 247 0082

*Thank you
The Immunisation Team.*