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A message from Darling class

Just a little note to let you know that we are thinking of you all and we really do miss seeing you at school. Darling class is so quiet now that it is not filled with your smiling faces and happy learning. For the moment and during this strange time, you are now doing your learning at home and we have loved receiving all the wonderful photographs you have sent in. We are so proud of you for taking this in your stride and trying your very best to get stuck in to the learning we have been sending home. You are being so creative with your time and your grown ups have been super at making your learning fun! Well done grown ups!

The next two weeks bring the Easter holidays and the start of a new season. Spring brings so many beautiful changes in our outside world and we hope for lots of lovely sunshine so you can get outdoors and enjoy the signs of new life. We hope you enjoy this special time with your family too and although life is a little bit different, there are lots of lovely things to smile about and say thank you for ☺

Wishing you a wonderful Easter.

Mrs Anderson, Mrs Breen and Mrs Robins

A message from the Amazon Team

What a strange couple of weeks it has been without seeing you all at school. We have really missed your happy faces!

We have been thrilled to see some photos of you learning and the excellent writing and maths that you have been doing at home.

Continue to love and support your family and friends. We are all so proud of you and how you are handling this unusual time. It won't last forever and we will be back in class before you know it!

Mrs South, Mrs Austin and Mrs Todd

This week, as we break for the Easter holidays we thought we would try something a little bit different by sending messages from some of the Stanton Community Teams.

Dear Stanton School,

Have a very happy Easter

Try to find something to be thankful for each day

Families, food, flowers, gardens
there are so many things!

Becky and all the church team

Happy Easter to everyone at Stanton School!

It feels weird to have the end of term at home and not be out hiding Easter eggs around the school grounds as we have for quite a few years now. Did anyone manage to save their egg for Easter? We didn't in my house!

Thanks to all who came to the Film Night and joined in the Easter egg buying. Our major fundraisers have always been in the Summer Term and for FOSS, the Easter holidays are usually a moment of calm before diving in to organise the annual School Summer Fete. Who knows what will happen after the holidays?!

Rest assured, we are still here, still championing the school, staff and children and are looking forward to a time when we can all come back together again and have some fun. Just can't wait for that, and it will be all the sweeter when we can. The teachers are doing such a fantastic job in helping us with home-learning and support so massive thanks to them all. In the meantime, we are keeping up our energy through Joe Wicks, the nation's PE teacher!! Hope you are joining in too.

From everyone on FOSS we wish you a Happy Easter and a safe, relaxing Easter Holidays. Best wishes from Yvonne and the FOSS team. xx

Hello Rhine Class,

We hope you are all well, we are missing you all! School is a very strange and empty place without all of you here.

Well done, most of you have got yourselves into a really good routine and are working hard with your learning. Remember that you can always e-mail us with any comments.

Thank you to everyone who has e-mailed pieces of work and photos to us at rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk. We love seeing what you have been up to. Keep looking at the Rhine Class blog on the school website so you can see what your friends have been doing.

Thank you to those who were able to send in a video of themselves reading a poem – keep an eye on the school website for these. We hope you enjoyed seeing our staff poetry video!

Make sure you look after your family at home, you are all an important source of support to each other in these unusual times. Help out with chores, it will be very much appreciated by your parents. Keep in touch with loved ones you can't be with – it means more to them than you know to keep up with your news.

We wish you and your families a very happy Easter.

Keep well and very best wishes from,

Mrs Matthews, Mrs Mackenzie & Mrs Weston
Rhine Class Team

Dear Stanton
Wishing you a very safe and 'sunshiny' Easter break. Even if it rains find a puddle and jump in it! Laugh, sing, spend time with your family. Look after each other. Be thankful for what you have and little acts of kindness go a long way.

Mrs Winterburn

More Messages...

National Poetry Week

Dear the Children of SSQ,

This week is **NATIONAL POETRY WEEK!** Follow this link to see a special video and accept our challenge.
<http://www.stantonschool.net/news-1/stantons-national-poetry-week-1>

Spring has Sprung

The sun is shining and there has been real warmth in the sunshine this week. I hope you have all managed to enjoy some fresh outdoor time. Now is the time that gardeners are thinking about planting seeds. As school we were just about to launch a sunflower growing competition. But whilst we aren't able to do this in school, we can do this at home.

Your challenge should you wish to accept.....

Follow the link to make your own newspaper plant pot. <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/activity/sowing-sunflower-seeds-in-paper-pots>

Plant your sunflower seed .

Nurture it, *talk to it*, water it and watch it grow.

When it is ready and if we are not back in school plant it somewhere in your garden or in a bigger plant pot. Again, nurture it, *talk to it*, water it and watch it grow.

Each week, write a brief diary of what is happening with your seed/plant. Don't forget to take measurements – number of leaves, height of plant etc.

Now you may be say 'But Mrs Winterburn, we are socially isolating and we have been told stay at home' – good point well made. If you have any seeds left over from last year please use these, or if you are essential shopping and there are some in the supermarket please add them to your list.

Good luck super seed sowers, don't forget to send in your updates for us to share.



We have been working hard this week on creating special **Whole School Easter Challenge**. The link will be sent separate to the newsletter today and will also be uploaded onto the website for easy access.

Class teachers will not be setting any home learning for the next two weeks, but will post tasks on class pages in readiness for the 'beginning of term'.

The Whole School Easter Challenge offers something for the whole family to get their teeth into in these unprecedented and confined times. We have tried to capture a mixture of most subject areas and a few unusual ones too!

If you have any photos to share with us, please send them to the class page emails.

Good luck and enjoy.

Electronic Home Learning – How will this be shared

Click on the **Class Tab** on the website (this is where our plans, letters etc... usually go). There is a **Home Learning Tab** here. This is where we will be adding work each week. All files should be pdfs so everyone can view them.

When you visit the school website please look on the class blogs to see what everyone has been up to during the week.

Please use the **class emails for contacting your child's class teachers** and sharing your Home Learning tasks. Please do not go via Mrs Pennington as we are trying to ensure emails go to the correct places and not clog up inboxes.

Woof! A message from Beau

Hello Team Stanton. I hope you are all safe and well (and of course behaving for your grown ups).

The field that I was exploring last week has made my tummy itch so I am back to walking on the park near my house. There aren't as many holes and sniffs to check out but that's ok for now.

Next week (during the holidays) Mrs Winterburn has promised me a long walk by the canal. There won't be any people to say hello to, but I am sure there will be new things to find. I'll update you after on what I find after the break. Be safe out there—Champion Stanton-ites.



Online Resources—just in.

From after the Easter holidays we will be launching weekly 'Ten Pieces at Home' activities for primary schools. Each will include a Ten Pieces film to watch and enjoy and a linked creative activity that can be completed by children at home without any special materials or preparation. A perfect, simple and easy way to keep listening, enjoying and creating music at this time.



Students, parents and teachers will be able to upload what they have created and have their work featured on the Ten Pieces Website. We hope this will be a lovely way to share work and stay connected even when we are apart.

The brilliant Pie Corbet is podcast/blogging

IT'S MAGIC THURSDAY - RadioBlogging.net starts in 24 minutes - word games, creative writing, story, poet of the day - free and interactive. Get your writing journals ready.

In light of school closures FSC wants to be able to support teachers and parents while continuing to promote outdoor learning for children.

We understand this is a challenging time and have therefore created some **simple activities which children can do at home**, to help them learn while also having fun.

We hope that you find them useful. Please feel free to share them with your pupils' parents and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



Community News



From the 6th April, a change has been made to the application process for families entitled to benefits and wishing to access the Government's Healthy Start Food Voucher Scheme first launched in 2017. The requirement for parents to get their application form signed by a health professional has been temporarily waived due to the current health crisis. Each applicant must however, sign the form before sending it directly to the address provided at www.healthystart.nhs.uk

With Healthy Start, parents can get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk. They can also get free vitamins. They qualify for Healthy Start if they're at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four years old **and** get:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with a family income of £16,190 or less per year
- Pension Credit; or
- Universal Credit with no earned income or total earned income of £408 or less per month for the family. (*To find this refer to the Universal Credit award notice in the section "your take home pay for this month".*)

They also qualify if they are under 18 and pregnant, even if they don't get any of the above benefits. [Click here](#) to find out how to apply for Healthy Start

If they are pregnant or have a child under four years old they could get Healthy Start vouchers to help buy some basic foods. This important means-tested scheme provides vouchers to spend with local retailers. Pregnant women and children over one and under four years old can get one £3.10 voucher per week. Children under one year old can get two £3.10 vouchers (£6.20) per week.

The vouchers can be spent on:

- plain cow's milk – whole, semi-skimmed or skimmed. It can be pasteurised, sterilised, long life or UHT
- plain fresh or frozen fruit and veg (fruit and vegetables with no added ingredients), whole or chopped, packaged or loose

Infant formula milk that says it can be used from birth and is based on cow's milk.

Healthy Start vitamins

Women and children getting Healthy Start food vouchers also get vitamin coupons to swap for free Healthy Start vitamins. Healthy Start vitamins are specifically designed for pregnant and breastfeeding women and growing children.

Your midwife or health visitor will be able to tell you where you can swap your coupon for vitamins in your area.

[Click here](#) for more information about how you can get Healthy Start vitamins.

A FAQ from this week's weekly communication

How do we know when the website has been updated?

Answer: check the class pages or download the News App—here's how to do it...

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.