



# TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

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## An exciting start to the year!



We were delighted to welcome everyone back for a new school year. I'm pleased to say that the children have settled back incredibly well. It has been wonderful to see the children happy and confident in their new classes and playing together outside on the field in the sunshine. Our new EYFS children have been exceptional and we hope that everyone joining us for the first time in September has been made to feel immediately part of our Stanton family.

It has already been an exciting start to the term. As the sun shone, the whole school headed off to a nearby field to watch a real life hot air balloon being inflated. This was to enhance our whole school project around the beautiful book, 'The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be' which is about children creating their own hot air balloons, to express their differences and then how amazing it is when they all come together to share their talents.

*Read more about the project in our news blog*

<http://www.stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk/news-1/the-world-needs-who-you-were-made-to-be>

*Sarah Matthews* - Head of School

## Whole School Picnic, 25th Sept, 1-3pm, Stanton School Playing Field

It feels like it's been so long since we have been able to come together as a whole school, so the teachers and FOSS have organised a school picnic for everyone to enjoy. It's an ideal opportunity for parents and teachers, whether new or old to the school, to chat with each other while the children play throughout the school grounds. We've put together some activities to encourage the children to socialise while the grown-ups can have a good catch up and get to know each other - these include a treasure hunt, a chance to have a browse of the new Reading Spine, sports activities, FOSS info and hopefully some live music and sunshine!

Please bring your own picnic and blanket for your family - don't worry if you can only come for a short amount of time - it will still be lovely to see you, and you're welcome to drop in whenever you can between 1-3pm. Please let us know if you can or cannot make it. <https://forms.office.com/r/7yzSvnLkz4>

*Best wishes, FOSS and Stanton staff*

## Value of the Term – Friendship

Friendship is about trust and kindness, sharing and caring. It is a key value that enables our school vision to become reality, helping pupils to be happy and confident, and recognised by parents and visitors in our friendly, family feel. Each term we focus on one of the school values during our assemblies. This week we looked at what it means to be a good friend. We created a flower with our ideas for display.



## Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Holly Edwards who has joined our office team and breakfast/after school club. Her email is [admin@stanton-st-quintin.wilt.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stanton-st-quintin.wilt.sch.uk)

Mrs Pennington is now the Bursar/Finance Officer across both Langley Fitzurse and Stanton St Quintin schools. The Governing Body are also in the process of appointing a premises lead across both schools, and once this is finalised we will be able to share this information with you.

## Harvest Festival

Next Friday we will be visiting St Giles Church for our Harvest Festival. Reverend Beaumont will be leading the service. We are collecting Harvest Gifts which will be given to THE FILLING STATION, a charity for homeless people in Swindon. Gifts will need to be non-perishable and easy to open. We hope that if you are shopping over the next week you are able to pop a few items in you basket to support this very important cause. A box will be left in the playground each day or children can pass to their class teachers!

Suggested gifts are:

### Food

Peaches or Fruit, Baked beans with sausage, Rice Pudding, Tuna Chunks, Corned Beef, Soup, Baked Beans/Spaghetti/Ravioli. (Please no tinned vegetables or tinned tomatoes. Please think "Can I eat it now!")

### Toiletries

The life of most of the clients is such that they need everything, every week. Surprisingly, soap is one thing we don't need, as there is limited access to water to use it. We have listed some suggestions. Small and many is better than big, as they will get lost quickly!

Roll-on deodorant  
Shampoo  
Shaving cream  
Loo rolls  
Household candles



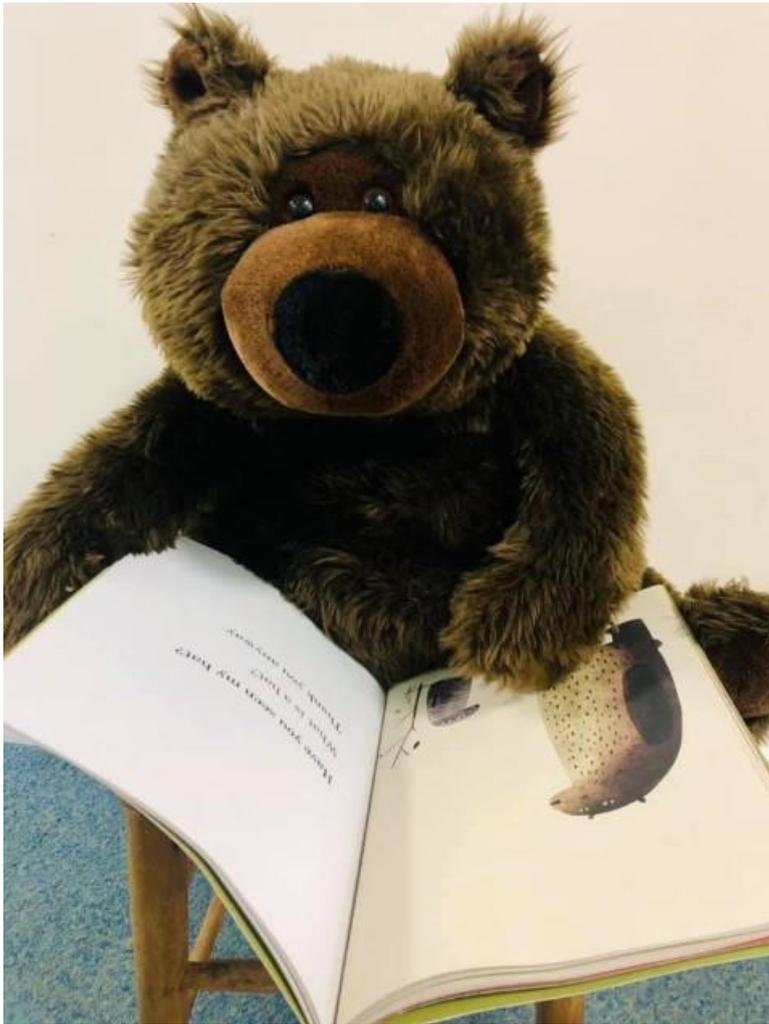
Please put yourself in the position of a person sleeping on the streets, or living in a bedsit with limited, if any, cooking facilities. Consider whether it can be eaten from the can, heated simply, and opened easily (ring pull).

*Thank you for your support.*



## Collect FREE gardening equipment for our school

We have been busy clearing our planters ready to grow our winter vegetables. If you shop at Morrisons (in store or online), for every £10 you spend you'll get a Grow Token to help us get growing. Between the 6th September 2021 and the 24th October 2021, all you will need to do is download the MyMorrisons app, head to the Its good to grow section, select our school, and the tokens will then be donated to us. Thank you!



### Meet Rufus the Reading Bear, our newest member of the Stanton family!

Rufus the Reading Bear LOVES books. Each week Rufus will be using his beady eyes to spot children who are trying hard with their reading, talking about books with friends or enjoying exploring new books. Every Friday, he will choose one child to go home with, to enjoy sharing books at home. He comes complete with his very own reading journal too! Rufus is very excited to be going home with his first friend later on today...

### Library Refurbishment Update

During the summer, we have been working to clear Nile class in order to create a blank canvas for our library redevelopment project. Boards have been removed, walls have been painted and library décor has been perused! We have been working closely with a specialist library design service to create an exciting reading space, selecting furniture to display and home our new books and comfortable seating to create a relaxed reading environment. Due to Covid, wait times for library furniture are

greater than normal and we are therefore currently waiting for instalment.

Our Reading Spine was created and purchased at the end of last term and these fantastic books are now being made available to the children. KS1 have also started to bring home some newly purchased 'sharing books' to explore at home.

We cannot thank you enough for the donations and fundraising efforts made by the school community last year but there are still a lot of new books, early reading materials and other library resources that we would like to purchase, to enhance the reading experiences for every child. Fundraising shall therefore continue this year and we thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

We hope to be able to uncover the beginnings of a new library over the next few months. Watch this space and happy reading!





### A Warm Welcome to another school year from FOSS!

We are holding our AGM in a few weeks (along with a parent social) and we need your support. Over half of our volunteers have recently left to move on to new adventures, and we really need some new faces to join us. If you are new to Stanton School or nursery, this is a great way to meet other parents and get to know the school. Please join us so we can keep supporting the school, by boosting the school budget with fundraising and bringing the school community together. If you already know you want to get involved, please email us: [foss@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foss@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk)

We'll send out some more details about the AGM and social in the next few days by email. We're looking forward to a fun-packed fund-raising year with you all!

Best wishes, Yvonne, Sarah, Lizelle, Emma, Sam and James .

### Dates for the term

Date	Class	Activity/Event	Notes
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Rhine	Lacrosse Club	There are still a few spaces – please email the office to book a place
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September		Open Morning	For families wishing to look round the school – mainly for Sep 2022. Please book online.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September - pm	All	School Photographer visiting	Individual and sibling photos – if you have a younger child at home and you would like to bring them in please email the office to arrange
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 9:00-9:30	All	Harvest Festival in St Giles Church	Please bring in produce – this can be tinned items
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September - am	Amazon	Woods	First visit to Stanton Woods. Come to school in woods clothing and bring school uniform to change into.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Rhine	School trip to WWT Langford Lakes	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	All	Whole School Picnic	You are warmly invited to the whole school picnic from 1-3pm. Please complete form to let us know if you can attend
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	All	FOSS AGM	Please support your school and your PTA by coming to the AGM.
Monday 11-14 <sup>th</sup> October	All	Parents Evening	More details to follow.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	All	End of Term 1	Last day of term.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All	Start of Term 2	

## Community News



# LITTLE LIGHTS

An informal pre-school service meeting in  
Hullavington church

10.00am - 11.00am every Friday in term time



Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>



We welcome all pre-school children (0-5 years) and their parents / carers. There will be a short story, music time and activity, ending with play time, squash and biscuits/coffee and cake. For more info contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 otherwise just come - no charge.



## ALL-AGE HARVEST THANKSGIVING ST GILES, STANTON ST QUINTIN



A big welcome to Stanton St Quintin  
on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am for the Harvest  
Thanksgiving, which will be followed by a hot lunch in the  
Parish Hall at 12noon. You are very welcome at the lunch  
if you can't make the service (and vice versa!)  
Adults £4, children free

*Bring your own plates and cutlery, a pudding to share if  
you would like to, and your own drinks*

Auction of produce for Tear Fund  
Harvest gifts are welcome.  
*(Any tins of food (easy to open sort that can be eaten  
straight from the tin) and packets which need no cooking  
will be sent to a charity for the homeless)*

Please let Hilary Greene know by 16<sup>th</sup> September if you  
are hoping to come to the lunch, as numbers are helpful  
for catering (Tel: 01666 837850  
or email: iamhilarygreene@gmail.com )

ALL VERY WELCOME