



TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

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BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

It has been as fantastic first term with school trips, buddy lunch, crazy hair day and more!



The first term of this year has flown by. I have hugely enjoyed being together again for whole school assemblies. Assemblies are where bonds are made and where the school family ties are cemented. They are opportunities to think, to shape and to enjoy. This term the children have explored stories that represent the vision and values of school, learnt about current news, celebrated each other's achievements and enjoyed learning new songs.

The children continue to be engaged and enthused, challenged in their learning, encouraged to be curious and enjoy spending time with their friends in school. Our pupils have been taking part in lots of great work in a variety of topics including Marvellous Me, The Great Fire of London and Land, Sea and Sky.

We welcomed record numbers of prospective families to our Open Mornings this term, showing that interest in Stanton is increasing. We had remarkable feedback from the families who were so impressed by the enthusiasm of the children, my thanks to them, the teachers and all staff, for making these days such a success. We have also been offering personal after school tours which will continue next term. If you know of anyone looking for a place, please let them know.

It was also lovely to welcome Darling Class parents to an Early Years Workshop where Mrs Breen explained how mathematical learning in the early years is about 'big ideas not big numbers' and gave very practical advice on how to support with phonics at home. We hope to hold a parent workshop this term on reading and phonics for children across the school, led by Mrs Anderson.

Finally, it was a privilege to welcome a very special visitor to the school for a tour. Mr. David Witt was the Headteacher at Stanton from 1981-1991. It was during this time that the school logo was designed that we still use today!

Thank you for all your continued support.

Sarah Matthews - Head of School

Value of the Term



Congratulations to our new House Captains.



ASH

House Captain – Jessica

Vice House Captain – Eli

SURVIVOR

House Captain – Archie

Vice House Captain – Evangeline

BIRCH

House Captain - Anja

Vice House Captain – Elliot

House Points for Term 1 - Well done to Birch House

Points for Term 1

Birch - 304

Survivor – 272

Ash – 242



Ash



Birch



Survivor



Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Karen Murgatroyd who has joined the Amazon Class team and Mr Evans who is the new school caretaker. For full details and to find out more about the staff – visit [Meet the Staff](#)

COVID UPDATE

There has been minimal disruption from a school perspective due to COVID. This is entirely down to your vigilance and support when potential symptoms have been presenting themselves. We appreciate that there are many seasonal illnesses doing the rounds at present with similar symptoms, and can only thank you for working closely with us to agree when it is best to get a PCR test. We are aware of increasing cases within the community of COVID and will continually revisit our risk assessment to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe.



FOSS update for Term 2

Welcome back everyone! Thanks for supporting our Crazy Hair Non-uniform Day last term – we raised £71 from your donations – fantastic!

Here is a flavour of what we have planned this term to continue to raise money to complete our school library:

- Rags2riches collection on 23rd November – don't forget to bring on the morning and leave in the playground.
- Wreath-Making evening –we're hoping to run a wreath-making evening with mulled wine and mince pies in the school hall for parents and friends – tickets will be sold via Parentpay and more info will be coming in the next few days so please look out for this. It will be great to have some social time over a glass of mulled wine whilst getting creative with some foliage!
- Stanton Tea Towels – we will soon be taking orders for the whole school tea towel and will be able to show you a proof of what it looks like – personally, I am so excited to see all those self-portraits from the children!



And don't forget to use Amazon Smile or Easyfundraising if you are ordering anything online – this is such an easy way for everyone to help and it does add up to make a difference at the school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for these fundraisers.

New Treasurer required!



We need a new Treasurer for FOSS, to start in January. This is an essential post and FOSS would not be able to continue without this role being filled. We want to say a massive thank you to Lizelle, who will be stepping down at the end of Term 2 having been Treasurer for 3 years. If you would like to find out more about what the role entails, please contact FOSS now on the parent's Whatsapp group or email us on foss@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk.

Many thanks
Yvonne and the FOSS Team

WHATS APP PARENT GROUP

Created by ourselves to swap info, ask questions about woods day or what's for lunch or when is the last day of term etc etc. It is so incredibly useful. We don't chit chat and fill it up with inane messages, it's purely a place to get quick answers where other parents can help. Some parents are not aware it exists and when they find out they wish they were part of it sooner. My aim is to get every parent (who wants to join) to be aware of it so they can use it too. We (FOSS) also use it to disseminate information and ideas about fundraising. The group is called Stanton parents - please contact Sarah Robinson or myself to join.

Outdoor Learning Update



A huge thank you to 9 Regiment RLC/ 66 Sqn for their makeover of our school pond.

A school pond is very beneficial to children as it enables them to study wildlife close up and learn about habitats. We have begun to fill it up and look forward to pond projects and dipping.

Also a huge thank you to the McArthur family for kindly signing us up to the Rocket Gardens. We have enjoyed planting our winter veg.



Thank you for all your donations. We are waiting to hear how much we raised.



Woodland Learning and Blog



This term Amazon Class have returned to their weekly visit to Stanton Woods. Darling Class have continued to use the small woods on site and Rhine Class enjoyed a morning learning at big woods too. To find out more visit our new [Woodland Blog](#).

To achieve the best outcomes for our children we value staff professional development, this year Mrs Breen has begun her Level 3 Forest Schools Training. This is a nationally recognised qualification that develops an approach to learning with child-led play at its centre and, above all, children are offered curriculum-linked activities that are all small and achievable.

Parent Helpers



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Helping Hands Workshop. If you haven't already please contact the office to arrange DBS checks. Class teachers will then contact you to work out final arrangements.

Sporting Update



On Friday 1st October everyone took part in a mini marathon led by Chippenham Sports Partnership. The children ran one mile in celebration of the London Marathon that took place at the weekend.

Well done Team Stanton!

Darling Class Update



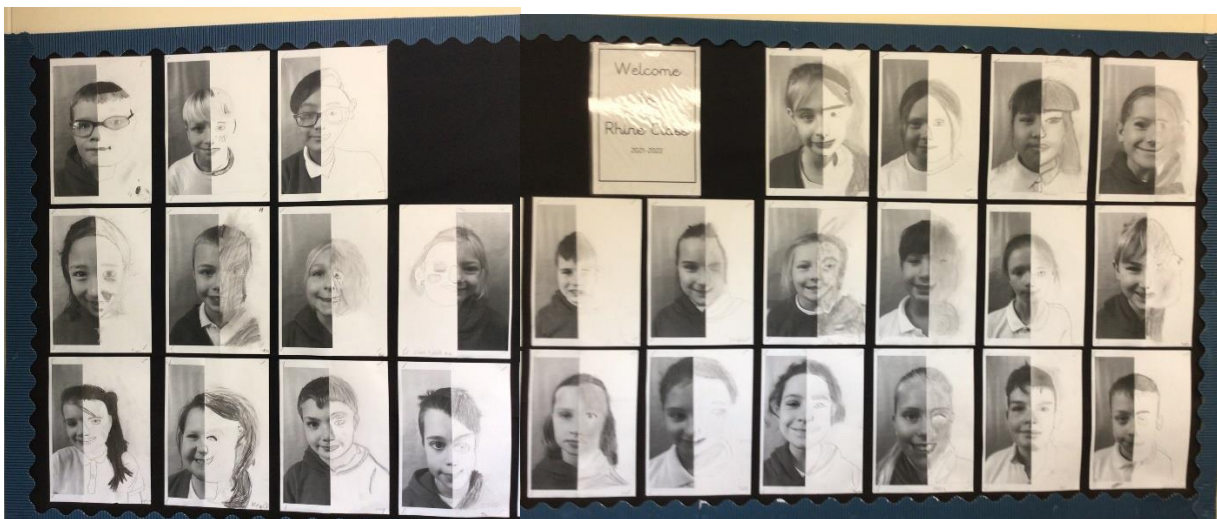
We have had a great term getting to know each other and each day we are making new friends. Every day is a busy one with lots of new things to learn, for example, lunchtime routines, playtime routines and how carefully we can listen at carpet times. We are also learning to find and use all the resources in our classroom. It's a busy time and learning all these things can make us feel quite tired by the end of the week, but after a weekend rest we're raring to come back again! We can't wait to continue our learning journey at SSQ! Check out our [Darling Class Blog](#) to see our learning including our recent traditional stories. [Trip, trap, trip](#) – I wonder who it can be? Click to find out!

Amazon Class Update



This term, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666, learning lots of interesting facts about what life was like in London at this time and why this was the biggest fire in the United Kingdom. We are very proud of our display which shows our Tudor houses standing alongside the River Thames made by the children, photographs of our Pudding Lane baking, extracts of writing to be proud of and an array of wonderful vocabulary that we have been learning and using in our writing this term. You might even spot Boxton the rat just below the river edge! To see more about our learning this term including fun with the parachute, our marvellous art work and more please visit [Amazon Class Blog](#).

Rhine Class Update



It has been a busy and fun term learning and making new friends in Rhine. We started the term with a trip to 'The Lake' where we took part in team building activities including canoeing, archery and cooking. We also travelled to Langford Lakes Nature Reserve as part of our rivers study to identify features of a river, measure speed and flow – the poo sticks competition was great fun! We then created our very own water cycle in a Bag and produced some very detailed explanations on the process with a labelled diagram – did you know it is also called the hydrological cycle? Finally, we wrote some amazing recounts of a journey along a river, with some very interesting places along the way (including Candy land) but it was a chance to apply our learning on expanded noun phrases, modal verbs and embedded clauses! To see more of our learning this term visit [Rhine Class Blog](#).

Dates for the term – look out for Friday reminders!

Date	Class	Activity/Event	Notes
Monday 1 st November weekly through T2 unless advised	Rhine	Lacrosse Club	There are still a few spaces – please email the office to book a place
Tuesday 2 nd November weekly through T2 unless advised	Rhine	Recorder Club	Please make sure you have your recorder and book in school
Friday - am weekly through T2 unless advised	Amazon	Woods	Please come to school in woods clothing and bring school uniform to change into.
Friday 5 th November	All	Bonfire Bake Sale	If you can donate any cakes for the sale that would be appreciated. Cakes will be on sale from 2:45pm in the playground.
Sunday 7 th November	Rhine	Youth Lacrosse Programme	Please see email for more details. It would be great to see you there!
Thursday 11 th November	All	Remembrance Service - Outdoor	Please make sure children have a coat in school.
Monday 15 th November	All	Odd socks day	Odd socks day marks the launch of Anti-bullying week to help recognise that we everyone is unique and we all need kindness and respect.
Thursday 18 th November	All	Operation Christmas Child	Please leave shoe boxes in Reception
Friday 19 th November	Rhine	Hockey Club	Please contact the office to book a space.
Monday 22 nd November	All	Parent Workshop Reading and Phonics	More details to follow
Tuesday 23 rd November	All	Rags to Riches Collection	Please leave bags in playground
Monday 29 th November	All	Space Dome	Top Secret. More details to follow.
Friday 3 rd December	All	Christmas Fun Run	More details to follow
Wednesday 8 th December	Darling & Amazon	Nativity	More details to follow
Friday 10 th December	All	Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper to raise money for Save the Children.
Wednesday 15 th December	All	Christmas Celebrations	Christmas Service Christmas Lunch & Party
Friday 17 th December	All	Last day of term	School finishes at 2pm
Tuesday 4th January	All	Start of Term 3	