



Stanbridge Lower School

Newsletter No 5

5th November 09

Dear Parents/Carers

"Stanbridge Lower School is a Good School with Outstanding Features"

Just before half term our school was visited by OFSTED. I am pleased to announce that our school was judged as "good with outstanding features". We are all very proud of this and I am sure you will join me in congratulating the staff, governors, and most importantly the children in continuing to ensure Stanbridge is a welcoming and nurturing school where children achieve well.

The OFSTED inspector reported " Stanbridge is a good school. It has some outstanding features. The partnership with parents is outstanding. The quality of care, guidance and support for pupils is outstanding and is a significant strength of the school. As a result pupil's behaviour is good and they are polite and very thoughtful towards others. They have an excellent appreciation of the need to adopt healthy lifestyles. The school's leadership aims to treat all pupils as individuals. This ensures that pupils from all backgrounds and abilities are involved successfully in learning. One parent summed up others thoughts when they wrote "We strongly support Stanbridge Lower School. Our child enjoys school hugely which is in no small part due to some exceptional staff members. Any concerns we have had were dealt with promptly and professionally."

As part of the OFSTED process we have to publish the full report to registered parents at school. However we are aware of paper and photocopying costs and would like to ask parents if they would like an electronic copy or a paper copy. Please can you return the reply slip below indicating your preference. As we only have 5 days to publish the report to parents we would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Christmas Production

This year the children will be performing Babushka. Mr Wilkins and Mrs Date have already held auditions for the acting parts in Year 3 and Year 4. Mr Wilkins will be announcing the parts in the next couple of days and he will send home a list of after school rehearsal times for the children. Mrs Phipers will be sending a list of costume requirements home as soon as possible for both the Year 3 and 4 children, as well as the younger children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The performance dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 8th December, 2pm: Parents and young children
- Wednesday 9th December, 2pm: Parents, Visitors, Members of Local Community.

Take Away Task

We are inviting the children to take part in this term's homework, take away task. We are asking the children to make a hanging Christmas Star. The stars can be any size, although we recommend no larger than a large dinner plate in diameter, can be any colour and can be made from any medium. Christmas Stars should be brought into school ready for the 1st December. The stars will be displayed around school across our festive season. We look forward to enjoying and sharing in your creations.

STANBRIDGE LOWER SCHOOL - TERM DATES 2009/2010

<u>Autumn Term</u>	Begins	-	Thursday	3.9.09
	<u>Half Term</u>	-	<u>Monday 26.10.09 - Friday 30.10.09</u>	
	End of Term	-	Friday	18.12.09
<u>Spring Term</u>	Begins	-	Tuesday	5.1.10
	<u>Half Term</u>	-	<u>Monday 15.2.10 - Friday 19.2.10</u>	
	End of Term	-	Thursday	1.4.10
<u>Summer Term</u>	Begins	-	Tuesday	20.4.10
	<u>Half Term</u>	-	<u>Monday 31.5.10 - Friday 4.6.10</u>	
	End of Term	-	Wednesday	21.7.10

PLEASE NOTE:

Monday 3.5.10	May Day
Wednesday 2.9.2009	Closure Day
Monday 2.11.2009	Closure Day
Monday 4.1.2010	Closure Day
Monday 19.4.2010	Closure Day

STANBRIDGE LOWER SCHOOL - TERM DATES 2010/2011

<u>Autumn Term</u>	Begins	-	Wednesday	1.9.10
	<u>Half Term</u>	-	<u>Monday 25.10.10 - Friday 29.10.10</u>	
	End of Term	-	Friday	17.12.10
<u>Spring Term</u>	Begins	-	Tuesday	4.1.11
	<u>Half Term</u>	-	<u>Monday 21.2.11 - Friday 25.2.11</u>	
	End of Term	-	Friday	8.4.11

Summer Term Begins - Tuesday 26.4.11
Half Term - Monday 30.5.11 - Friday 3.6.11
End of Term - Friday 22.7.11

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Monday 2.5.11 May Day
Wednesday 1.9.2010 Closure Day
Thursday 2.9.2010 Closure Day*
Friday 3.9.2010 Closure Day*
Monday 1.11.2010 Closure Day
Tuesday 26.4.11 Closure Day

* please note change of days

OFSTED Report - Reply Slip

I would like to receive a copy of the OFSTED Report

By E-mail: My e-mail address is

A Paper Copy

Name of Child/Children:

Signature of Parent: