



Stanbridge Lower School

Newsletter No 7

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of another exciting term at Stanbridge.. Thank you all for your co-operation during the snow last week, as you can appreciate, it was a challenging time for everyone. Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow for the year and can look forward to the Spring and warmer temperatures. Here are some dates for your diary and information to be shared.

Count and Calculate Session - 9th February 10, 9.15 - 10.00

All parents are welcome to join the children for their Numeracy Hour on this day. Come into school and work alongside your child to see at first hand strategies being used for calculation. Feel free to take part in the lesson or just sit and absorb your child's enthusiasm for maths. If you have more than one child in school or in pre-school you are welcome to visit all their classrooms. At 10am Mrs Bradley will meet with the parents in school to find out how else we can support you with your children's learning in maths. We look forward to seeing you all.

Chinese New Year and Take Away Task

This term the children will be taken part in a Mini Topic about the Chinese New Year and we would like to invite you to take part in the following Take Away Task. We are asking all the children to design and make a Chinese Dragon mask, using any medium. Feel free to use plenty of rich colours and have fun with embellishments such as sequins, old buttons, glitter etc. If you need pictures of Chinese dragons or Chinese Dragon Mask templates to inspire you, plenty can be found on the internet. If you would like to take part, please can all masks be in school by Friday 5th February. All children who have made a mask will be invited to wear them to assembly on this day. Have fun creating and we look forward to seeing you all in your masks at school.

Celebration Assembly - Please note change of time

This term's celebration assembly will be on Friday 12th February at 2.30pm. The children will be discussing this with me on Friday 29th January, so if your child would like to take part and they have an act, skill, talent or gift that they would like to share, please can you encourage them by helping them to prepare a short piece. This is always a lovely assembly and we look forward to seeing you all on this day.

School Parking and Crossing

Over the last couple of years, the Governors, teachers and I have been implementing our School Travel Plan. As part of this, last year the Year 2 children worked with Mr Wilkins to complete a traffic survey, to try to persuade the local authority to provide us with a School Crossing Patrol person. As a result of this site surveys took place where parking and traffic were monitored before and after school, but unfortunately we do not qualify. We do not meet the criteria.

One of the recommendations that was made by the Highways and Transport Sustainable Communities was to ask parents who drive, not to turn round at the top of Orchard Way, as this blocks the junction and causes congestion. They suggest that parents use the small loop to Peddars Lane and then rejoin Tilsworth Road in this way. We believe this would help to keep traffic flowing.

Another recommendation that I would like to suggest is that parents do not park on the corner of Orchard Way, as this also causes congestion, blocks the roadway for residents, and stops the flow of traffic. Can I ask all parents to be vigilant and note the name and car registration of persistent offenders and then forward this information to me. I can then address this issue through the Community Policeman and on a 1-1 basis.

Mr Wilkin's is continuing our campaign this year to see if we meet the criteria for a zebra crossing. We will keep you informed and I do hope you will support these recommendations in order to reduce traffic congestion after school.

Yours sincerely

R J Godwin
Head Teacher