



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

**I cannot believe that we are in the last half term of this academic year. The time passes so quickly and we are always impressed and proud of the work which takes place in our Academy.**



### **OBE**

I am sure that you saw the message on our social media this week, where we shared the amazing news that Tracy Swinburne, our Trust Leader has been awarded an OBE in recognition of the work she has and continues to do in Education. This is truly deserved as Mrs Swinburne works tirelessly for children in the Trust and well beyond, so that all children have the very best experience in school. We are all incredibly proud of her and feel very blessed and lucky to work with her. Our children were thrilled to see her this week and say Congratulations to her. Brilliant news.

### **Retirement News**

As we come to the end of the academic year, we have some members of staff who will be retiring in July. Mrs Priest, who has worked in Stanley Grove for 38 years, will be retiring at the end of the term. She has always been a huge part of Stanley Grove and her care and experience will be greatly missed by all of us. Mrs Bell and Mrs Harrison are also retiring. Again, they will be greatly missed; they have always provided so much nurturing and support to children and staff. I know you will all want me to say a huge thank you for their dedication and hard work and wish them all the best for the future.



# CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS

We have had some amazing visitors enhancing our curriculum again this half term. GT Sports led a brilliant sports event for the children and we have been lucky enough to have STEM visitors in school working with our pupils.



## SPORTS DAYS

We are looking forward to our sports days next week and hope that you will be able to join us. Please feel free to bring mats or chairs to sit on as you join us and check out the dates on this letter and on our website.



**Nursery** have been busy practising for Sports Day.

We are excited to share this with our families, next week!

Ms Shaw has taught **Nursery** about the life cycle of worms and other amazing facts! Nursery are now expert worm hunters in our outdoor area. The children can now identify if a worm it is an adult or a baby.



Linked with our book focus 'Supertato,' **Reception** children have worked with art specialist Emma to create prints and observational drawings of vegetables!



The children in **Reception** have created their own superhero characters! Super writing!



**Reception** continue to work in their mathematics books in preparation for Year 1. They have represented patterns by looking at even and odd numbers to 10!

# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



We are very excited about our sports days. Children in **Year 1** have been practising and are really looking forward to the event.

We are incredibly proud of our **Year 1** pupils who sat their phonics test last week. They were amazing and so confident with their word reading. A huge thank you to the staff who do an amazing job with early reading.



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Children from **Year 2** had a fantastic morning with the fire service. They found out so much about the role of being a fire fighter and even had a go in the engine and with the hose.



**Year 2** children also had a visit from the school nurse to talk to them about how to keep safe in the sun. Ask your child what they can tell you about keeping safe and well.



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



**Class 2** Art Moodboards  
inspired by Yayoi Kusama

**Class 2** Snake Visit relating  
to our previous topic about  
Animals and Their Habitats



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



**Year 3** had a brilliant PE day. They took part in teams and enjoyed lots of different PE activities. These included archery, tag rugby, bowls, wheelchair racing amongst others.





# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



We were so proud of a pupil in **Year 4** who took part in the Children's Parliament this term. Not only did she put herself forward to represent the school, she used the chat box and was asked to unmute herself to speak at the event. We are incredibly impressed and proud of her.



**Year 4** children enjoyed a 'Heartstart' session with Mrs Priest, learning about how to help someone who is unconscious and put them into the recovery position.



**Year 4** children have also been busy practising for the upcoming KS2 Sports Day. Here they are running the relay, competing in their House teams.



**Year 4** took part in an exciting online workshop with writers and illustrators. It gave them lots of inspiration for our reading and writing linked to the theme of journeys.



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



In art, **Class 5** have continued their amazing Celtic artwork as inspired by the 'Tree of Life' work by Jen Delphy. They are now applying the colour palette to their piece, readying it for the final touches.



As part of our Earth and Space topic, **Class 5** children worked in groups to follow clues, which would take them different areas of the school grounds. Here, they would find a range of information about the different planets in our solar system. Finally, they shared this information with the rest of the class.



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



**Year 6** participated in Heart Start, which included preventing choking, supporting with CPR until help arrives and understanding how to use a defibrillator.





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## JUNE

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June 24 **KS 1 Sports day.** 09.00 - 10.30am

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June 25 **KS 2 Sports day.** 09.00 - 10.30am

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June 25 **Reception Sports day.** 1.00pm

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June 27 **Nursery Sports day.** 9.00am & 1.00pm

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## JULY

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July 2 **Summer Reports out to parents and carers**  
Please make sure we have your current email address as we will be emailing the reports out this year.

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July 4 **School Transition Morning.**  
Children will spend time in their next classroom.  
Please go to normal classroom for register.

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July 9 **Open Morning 8a.m. and 2:45-5:30**  
Children to stay with grown ups during the visits to classrooms.  
Bell will be rung to indicate start of school at 8.30. Repeated at 2:45 to 5:30.

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July 9 **Year 6 Performance 6:15**  
(Please note change of date)

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July 17 **Diamond Dash competition at Jerry Clay Academy.**  
Details to follow later for children involved.

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July 18 **Year 6 leavers assembly**  
09:00 - 10:30. This assembly is for our year 6 children.  
It does last for 1.5 hours as we say bye to our wonderful pupils.

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July 18 **Summer Picnic**  
The school council have met with Chef Jane and have organised a summer picnic. They have chosen the food which will be available in the picnic bags. Children can order picnic bags instead of hot meals on this day. Children are able to bring their own picnic rugs on this day. Children not ordering picnic bags can eat their own packed lunch outside with friends..

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July 19 **School Closes at normal times**

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July 22 **Inset Day**

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# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## **Inset days for 2024 – 2025.**

**2nd September 2024**

**3rd September 2024**

**7th November 2024**

**29th November 2024**

**6th January 2025**

## **School Timings.**

Please see the start times for each class below which is also on our website.

Please ensure that you arrive **BEFORE** the start time so that lessons start promptly and your child does not miss out on any learning or teacher input.

### **8:30am – 2:30pm**

**Nursery and Reception**

**Class 1**

**Class 2**

**Class 4**

**Class 6**

### **8:35am – 2:35pm**

**Class 3**

**Class 5**

## **Teaching Staff for 2024 - 2025**

**Nursery - Mrs Johnson**

**Reception - Miss Slater**

**Year 1 - Mrs Brown**

**Year 2 - Miss Franks**

**Year 3 - Ms Gibbings and Mrs Hughes**

**Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson**

**Year 5 - Mr Whipp**

**Year 6 - Mr Reynolds**



# ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL  
TARGET**



100-95%  
GOOD



94-85%  
WORRYING



Below 85%  
SERIOUS  
CONCERN



YEAR GROUP	CURRENT	AVERAGE THIS YEAR
<b>NURSERY YEAR 1</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
<b>NURSERY YEAR 2</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>90.8%</b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>
<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>YEAR 5</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>

Children who are lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and are monitored by school and our education welfare officer every week.

We are sending home letters to children with less than 90% attendance this week, so parents are aware of this monitoring and the need to improve on their education.

We are also sending home letters and organising meetings with parents of children who are persistently late to school, as children are missing out on teacher input at the beginning of the school day and interrupting the start of lessons for children; we would ask that you get children into school on time. Thank you for your support with this.

# **PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!**

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

## **PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR**

**Term time leave:** Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

**10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period:** A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week\* period.

\*School Week's

## **PER PARENT/PER CHILD**

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

## **FIRST OFFENCE**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days\*\*.

## **SECOND OFFENCE** (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(\*\*Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

## **THIRD OFFENCE** (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.