



# NEWSLETTER

13.09.2024



*Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful*

## WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

It has been a wonderful start to the year; the children came back with a great attitude and it was a pleasure to see them in school working so hard with the staff. Thank you also to the team who have worked hard during August to get the school deep cleaned and looking lovely for the children.

I continue to be proud to work at Stanley Grove and see this amazing school in action every day. I missed the singing during the summer and the children did not let us down, and have been treating us all to their enthusiasm for music. We are increasing our music offer this year with some children learning woodwind and Dave Webb will be delivering an after school music club for children to either play their own instruments and join with children who want to join the group and learn some tuned and untuned instruments.

We welcome two new members of staff – Mrs Turner and Mrs Gomez. They already feel part of the family and are doing an amazing job with the children. We are also recruiting for a Deputy Head Teacher who will move into post in January 2025. Mrs Maymen is currently supporting school during this time and is an experienced Deputy and English Hub Lead so is a great asset to the team.

During assemblies, we have been reinforcing our values and vision for our school. Children have been saying our 'Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful so you are ready for school and ready for life.' They have been talking about our rights and responsibilities to learn, be safe and respected and how this looks in our school. They have also been finding out about why we do what we do in our school and what we hold dear for the children in our school. This half term, we are focussing on the learning trait of care and respect and we will be looking for examples of this every day.

Our Junior Leaders are already in place and raring to go. We have held the first of our meetings together and have plans for the half term started. I know they are going to make a tremendous impact this year.

We are glad to see children taking pride in wearing their school uniform; this is an important part of our school and being ready for learning. Please take time to look at our uniform expectations on our website. It includes our jewellery expectations; this said, we also value our children's faiths and culture. Please speak to the school office and Head Teacher if your child is wearing anything which is part of their faith as we want to respect this.



# MUSIC

It was lovely to welcome Dave Webb into school for the assembly and Mr Reynolds showcasing his musical talent as well. We are hoping children will come to our after school music club and enjoy playing together. This is for children in year 1 to 6. If you play an instrument, please bring it along but if not come along anyway as we will provide you with one.





# EARLY YEARS NEWS



## NURSERY

Nursery have enjoyed exploring the indoor and outdoor provision. We are working hard learning new routines and becoming more independent. We are enjoying listening to stories, singing nursery rhymes and making new friends.



## RECEPTION

We have been so impressed and proud of the children and how they have settled into Reception Class. They have enjoyed using the range of provision indoor and outdoors and they have done really well coming into the hall for their dinner. Mrs Frost has noticed how well they work in the provision and how productive they are in their play. Mrs Frost also came to visit the children during their phonics lessons and was very impressed with their learning and focus. A great start to full time school.





## YEAR 1

We are so impressed with the year 1 pupils. Moving from Reception to Year 1 is a big jump but they have coped with the change remarkably and every member of staff has been commenting on how well they are doing. We are very proud of them.



Children enjoying working together in their maths sessions

Year 1 practising their oracy skills, taking turns to talk and giving eye contact to the speaker.



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



## YEAR 1

Children enjoyed their outdoor PE session working on big ball skills.

It is always lovely to see the children reading and enjoying books together in our Drop Everything and Read sessions (DEAR time)



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



## Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying learning and retelling their new class text 'The Robot and The Bluebird.'

They have spent lots of time understanding the story and now excited to start writing their own.



Glossary of words



Acting out the story



Ordering the story



Question of The Week/Book Talk



Verbally retelling the story



## YEAR 3

Class 3 enjoying some DEAR time in class



Class 3 have been learning how to stay safe on the internet and how to care for equipment



## YEAR 4

### Reading

Children have enjoyed a range of reading activities since joining Year 4. They have been working really hard in fluency, guided reading, comprehension and DEAR (drop everything and read) sessions.



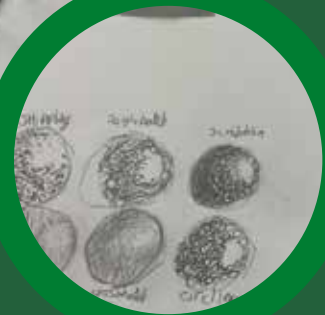
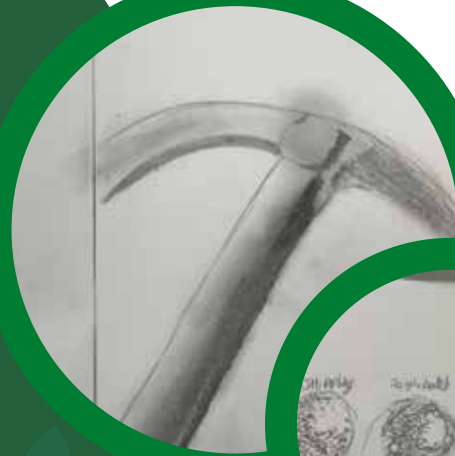
### Music

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their first recorder lesson. A super first attempt!



## YEAR 5

In art, as part of their focus on sketching, Class 5 have started the year by revisiting the different varieties of tone and techniques, which are used to create depth. This will lead to our artist focus on Thomas Harrison Hair whose works depicted local mining communities during the Victorian time.



## Oracy

Class 5 children have been working hard already in English exploring key vocabulary and the text building up their oracy skills through quality partner work in our fluency sessions.



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



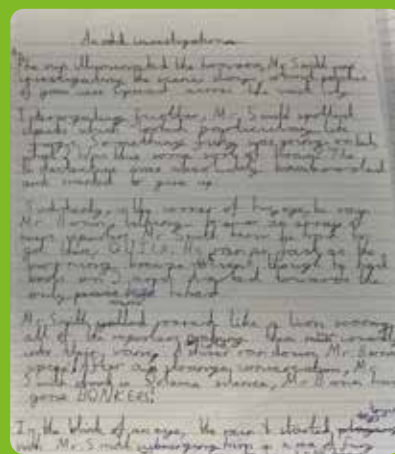
## YEAR 6

Year 6 children have all taken responsibility of a Junior Leader role.

We developed Oracy skills, through rehearsals in class, before delivering a whole-school assembly to outline their aims.



To support writing, Year 6 children worked in groups to create a short scene about a section of the story.



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



## ICT

Year 6 have been using our iPads to create animated GIFs, linking to our writing above.







# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## SEPTEMBER

2nd September	INSET DAY
3rd September	INSET DAY
4th September	School opens for Reception to Year 6.
5th September	School opens for Nursery
11th September	Nursery and class 1 meeting 2:45 – 3:15
12th September	Year 5 and 6 class meetings 2:45 – 3:15
13th September	Year 2, Year 4 and reception class meetings 2:45 – 3:15
20th September	EYFS new parent/ carer look around 3pm. This is for any prospective parents who wish to visit our school.
25th September	Year 3 Scarborough trip
27th September	Day of Movement. More details to follow from Mr Whipp, our PE leader.
30th September	Phonics and reading meetings for Rec and Year 1. 1:15 and 5 p.m.

## OCTOBER

8th October	Meeting for parents of Year 5 and 6 children attending residential: 2.45
10th October	Year 1 The Hepworth trip
16th October	Harvest service in school. Food donations welcome on this day for distributing to a community project.
18th October	Flu Immunisations Rec to Year 6
22nd October	EYFS new parent/ carer look around 3pm. This is for any prospective parents who wish to visit our school.
24th October	Halloween Event. Pumpkin competition and Halloween cinema event – more details to follow.
25th October	School closes for half term.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## NOVEMBER

4th November	School opens
4th- 6th November	Residential for year 5 and 6.
15th November	Children in Need Day. <i>Children can wear non school uniforms or merchandise, and donate to the charity.</i>
22nd November	EYFS new parent/ carer look around 3pm
22nd November	Autumn reports out today
25th November	Parent/ carers and teacher meetings 2:45 – 6p.m
26th November	Year 5 and 6 Leeds Playhouse
27th November	No pens day
27th November	Parent/ Carer and teacher meetings 2:45 – 5p.m.
29th November	INSET DAY. School closed to the children.

## DECEMBER

6th December	Inset day ( <i>please note change of inset day previously communicated due to change in training dates set</i> )
9th December	UKS2 Christmas performance (Year 5 and 6) 9a.m
10th December	KS1 Christmas performance (Year 1 and 2) 9a.m.
11th December	LKS2 Christmas performance (Year 3 and 4) 9a.m.
13th December	Reception Christmas performance 9a.m.
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day. Donations for Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Scanner Charity.
17th December	KS 2 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)
18th December	EYFS Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)
19th December	KS1 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)
20th December	School closes.

## JANUARY

6th January 2025	INSET DAY
7th January 2025	School opens.





# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## 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**

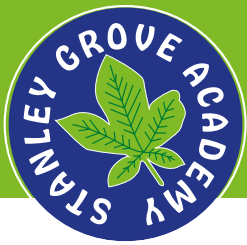
**Year 2 - Miss Franks**

**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>98.6%</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
<b>NURSERY YEAR 2</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>91.8%</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>94.2%</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>YEAR 5</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>
<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>92.7%</b>	<b>90.8%</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.