



# Stanborough SDA Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

*Developing independent, resilient, life-long learners who will take responsibility for shaping their own future*

### Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all the governors, parents, grandparents and other family members who joined us for our End of Year Celebration Assembly. The different awards that were handed out included recognition for achievement in academic subjects, sporting abilities, school attendance and overall academic performance. We are very proud of all our pupils and their various achievements throughout last year!



It was also the time to say 'goodbye' to our Year 6 Leavers and wish them every success as they move on to Secondary Education. Each Year 6 pupil had prepared a speech highlighting some special memories from their time at our school and expressing their

thanks to their teachers over the years.

A special 'Thank you' goes to the Year 6 parents, who have purchased the graduation gowns for their children and are donating these to the school for future use.



An extra 'Thank you' goes to Mrs Roswell for getting the sashes done and working on the invites and graduation certificates for the Year 6 pupils!

### Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Yordanova gave birth to a little girl, Jessica, in August. Both Mum and baby are doing well.

We warmly welcome two new members of staff to our team. Mrs Dean who is covering for Mrs Yordanova during her Maternity Leave and Mrs Bartley who is teaching the Year 2 class together with Mrs Stow.



### 2017 SATs Results



We congratulate our outgoing Year 6's on their excellent SATs results. All the hard work and effort that the students put in throughout the year paid off. A huge 'Thank You' also goes to Mrs Madden, Mrs Adewole, preceding teachers and parents for preparing the children so well.

Our results were as follows (national averages in brackets):

Reading 90% (71%) with 40% achieving a higher score.

Grammar Spelling & Punctuation 90% (77%) with 20% achieving a higher score,

Mathematics 90% (75%) with 30% achieving a higher score, and

Writing (teacher assessment) 80% (76%) with 30% achieving a higher score.

80% of our pupils reached the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics compared to 61% nationally.

The progress scores also show that our pupils on average have done better than their peers nationally with similar Key Stage 1 attainment.

### House Captains and School Council

This morning Year 3 to 6 elected their School Council and House Captains for 2017/18. This year the Y6 pupils who were interested in taking on the roles of Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer and Secretary wrote their own manifesto and presented this to the Junior pupils in Assembly prior to the vote taking place. The following pupils were elected to the School Council:



Chair - Tavish (Y6), Vice-Chair - Ted (Y6), Secretary - Anvi (Y6), Treasurer - Kari (Y6).  
Class Representatives are:  
Year 3 - Arjun & Hazel, Year 4 - Aalia & Antony and Year 5 - Nicole & Joel.

House Captains are:



Bunyan  
Jeshua (Y6) & Khaya (Y6)



Nightingale  
Alex (Y6) & Emilia (Y6)

**Attendance** - I would like to remind all our parents that **regular and punctual attendance** at school **maximises learning time** for your children and ensures that they begin to develop good habits for the future!

Our Attendance Policy states that as a school we have a responsibility to work actively to maximise attendance rates and have clear procedures in place to address persistent absence. In line with this requirement, teachers will inform you at parents' evening if your child's attendance is below the 96% minimum attendance rate we require. If your child's attendance falls below 94% we will be sending you a letter highlighting the importance of regular school attendance and outlining future steps we may take if this does not improve. Please understand that this is for your child's benefit, as frequent absences from school will impact negatively on your child's learning.

**Being in school on time** is also important, as most teachers have early morning work ready for the children to do as soon as they arrive in the classroom, again to maximise children's learning opportunities. In fact, why not take advantage of the fact that doors open from 8.30am (Y1-Y6) and get to school even before the start of the school day at 8.45am? Of course, we do understand that at times there are unavoidable delays, e.g. traffic, but those should be the exception, not the rule.

**REMINDER** - Year 5 & Year 6 parents, please remember to return your completed registration forms for the Taster Day at Stanborough Secondary School by tomorrow, Friday 15th September 2017 to the school office.

**Emergency Contact Form** - These are being distributed today, with the newsletter. It is essential that all parents/carers complete this form, whether or not the details have changed. The forms **MUST** be returned to the School Office by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Values** - Our focus this term is on Acceptance and we will be looking at this from a variety of angles, including adaptability, compassion, freedom, harmony, inclusiveness, openness, sensitivity, strength and understanding. Thank you, parents, for working with us to teach and model these values to our precious children.

**Growth Mindsets** - Thank you to all the parents who attended our introductory parents' evening last Thursday. In case you were not able to come, I would just briefly like to share a little of the presentation I gave in relation to growth mindsets and how we are developing this in our school with the children.

*What is 'Growth Mindset'?* - Over 30 years ago, Carol Dweck and her colleagues became interested in students' attitudes about failure. They noticed that some students rebounded while other students seemed devastated by even the smallest setbacks. After studying the behavior of thousands of children, Dr. Dweck coined the terms fixed mindset and growth mindset to describe the underlying beliefs people have about learning and intelligence. When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement.

In line with this we are working with the children to develop 'growth mindset' attitudes - every classroom has a growth mindset display and we are working with the children to change their language, e.g. from saying 'This is too hard.' to saying 'If something is hard, it means I'm learning!' OR instead of 'I can't do this.' to saying 'This is going to take time and effort to master.'

If you are interested in learning a little more about this, there are a number of books available on this topic - one of them is the 'Growth Mindset Pocketbook' by Barry Hymer & Mike Gershon.

**Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board** - are holding a Parents Conference and Workshops to help parents safeguard their children on Saturday 14th October 2017 from 10am to 2pm. The event takes place at the Hertfordshire Development Centre, Robertson House, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ. To book a place, please send an email to [HSCB.parents@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:HSCB.parents@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or call on 01992 588757.

**Something to ponder** - "Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new pupils and parents to our school community, as well as welcoming back all of you who have been with us during the last school year. As we move into this new academic year, I pray that we will work together as teachers, pupils and parents to show excellence in all that we do.

Kind regards,

Mrs A Horwood  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2017

### 18th September 2017

School Board

### 21st September 2017

Stanborough Secondary  
School Taster Day (Years  
5&6)

### 27th September 2017

Jump Rope

### 4th October 2017

Non-Uniform Day

### 9th—13th October 2017

Make A Difference Week

### 10th October 2017

Harvest Festival Rehearsal

### 11th October 2017

Harvest Festival 2.00pm

### 20th October 2017

Autumn Term (1st Half) Ends

## HALF -TERM

23rd—30th October 2017

### 30th October 2017

INSET DAY

### 31st October 2017

Autumn Term (2nd Half) Be-  
gins

### 2nd November 2017

Parents Evening (Pupil Pro-  
gress) School Closes at 2pm

### 6th—10th November 2017

Week of Prayer

### 6th November 2017

School Board

### 13th—17th November 2017

Anti-Bullying Week

### 15th November 2017

Individual/Sibling Photo-  
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