



# STAFFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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*'Achievement for All'*

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## NEWSLETTER

23rd October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have reached the end of Term 1 already! Your children have worked so hard and it has been amazing to look at their books and to see the progress they have already made with their learning since September.

### Minion Takeover Day!!!

It felt a little like a scene from Despicable Me this morning with the Minions taking over the school for the day. Well done to our pupils and staff for entering into the spirit of the day and especially for being so enthusiastic about Maths Minions which was the real purpose of today's crazy dressing up!



**Year 3 – Stone Age Day** - On Monday morning, Stafford was invaded by a horde of Stone Age children. The startled staff realised that it was Year 3 who were taking part in a day to celebrate their topic, Rolling Stones. The children took part in dancing, cooking and model making, with many parents coming in at the end of day to join in the celebrations by visiting the Stone Age museums in the classrooms. A great day was had by all and a big thank you goes out to the parents from the Year 3 team for the fantastic costumes.

Mrs Page, Miss Marchant, Miss Durrant, Mr Burke.



**End of day** - Please can we ask you to ensure that you arrive on time to collect your child. We do understand that sometimes situations are beyond your control which results in you arriving late. On these occasions please can you call the school office.

Also if your child has a 'play date' with another pupil, please make sure that a note to the teacher is sent in on the day explaining who they will be going home with.



**Year 4 – Egyptian Day** - On Tuesday, Year 4 held their Ancient Egyptian day. During the day the children were really busy: they wrote instructions for the Canopic jars they had made; learnt about how the Ancient Egyptians wrote their numbers; tasted some Egyptian foods; learnt some Egyptian dance and crafted a broad beaded collar called a wesekh. It was fabulous to see that all the classes had made such an excellent effort with their costumes – thank you so much to all the parents for making this happen! We were also really impressed with the behaviour of all the children and their bravery at trying new foods!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Porrell, Miss Smith.

**Emailing the Newsletter** – As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about what’s going on at the school, however, sending paper letters home can be rather ‘hit and miss’ with letters often going astray on the way!

We are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved so we are going to trial emailing our Newsletter to parents / carers. If you do not receive an email from us, please email [office@stafford.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stafford.e-sussex.sch.uk) and we will update your details.

### Bonfire Night Menu

Thursday 5 November 2015 the school kitchen will be serving a special menu:

#### **Choose a main meal**

Chilli Dog in a Bun  
Vegetarian Chilli Dog in a Bun (v)  
Jacket Potato with Chilli & Cheese

#### **On the side**

Potato Wedges  
Crunchy Red Coleslaw  
Baked Beans  
Fresh Salad

#### **For dessert...**

Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard  
Fresh Fruit  
**£2.03**



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**School Uniform** – Now that Summer seems well and truly behind us, it means that the children from Term 2 will be expected to wear winter uniform i.e. shirt and ties. They will also need a warm coat. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child’s name. We are proud of our school uniform and trust you will fully support us by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform:

- Mid grey/black trousers/skirt
- White shirt with a collar
- School tie (available from school)
- Maroon V neck or cardigan sweatshirt with school badge
- Black shoes or smart black boots (25mm/1” heels maximum).
- Grey or white socks/grey or black tights.
- Long hair should be tied back or controlled with **appropriate** scrunches or hair bands; these need to be in line with school policy i.e. flat with no fashion accessories.



**Eastbourne Youth Radio** - On Wednesday a group of Year 6 children went to the Congress Theatre where they met news reporter John Young. They learnt all about working in a newsroom with all of the challenges, decisions and deadlines that they might face. A fantastic morning was had by all.

*Mrs Lloyd, Miss Taylor*

**Sports Festival** - On Thursday afternoon, 14 Year 6 boys and girls went to a sports festival at The Causeway School. During the afternoon, they took part in a range of different activities, including badminton, rugby, basketball, netball, relay and football. All the children took part really well in the event and were a credit to the school. Many thanks to Mrs Younie for all her help with the event and to all the parents who transported their children! *Mrs Lloyd*



### **Diary Dates**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent Teacher Consultations, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Teacher Consultations, 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 Trip to the Globe Theatre

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Trip to Michelham Priory

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Disco, Years 4, 5 & 6, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Trip to Hever Castle

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Stafford on Eastbourne Youth Radio – 2:00-3:00pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Residential Trip Meeting with Year 6 Families – 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Open afternoon & evening for prospective parents for Year 3, Sept 2016 intake

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Upper School Christmas Concert – All Souls Church - Evening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Lower School Christmas Concert – All Souls Church - Afternoon

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – **Last day of term.**

### **Attendance Challenge Cup**

Last week, 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October, the class who had the highest percentage attendance was 3 Elm with 99.6% attendance! This is amazing attendance and it will have a huge impact on your overall learning. Well done!



Have a relaxing mid-term holiday and see you all on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November!

Mandy Stewart

Headteacher

## Stafford Stars

The Stafford Star Awards presented during the Celebration Assemblies this week, were awarded to:

### Year 3

**Payten, 3 Rowan** – Payten has been showing her increasing maths skills in recent weeks. She is resourceful when solving problems and understands new concepts quickly. When she is confident in what she has learnt, she always wants to extend her learning. We are very impressed with Payten's attitude, great effort. *Mr Burke, Mrs Page*

**Sofia, 3 Birch** – Sofia has been working extremely hard in English this week. She has created a scary Halloween poem. Sofia used some great descriptive language and was also able to help others who were struggling. Fantastic work. *Mrs Marchant*.

**George, 3 Elm** – George has shown determination and perseverance this week in trying to join up his handwriting and aiming to make his work as neat as possible. He has been using a timer to help him with the amount of work he produces within a lesson. Well done George. *Miss Durrant*

**Kimberlie, 3 Poplar** - Kimberlie always shows she is keen to learn, quite often showing maths she has completed at home or asking if she can write a story in break. This week she has shown her wonderful skills in poetry writing, creating a ghoulish poem for Halloween. She is very polite to adults and considerate to her peers. Very well done Kimberlie. *Mr Burke*

### Year 4

**Thomas, 4 Ash** - I have been really pleased with Thomas' attitude to most of his work this week. He has put far more effort into his written work and has listened more carefully to instructions. Miss Smith also mentioned what a star Thomas was during the Egyptian dancing, where he led his group with enthusiasm and put lots of effort into his actions! Well done Thomas, keep it up next term! *Mrs Lloyd*

**Steven, 4 Chestnut** – I have been impressed with the way in which Steven has tried to add extra detail into his sentences. He has worked hard on noun phrases and is more confident when checking his written work too. Well done Steven! *Mrs Porrell*

**Ben, 4 Larch** - Ben has been trying hard to follow instructions the first time this week. This has meant that he has been able to produce some fantastic work. He has written instructions for making a Canopic jar which include all of the features we discussed as a class as well as some humour! His instructions were particularly clear and easy to follow. Well done Ben! *Miss Smith*

### Year 5

**Sonny, 5 Alder** – I have been impressed with Sonny's positive and persevering attitude this week. He tried his best in class, and I was especially pleased to read a really effective description of a dragon's lair in English. Well done Sonny, keep up this good work! *Miss Baser*

**Lola, 5 Sycamore** – I have been very impressed with how hard Lola has worked this term. She always has a positive attitude and has tried hard in her classes. I was especially pleased to read her sentences on 'Beowulf' in English. Well done, Lola. Keep up the hard work! *Miss Markides*

**Zane, 5 Beech** – Zane is a polite and helpful boy who always tries his best even when he finds some pieces of work difficult. He has been a brilliant friend this week to a new child in our class making him feel very welcome. Well done, Zane! *Miss Coombe*

**Jamil, 5 Acacia** - Jamil has an excellent attitude to all his school work. He listens carefully in class and makes valuable contributions to class discussions. I have been impressed with Jamil's recent work on 'Beowulf' where he has shown good insight and understanding. Jamil is also a super sportsperson – a great all-rounder! Keep up the good work. *Miss Perry*

### Year 6

**Mollie, 6 Oak** – I was really impressed to hear that Mollie is keen to take part in our 'Run a Mile' activity. She commented that she would like to practice every day so that she can get better at running and improve her time. Well done, Mollie. *Mrs Ward*

**Kacper, 6 Maple** – Kacper showed care, maturity and patience when welcoming a new pupil to our class this week. He used his own experience of being in a new school to help him support another child who has currently made this transition. *Miss Taylor*

**Olivia, 6 Cedar** – I was very impressed when I was informed that Olivia persevered in the problem solving lesson in Maths this week. She kept trying, even when the solutions were not presenting themselves. Her attitude ensured that she achieved success and solved the problem by the end of the lesson. Well done, Olivia. *Mrs Stevens*

