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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see it has been another busy week here at Stafford. Your children have continued to show us what amazing students they are.

Scooters and Trim Trail

Please remember that scooters must not be brought into the playground at Stafford either by our pupils or by their younger siblings. We had a nasty accident this week when a parent was injured by a child riding a scooter.

Please do not allow your child to ride their scooter on the school site.

You will also have noticed that the trim trail in the playground is locked, this is because it is being mended and is not currently safe to be used. Please DO NOT allow your child to climb over the fence to use this as it is not safe.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

I have had several meetings with the company responsible for building the MUGA and with the local authority. This work has been delayed due to the fact that the school is built on an old landfill site which can cause additional problems with building plans. We are now looking at an alternative position for the MUGA and a structure that will not involve the need to dig down below the surface of the field. It appears that it may not be possible to complete this until late Spring 2016. I will keep you posted about any further developments.

Nut Free School



Please remember that because we have children in school with severe nut allergies we cannot permit any nuts in school as snacks or in packed lunches - this includes peanut butter.

Parking Around the School Site

Your children's safety really matters so please take great care when dropping off and collecting children by car.

Do respect speed limits and parking restrictions they are

there for a reason. Single yellow lines can be used for up to five minutes only and parking on them for longer or parking on the yellow zig-zags between 8.30-9.30am and 3.00-4.30pm is an offence. Please also remember that neighbours need access to their drives at all times and buses require a wide space. Parking attendants and our local police will be making visits to ensure children's safety.



Driving onto the School Site

In order to protect the safety of all our children, we need to restrict vehicular access to the school site at the beginning and end of the school day. As from Tuesday 3rd November, only parents and carers that have 'blue badges' or have exceptional circumstances will be permitted to drive onto the school site to drop off and pick up their children. If you require vehicular access to the school site, please visit the school office to apply for a permit. Blue badge holders, please bring your blue badge with you. Permits will be re-issued in September, each year. Thank you for your consideration with this safety and access issue.



PTFA Fashion Show

We are looking forward to tonight's fashion show, clothing sale and raffle. Please remember to bring your tickets and enjoy the fun and the opportunity to buy some High Street fashions at a fraction of the price. Doors open at 7.00pm with the fashion show starting at 7.30pm.



Year 6 Trip to Safety in Action

On Wednesday, Year 6 took part in a Safety in Action event organised by East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. The children worked with various members of the emergency services to learn about keeping safe. Some of the subjects covered were: personal safety, water safety, road safety and fire safety. Here are a group of children from 6 Oak talking to P.C. Anderson about personal safety.

Football Tournament

Good luck to our Football Team, who will be taking part in a Tournament tomorrow morning at Ocklynge School – we will let you know how they got on next week!

Sports Crew



On Wednesday 7th October, four members of our newly formed Sports Crew went to Hailsham Community College for training. They learnt about how to lead activities and competitions and were able to practise leading activities for other schools. In addition to this, they also thought about the qualities needed to be good leaders and considered ways to bring all their ideas back to school – watch this space for more updates! Thank you very much to Mrs Wardle and Mrs Lloyd, who accompanied the trip and well done to the boys for being fabulous ambassadors for Stafford.

Brighton Museum

On Tuesday 6th October, Year 4 visited Brighton Museum. During the day, they all took part in a workshop on mummification - where they loved taking out the brains and internal organs of a body, bandaging it and taking part in the weighing of the heart! They also visited the Ancient Egypt rooms, went to the shop and had a look round the rest of the museum. They all had an amazing time and the children were incredibly well behaved. Thank you to all the staff and especially the parents, who gave their time to help run the trip.



Harvest Assembly

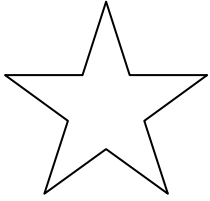


Thank you very much for all your contributions given for our harvest celebrations. Pictured left are the team captains with your harvest donations. The Foodbank team were very pleased with the 118.5kg they collected, which will provide 118 meals to local people in need! They also asked us to give you a **huge thank you** and to let you know that your contribution has given them a massive encouragement as they continue to see more and more people needing their support.

Stafford Stars

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

Year 3



Mason, 3 Rowan - Mason has worked really hard in English this week writing his instructions independently and he was particularly helpful in our gym session when he used what he had learnt to safely move apparatus. Well done, Mason!

Dante, 3 Birch - Dante has worked hard in English this week. He has managed to write instructions, independently and gave help to others when they were struggling. Keep up the good work, Dante!

Jack, 3 Elm - Jack has worked very hard this week, especially within English and Maths. In English, Jack has shown great pride in his work and always aims to achieve his very best. His Maths teacher, Mrs Marchant, has said that he has also worked hard in Maths by helping others and concentrating hard. I am very proud of you! Well done, Jack.

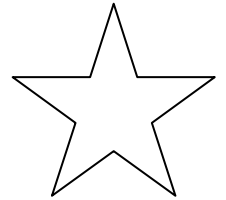
Alex, 3 Poplar - Alex always tries his best in class, giving 100% effort in all his learning. He is polite to teachers and children, while always giving good input when working with others. A fantastic attitude. Well done.

Year 4

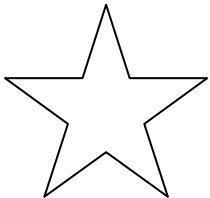
William, 4 Ash - William always tries his hardest in everything that he does in school and he listens really carefully all the time. He constantly impresses me with his enthusiasm for learning and the quiet way he approaches his learning. He really enjoyed the trip to the museum and listened attentively! Well done William. Keep it up!

Bradley, 4 Chestnut - Bradley impressed me during our trip to the Brighton Museum this week by the way he looked at the exhibits and selected things that he wanted to draw. The extra details he drew showed how carefully he looked. Well done, Bradley!

Diogo, 4 Larch - This week, Diogo has been really enthusiastic and has tried hard to participate during his English lessons. As a result, he has some fantastic ideas for his story! He has shown how hard he can work by communicating his ideas and writing them in his book. Well done, Diogo. Keep it up!



Year 5



Luke, 5 Alder - Luke was a great team leader during our harvest assembly and has confidently helped others in class to spell a variety of words. Good work, Luke!

Ellis, 5 Sycamore - Ellis has worked really hard in Maths, persevering until he gets it right. Ellis is trying really hard in all aspects of the curriculum and it is lovely to hear from other teachers how hard he is trying.

Joshua, 5 Beech - Joshua has been working really hard this term in Maths. He has been applying himself and has impressed Miss Baser with his hard work and positive attitude. Well done, Joshua!

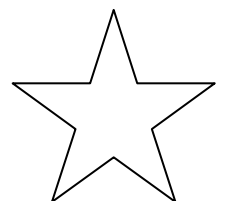
Georgina, 5 Acacia - Georgina has shown excellent work habits this week; she has listened carefully in Maths and has produced very pleasing work in English. Keep up the great concentration and focus!

Year 6

Scott, 6 Oak - Mrs Ward was impressed with your English work this week. You worked collaboratively in a small group to prepare a formal presentation. You also worked hard to ensure you spoke clearly and confidently in front of the class. Well done.

Zakaria, 6 Maple - You really impressed Mrs Ward during our focus on Speaking and Listening. You worked well in your group to prepare your formal presentation and you spoke clearly and confidently in front of the group. Well done.

Caitlin, 6 Cedar - Mrs Stevens was really pleased that you had the confidence to give your own opinion during the Safety in Action Activities. This shows that you have retained many ways to keep yourself and others safe. Well done.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th October – Year 3 Trip to the Children’s Book Festival, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill

Friday 16th October – Year 3 PTFA Disco

Wednesday 21st October – Photographer taking individual children’s photographs and photographs with siblings

Friday 23rd October – Minion Day - Dress up like a Minion (using blue and yellow colours) or bring a Minion toy

Monday 26th- Friday 30th October – Half Term

Monday 2nd November – INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 3rd November – Parent Teacher Consultations, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday 4th November – Parent Teacher Consultations, 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 5th November – Year 5 Trip to the Globe Theatre

Thursday 5th November – Year 3 Trip to Michelham Priory

Thursday 12th November – Year 6 Trip to Hever Castle

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

Tuesday 8th December - Upper School Christmas Concert – All Souls Church - Evening

Wednesday 9th December - Lower School Christmas Concert – All Souls Church - Afternoon

Friday 18th December – Last day of term

Attendance Challenge Cup

Last week, 28th September – 2nd October, the class who had the highest percentage attendance was 3 Rowan with 99.2% attendance! Well done. 3 Rowan. Keep healthy!

Have a relaxing weekend and see you all next week.

Mandy Stewart

Headteacher