



Stanhope Barrington CoE Primary School Newsletter

JANUARY 2018

SATs APPROACHING



This term, it is heads down and hard work for our Year 6 children who will be preparing for their KS2 SATs.

SATs will take place week commencing **Monday 14 May 2018**.

To support your child, please make sure they complete their homework and any tasks given to help them to prepare or revise.

It is essential that they learn their spellings from the work lists given.

We have found the Reading paper the most challenging. Year 6 children are all receiving a Reading Booster Group, but it would really help if you could read with your child, ask them questions about the text, how they think different characters feel etc.



BREAKFAST CLUB
is open every day from
8.00 am until the start of school costing £1.50 per day which includes cereal, toast and a drink. There is no need to book a place—just turn up on the day! Please pay daily or a week in advance.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



This year New Year Chinese starts on 3 February 2018. It is the year of the dog. Teachers have lots of exciting lessons planned and we hope Taylor Shaw will be working with us to provide food tasting opportunities.

Uniform Order forms are available from the school office and uniform can be ordered throughout the year. We also hold a small amount of stock in school.

BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER



The Friends of Stanhope Barrington have worked extremely hard to organise a Bingo Fundraising event to raise money for the school. Bingo Night is on **Friday 2 February 2018 at 6.00 pm in Stanhope Sports and Social Club**. Tickets are £5 per person (including children) and includes a pie and pea supper and five games of bingo. Tickets are available from the school office.

Thank you so much ...

Last term you raised a tremendous amount of money for the school and various charities—your continued support is greatly appreciated:

Macmillan Cancer Support—£334.75

Children in Need—£145.33

Save the Children—£63.00

Friends' Christmas Raffle—£424.00

Clothing Recycling—£75.00 for the school and £25.00 to Starlight Charity for seriously and terminally ill children.



DOGS' TRUST WORKSHOPS

Alisa Gray from The Dogs' Trust will be running Dog Awareness Workshops for a small number of children who have a real anxiety or fear of dogs. The workshops will begin on Wednesday 28 February and will run every Wednesday for the following 6 weeks.



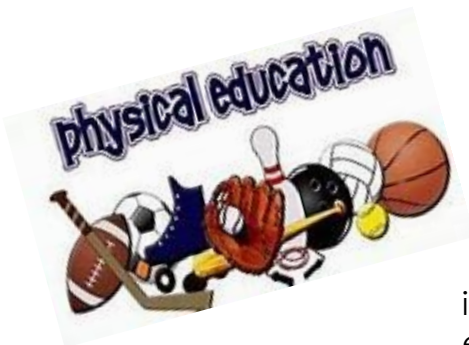
Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation.

On Wednesday 7 February our children will learn how they can protect themselves whilst on-line.

What is Safer Internet Day?

Co-ordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.



PE AND SPORT UPDATE

Last term the children from Key Stage 2 enjoyed taking part in a **Tag Rugby Festival**, which they learnt many vital skills they can apply to other sports, particularly team work.

This term, Years 5 and 6 will take part in an **Athletics Festival** and the whole of Key Stage 1 will take part in a **Multi Skills Festival**.

Both of these are during school time and will

involve the children experiencing new sports and developing skills they have previously learnt in school.

The **school football team** play on a Wednesday at Parkside and are doing well in their target of becoming local champions.

During PE lessons this term, your child will be taking part in **Dance** and **Gymnastics**.

These are fun and interactive topics that your children love to get involved in.

Please can you make sure they come with an appropriate PE kit, including a pair of trainers or plimssoles.

HEADLICE



Head lice is particularly common in primary schools. Advice on the best way to stop infection is for parents to check their child's hair weekly and **treat immediately** if you detect any head lice. Please read the attached leaflet produced by 'Once a Week Take a Peek' or visit their website at www.onceaweektakeapeek.com for more information.

Please remember to pay dinner money every week, on a **Monday**. It will help greatly if you could put the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and amount paid on the front of the envelope, and hand it to the class teacher or the school office. Many thanks for your co-operation.



A reminder that your first deposit of £50.00 is due by 28 February 2018 for the trip to Kingswood in September. You can also pay smaller weekly instalments if you prefer. Just send in your payment to school with your payment card so that it can be updated. Many thanks.

STANHOPE'S SCIENCE SPECTACULAR!



This term marks the first Science Week at Stanhope Barrington—29 January to 2 February. The whole school will be taking part in a range of science activities including chemistry experiments and physics challenges. We will

have a range of visitors in school running different workshops from building a circuit to power a car to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) career talks. Check the school website in February for



Look out for the following 'Up and Coming Events' in addition to the Spring Term calendar on the next page

- Science Week—29 January
- Bingo Night—2 February
- Chinese New Year—3 February
- Safer Internet Day—7 February
- Fairtrade Fortnight—26 Feb
- Dogs' Trust Workshops—28 Feb
- Anti-Bullying Production—7 Mar
- Sport Relief Day—23 March
- Easter Fair

The Neasham Trim Trail



In November we were contacted by the widow of a former pupil of Stanhope Barrington. Mr Neasham was a pupil here in the 1920s, and although he had lived in Manchester for many years, he still fondly remembered his childhood home at Stanhope.

His widow kindly donated £1,500 to the school, which we are going to use to install a new trim trail in Early Years, as the existing one was recently condemned.

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Neasham and we are certain that our young children will enjoy using the equipment in the near future.



HOLIDAYS 2017-19

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open
Christmas 2017	Friday 22 December 2017	Monday 8 January 2018
Spring half-term 2018	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
Easter 2018	Wednesday 28 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018
May Day 2018	Friday 4 May 2018	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Summer half-term 2018	Friday 25 May 2018	Monday 4 June 2018
Summer 2018	Friday 20 July 2018	Wednesday 5 September 2018
Autumn half-term 2018	Friday 19 October 2018	Monday 29 October 2018
Christmas 2018	Friday 21 December 2018	Tuesday 8 January 2019
Spring half-term 2019	Friday 15 February 2019	Monday 25 February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019
May Day 2019	Friday 3 May 2019	Tuesday 7 May 2019
Summer half-term 2019	Friday 24 May 2019	Monday 3 June 2019
Summer 2019	Friday 19 July 2019	to be determined

SPRING TERM IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Time	Event
Friday 9 th February 2018		Break Up for Half Term
Week Commencing Monday 26 th February 2018		Parents' Evenings
Week Commencing Monday 26 th February 2018		Fairtrade Fortnight
Wednesday 28 th February 2018	PM	Reception Open Afternoon
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	2pm	Music Celebration Assembly in Methodist Chapel
Thursday 8 th March 2018	All day	Class Group Photographs
Friday 23 rd March 2018	All day	Sports Relief Day
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	2pm	Easter Service at St. Thomas' Church & Break Up for Easter Holidays

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

If your child will not be attending school, due to illness, medical appointments etc, please can you call the school office before 9.00 am to let us know the reason why?



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Don't forget ...

If you do need to take your child from school during term-time, for whatever reason, please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form which is available from the school office. This form should be completed and returned to the school in advance of the absence.

Please remember to let the school office know if there are any changes of circumstances, including name changes, addresses or telephone numbers.