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Dear families and children,

School Uniform

Our new school ties look so smart! They are optional and it is lovely to see a mixture of children wearing or not wearing them. I think we will need a whole school photograph to celebrate how good we all look!

PTA

A reminder that our first PTA meeting of the year is this Thursday 24th September at 7.00pm. Please join us in the staffroom and help us plan our autumn term events. The more help we have, the more we can do!

Dates for the term

The school website calendar has been updated and our Christmas events have now been added. I know it seems early!! Details of events will be sent out nearer the time.

NSPCC visit to school

The NSPCC Schools service visited our school on Friday, to share important information about the work of the NSPCC and how children can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. We have chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event, and your support and encouragement would be most appreciated. Your child has been given an activity sheet and sponsor form. If you would like to help make a difference and participate in this activity, please ensure that the form and sponsor money are returned to school by Friday 2nd October. The NSPCC will give every child that takes part in the fundraising event and returns their sponsorship money, a single badge to say thank you. This is irrespective of the number of sponsors/donors who are able to give. Please ignore the different levels and badges shown on the back of the sponsor form. If you have more than one child in school simply put all your children's names at the top of one form and they will each get a badge.

The work of the NSPCC would not be possible without the kindness and generosity of their supporters. Every penny raised makes a significant difference for children and by supporting the NSPCC we can strive together to end child abuse. You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk. Thank you.

Bug Club

We had a few problems generating the Bug Club logins, for the new reading resource we are using in school and you can use at home. These have now been issued and should be coming home with your child today or tomorrow. Please look out for the login details. The children are really enjoying reading online and using this great resource. During parents evening, some of the older children will be in the atrium and will show you how they use Bug Club and how you can use it at home.

Mid Day Assistant posts

Stanley school currently has need for Midday Assistants. If you are interested you can contact Stanley school directly. Prospective applicants are advised that the ability to keep confidentiality and act appropriately on online social networking sites is required and will be explored in the taking up of references.



PREVENT Strategy

All schools are required to be proactive in promoting British Values and a strategy called the PREVENT strategy. From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism and this is detailed in the PREVENT strategy. Working together to keep children safe is the paramount aim. Attached to this newsletter is a parent information pamphlet that gives more information on this key approach to helping our children.

Race for life success

Last week, cancer research sent us a certificate for the funds you raised in our summer term 'Race for Life' event. The children and staff were astounded at the final figure:



£3303!!!!



This is an incredible achievement and one that we are all feeling very, very proud of. Thank you to everyone!

Online payment system

There are several 'baskets' set up in our online payment system. To help you know where to pay for what please see the table below:

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| Breakfast Club: | This is if your child attends the breakfast club. |
| After School Club: | This is if your child attends the after school club. |
| Wraparound: | This is if your child attends the wraparound sessions in school. Mini dinners are also paid for in this section as well. |
| Toast: Monday to Friday only | If you wish your child to have toast this is the section you need to complete. Minimum payment is £5.00 which should be paid before 11am for your child to have toast the following day, (Monday-Friday only). This needs to be paid for in advance and is a snack if your child wishes to have it and should not be a substitute for breakfast. The office will presume your child will have toast on a daily basis once it is paid for and will not be charged if your child is not in school. |
| Dinners: | If you wish your child to have a hot dinner (Year 3 upwards) then this is the section that needs to be completed. Minimum payment is £10.00 and will be reduced accordingly depending on when your child wishes to have a hot dinner. |
| Trips and Visit: | Any trips, swimming, music or after school activity clubs (excluding Taekwondo, Mrs Shaw's clubs and Shooting Boots) should be paid through this section. |
| Uniform: | If you wish to purchase any school uniform this should be done via the uniform sections. This will be looked at once a week. Uniform already in our small stock will be sent home that week. Any orders that need to be forwarded to our suppliers will take 2 to 3 weeks to arrive in school. |
| Uniform FSM: | This is only to be used for children who are registered for Free School Meals. If you are unsure please contact the school office and we will confirm for you. This will be looked at once a week. Uniform already in our small stock will be sent home that week. Any orders that need to be forwarded to our suppliers will take 2 to 3 weeks to arrive in school. |

and finally,

Our entrance barrier is not playing nicely at the moment and despite the attention of the engineers, it remains temperamental! Please support us while it is repaired and drive carefully into the site to use the drop off area.

Thank you,

Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher