



Welcome to the Monthly Bulletin

The next issue will be out in November

October 2019



A super well done to all the children who completed the summer reading challenge!

We have just launched our new website.

We hope you will find the site user friendly and informative. The website is mobile and tablet friendly.

Each class has a page for their own posts so keep checking these regularly.

The website address is **stanningtoninfants.co.uk**

Please bear with us whilst we ensure all the information is up to date.

What is 'Good Attendance'?



Samantha is in Year 1. Her attendance is always around 90%. Samantha's mum thinks that is pretty good!

So what does 90% attendance look like?

90% attendance means she is absent from school for the equivalent of one half day every week.

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	

In Year 1 Samantha's 90% attendance rate means she has missed the equivalent of FOUR weeks in school.

Sept	←									→ July

If Samantha continues to attend for only 90% of the time, in her 6 years in primary school she will miss more than half a year of education.

	Sept	←								→ July
Year 1										
Year 2										
Year 3										
Year 4										
Year 5										
Year 6										

← Over half a year's education missed!

Is 90% attendance good enough?

What can parents do to help?

- ✓ Ensure your child attends school every day and on time
- ✓ If your child is not well enough to attend contact the school on the first day of absence
- ✓ Try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school time or in holidays
- ✓ Take family holidays during the school holiday
- ✓ Try to attend parents' evenings and school events
- ✓ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in the work that they are doing
- ✓ Contact your child's school immediately if you have any concerns about their progress or welfare

Every School Day Counts

Every Friday morning and in singing assembly we are listening to a piece of music by different composers. Perhaps you would like to do this at home then suggest pieces to share with the rest of school?

Try these to get you started...

Saint-Saëns – Carnival of the Animals
Tchaikovsky – Swan Lake
Beethoven – Für Elise



We have a vacancy for a parent representative on our Governing Board.

Please return the separate letter if you would like to be considered.

10 day **Active** **Travel** challenge

Our school will be taking part in the 10 day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 7th** and finishing on **Friday 18th October** 2019.

Mobile phone in school policy.

We ask parents and visitors **not** to use mobile phones in school other than in designated areas.

These are the staff room and school office.

If you are supporting in class please leave your mobile phone in the staff room or in the school office, where it can be locked away.



Thank you in advance

Charity Support this term Macmillan Cancer research

We would like to invite parents and family members to come to a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer research. Please join us on Friday 4th October in the school hall from 9 -9.45am *(NB different date to year planner)*
Donations welcome for the charity



Harvest

On Friday 18th October we will be taking the children to Christchurch for a Harvest service. As part of the service we would welcome donations for the S6 Foodbank which have branches in St Thomas, Crookes Church; St Thomas, Philadelphia Church and the Jesus Centre. *(see separate letter)*

Children in Need

Please can children wear spots to school on 15th November. A donation of £1.00 per child would be really appreciated for this worthy charity.





School Terms and Holidays Academic Year 2019/2020

*Please make a note of the school calendar to avoid requesting term time leave.
Please share with other family members who may be involved in arranging holidays.*

Term Dates (All dates inclusive)

Autumn	Monday 2 September 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Spring	Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 27 March 2020
Summer	Tuesday 14 April 2020	Tuesday 21 July 2020

Holiday Periods

School re-opens	Tuesday 3 September 2019	
Half Term	Monday 28 October 2019	Friday 1 November 2019
Christmas	Monday 23 December 2019	Friday 3 January 2020
Spring Half Term	Monday 17 February 2020	Friday 21 February 2020
Easter	Monday 30 March 2020	Friday 10 April 2020
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 10 April 2020	Monday 13 April 2020
May Day	Friday 8 May 2020	
Spring Bank	Monday 25 May 2020	Friday 29 May 2020
Summer	School closes at the end of day on Friday 17 th July 2020	
SATs Weeks	First three weeks May 2020	

Staff Training Days

Autumn	Monday 2 nd September 2019 Friday 25 th October 2019	
Spring		
Summer	Monday 1 st June 2020 Monday 20 th July 2020 Tuesday 21 st July 2020	

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