



Welcome to the Monthly Bulletin

The next issue will be out in November

October 2023

We wanted to share pictures of our wonderful new outdoor classroom 'The Hive' We are so grateful to our PFA and families for raising money for this- it will make such a difference to the children's outdoor experience. Thank you to everyone for your support. We still have a bit of landscaping and an entrance ramp to install but we are nearly there!



- 3.10.23 Class 6 Millennium Gallery visit
- 4.10.23 Class 5 Millennium Gallery visit
- 5.10.23 Individual school photos
- 10.10.23 6pm FS curriculum meeting
- 11.10.23 9.30am FS curriculum meeting
- 16.10.23 Balance Bike Festival at Bradfield School
- 17.10.23 Parents meetings
- 18.10.23 PFA non uniform day

- 19.10.23 Fun Run at Nook Lane (all classes)
- 19.10.23 Y2s to Music in the Round workshop
- 19.10.23 Parents meetings
- 20.10.23 Inset day
- 23.10.23 Half term
- 2.11.23 Flu vaccines



Attendance and Absence procedures

Definitions:-

Absence:

- Arrival at school after the register has closed
- Not attending school for any reason

Authorised absence:

- An absence for sickness for which the school has granted leave
- Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time, for which the school has granted leave
- Religious or cultural observances for which the school has granted leave
- An absence due to a family emergency

Unauthorised absence:

- Parents keeping children off school unnecessarily or without reason
- Truancy before or during the school day
- Absences which have never been properly explained
- Arrival at school after the register has closed where the reason given for lateness has not been satisfactorily explained.
- Absence due to shopping, looking after other children, birthdays or other celebrations.
- Absence due to day trips and holidays in term-time which have not been agreed
- Leaving school for no legitimate reason during the day

Absence procedures

Parents' Responsibility to Inform School Regarding Absences:

Parents will be required to contact the school office via telephone before 8:40a.m. on the first day of their child's absence – they will be expected to provide:

1. confirmation that their child will or will not be in school.
2. an explanation for the absence
3. an estimation of how long the absence will last, e.g. one school day.

Parents should either

1. email enquiries@stannington.sheffield.sch.uk
2. talk directly to a member of the office staff.
3. leave a message on the school phone number – 0114 2344401.

Healthcare appointments

Parents are expected to make medical or dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where this is not possible, parents will be expected to obtain approval for their child's absence to attend such appointments as far in advance as is practicable. Please make sure either the school office or the class teacher are informed of the planned appointment. Parents will be responsible for ensuring their child misses only the amount of time necessary to attend the appointment. Where appointments are during the school day it would be expected that your child attends school prior to the appointment and returns to school after the appointment.

On arrival to collect a child please go to the school office. The school administration staff will ask to see evidence of the appointment (a text or letter) before they collect the child from the classroom. An authorised absence pass will be issued.

Please ensure you have let us know who will be collecting the child. If someone other than a parent arrives to collect a child and we have not been informed of this, a phone call to parents will be made prior to handing over a child.

If an appointment is first thing in a morning please request your child's lunch order when contacting school as we are unable to order these later in the morning.



A few reminder and requests.....

Please **label ALL** items of clothing and property clearly with your child's name.

If your child loses an item of clothing this will be returned to them if named or stored on the trolley in the cloakroom for a limited period of time. Please feel free to come in before or after school to look for items.

Given the unpredictable nature of our weather please can you ensure your child has a coat at school every day. We always go outside to play or to the dining room.

Please make sure water bottles are filled before school with water only.

Children are allowed to bring a small pocket sized toy to school to play with at break times. Please make sure this isn't something of value and is robust enough for school. Trading cards are allowed – only 5 at a time and no swapping whilst at school.

Finally, please can Key Stage One parents make sure you walk children to the classroom door.

Thank you in advance.

Birthday Treats

If you choose to send treats on your child's birthday please can these be individually wrapped items e.g. Haribo's and not home baked items. This allows us to hand these out easily and parents can decide if and when their child eats the treat. It also means we are not putting children with allergies at risk.

Please note that there is no expectation on schools' part for treats to be sent and actually we would prefer it if these were saved for parties etc. Thank you

Christmas dates

I know its early but we have been asked for these ...

30.11.23 PFA Xmas fayre 5 – 7pm We will need parental help with this – please let the class teacher know if you can support.

4.12.23 10.00am FS performance

4.12.23 2.00pm Y1 performance

5.12.23 2.00pm Y2 performance

15.12.23 Xmas party - Alfie the Elf is coming to visit (am) / Puzzling Paul Magician (pm)

18.12.23 Making Christingles TBC

19.12.23 Carol singing after school

20.12.23 Xmas dinner

21.12.23 Christingle TBC



Stannington Infant School's



Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club Monday to Friday 7.30 – 8.50am

After School Club Monday to Friday 3.15 – 5.45pm

We provide excellent wrap around provision within a safe and happy environment.

The sessions are charged at £5 for breakfast club which is open from 7.30 am. Each child will receive a healthy breakfast and a drink with quiet space and activities so they are ready for the start of school. Children will be accompanied to the classroom 8.40 am ready for registration.

After school club is available from 3.15pm until 5.45pm, the sessions are charged at £8.50. The children will have access to both indoor and outdoor facilities, making use of our wonderful school grounds. Indoor activities include craft, colouring, baking, whilst outdoors children will have balance bikes, gardening or sporting fun. A healthy snack will be available e.g. fruit or vegetables, toast, smoothies or milk.

To book a place please email

busybees@stannington.sheffield.sch.uk

Please note that spaces are limited so ensure you request a place in plenty of time.



School Terms and Holidays

Academic Year 2023/2024

Term Dates (All dates inclusive)

Autumn	Monday 4 September 2023	Friday 22 December 2023
Spring	Monday 8 January 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Summer	Monday 15 April 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024

Holiday Periods

School re-opens	Tuesday 5 September 2023	
Half Term	Monday 23 October 2023	Friday 27 October 2023
Christmas	Monday 25 December 2023	Friday 5 January 2024
Spring Half Term	Monday 12 February 2024	Friday 16 February 2024
Easter	Friday 29 March 2024	Friday 12 April 2024
May Day	Monday 6 May 2024	
Spring Bank	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024
Summer	School closes at the end of the day on Friday 19 July 2024	
SATs Weeks	First three weeks May 2024	

Staff Training Days

Autumn	Monday 4 September 2023 Friday 20 October 2023 Friday 22 December 2023	
Spring		
Summer	Monday 22 July 2024 Tuesday 23 July 2024	

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