



South Stanley Junior School
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Newsletter 2nd November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term with your children. Here are a few updates and the calendar dates for the half term ahead. We are really excited to be able to start planning some face to face events in school which involve parents/ carers attending. However, these will only go ahead following regular reviews and if our risk assessment allows. We may also need to limit the number of adults who can attend; more information will be provided closer to the date.

We are hosting some of our daily assemblies in school in the hall (rather than virtually) but ensuring that there is good ventilation at all times.

Harvest Festival

Thank you again for your harvest donations. We took 56kg of food to the food bank (which equates to 70 meals) and an equal amount to PACT house.

Remembrance

From Wednesday 3rd November, Mrs Barkess will be selling poppies and other related items at break times to raise money for the Royal British Legion. We suggest a donation of 50p for a poppy and there are various other items available from 50p to £1.50. We will also be holding a minute's silence in school and talking about the importance of remembrance on November 11th.

Parent Meetings

Our autumn term parent meetings will be held face to face in school for the first time in a while. Separate 'sign up' letters will be sent out for each year group over the coming weeks but the dates are as follows:

Year 3 - Tuesday 9th November

Year 4 – Wednesday 10th November

Year 5 – Tuesday 16th November

Year 6 – Monday 15th November

The meetings will be held in the hall and we ask that parents/ carers do not arrive until the exact time of their appointment. We ask that you wait outside of our main reception until you are invited into school to look at your child's books briefly before your appointment. The hall will be well ventilated (so wrap up warm!) and chairs/ tables will be sanitised between appointments. We are also very happy to offer a telephone appointment for any parents/ carers who would rather do this than come into school.

After School Clubs

We have several new clubs this half term. These include:

Yoga clubs- year 3 (Thursday) and year 5 (Tuesday)

Relax Kids – year 4 (Tuesday)



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French club – year 5 and 6 (Thursday)

Most clubs are full but we are happy to put a child's name on a waiting list (please contact Reception).

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bell

Key dates for this half term

Tuesday 9 th November 1:30 onwards	Year 3 Parent Meetings
Wednesday 10 th November 1:30 onwards	Year 4 Parent Meetings
Friday 12 th November	SLP 'Under the Tree' event
Monday 15 th November	'Odd Socks Day' to launch Anti-bullying week (children wear odd socks to celebrate our differences)
Monday 15 th November 1:30 onwards	Year 6 Parent Meetings
Tuesday 16 th November 1:30 onwards	Year 5 Parent Meetings
Friday 19 th November	Children In Need/ Punctuation Show in school
Wednesday 24 th November	Flu immunisation day
Monday 6 th December	Christmas raffle tickets on sale at school
Thursday 9 th December	10am Year 3 and 4 Christmas celebration in school (parents/ carers to watch) 2pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas celebration in school (parents/ carers to watch)
Friday 10 th December	10am Whole school carol service at St Andrew's Church (parents/ carers to watch)
Monday 13 th December	PM: Year 3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 14 th December	PM: Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 th December	School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 16 th December	AM: Whole school trip to the pantomime – Beauty and the Beast (Stanley Civic Hall) PM: Year 5 Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	PM: Year 6 Christmas Party and school closes for holiday
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	School closed to all pupils (staff training day)
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	School reopens to pupils

