

# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MS. RICHARDS

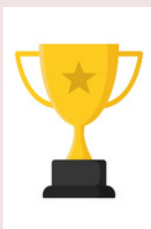
WELCOME BACK!!!

It has been absolutely lovely to welcome back all our children this week. I have popped into the classrooms to see them on many occasions this week and they have all been so settled.

We had our first Stanhope Stars this morning and it made me very proud to hear about how our winners had really been following "The Stanhope Way." I know that the staff and I are all very much looking forward to another great term of learning and laughter and we would like very much if you could join us along the way. Please look out for invites to events which will be happening this term - I know that the teachers will be inviting you to drop in and find out a little more about what the year hold in store for your child, so please keep an eye on DOJO.

Ms. Richards 😊

### ATTENDANCE



Good attendance is essential in securing the best learning outcomes for all pupils - "Every day counts." Our attendance target is 96% or more. If you need any help or support in securing good attendance for your child, please contact us.

This week's attendance winners are Cedar and Fir classes with 100% attendance!



# THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



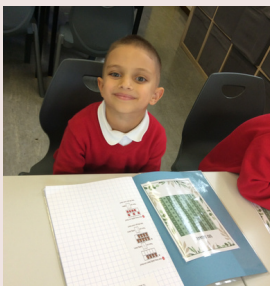
## EYFS UPDATE

### Nursery

Little Conkers have been very busy this week learning the 3 Be's...Be kind, be safe, be your best self. Welcome to our new starters in Little Conkers too.

### Reception

Reception have been busy exploring their new classroom and playground. They have been learning lots of new routines and rules. A big well done to all our Reception children



## YR 1 UPDATE

Elm Class have been settling into their new learning environment and have enjoyed exploring Elm class and the new sensory classroom. We have also made an amazing start with writing and phonics and maths. They are looking forward to starting their new learning journey next week.



# SOME MORE OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS

## YR 2 UPDATE

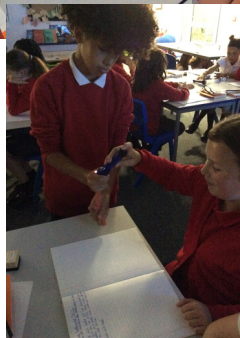
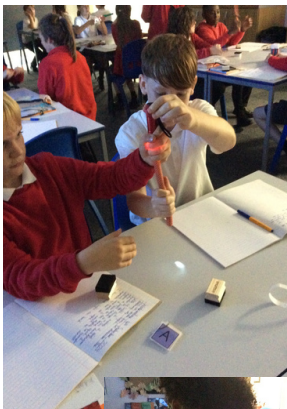


In Year 2, for the start of their new learning journey, 'Are all changes for the better?' the children have brought in some of their new toys to show and talk about

Year 5 got active this week with a fun -packed game of bench ball. It was fast paced and everyone got into the spirit.



## YR 5 UPDATE



## YR 3/4 UPDATE



-The children in Pine were using water colours to create a wash and added Pine tree detail once it had dried. and the children in Cedar and Maple were drawing 'personality islands,' inspired by the film 'Inside Out.'



## YR 6 UPDATE

### YR 3/4 UPDATE

Year 6 have started their new science unit on light. The children investigated how light is needed in order to see objects. They then explored how light travels and used hosepipe to prove that light travels in a straight line.

# UPDATE ON ATTENDANCE

As of August 19th, the **Department for Education (DfE)** have introduced some new guidance for schools when it comes to managing attendance. They have introduced a new national framework for penalty notices and amended the law. **All schools across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance.**

## Support first

The importance of regular attendance at school cannot be stressed enough. All schools are expected to promote attendance and provide support to pupils not attending regularly. This may mean that we will raise the issue of attendance even if your child has only had a couple of days off ill. This is not because we don't believe in you but because by working with you, we can step in early to help to prevent patterns of absence developing. We very much want it to be a supportive relationship where parents/carers work with us to improve attendance.

## National Framework for penalty notices

The threshold for a school considering next steps is 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be made up of any form of unauthorised absence (including being late to school) and other days of unauthorised absence which add up to 5 days within a 10-week period.

**Education Penalty Notices** are issued to parents of statutory school age children. They can be issued to each parent or carer who is deemed liable for the child's absence from school. The new costs and process is outlined below:

· **First Offence** – The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

· **Second Offence** (within 3 years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

· **Third Offence and Any Further Offences** (within 3 years) – The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

## Term time holidays

Pupils should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Leave of absence requests will only be approved if there are exceptional circumstances. If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the LA. The LA will issue a penalty notice with no requirement for a formal warning to be issued.

...AND FINALLY



## New Gates

By now, I am sure that you are very familiar with the new gates around school. Please note that the entrance on Keyworth Road will stay open all day to enable visitors to access the school reception. Parents and visitors can no longer access the site via the buzzer gate on Rutland Road. Please also note that the Upper school car park gate is now an accessibility gate. This is to try to reduce the number of pedestrians in the car park at any time.

Our morning and afternoon gates remain the same and there will always be a member of staff on the gates at these times.

If you need to catch me for a chat, I will be on Keyworth Road on Monday and Friday, Shelford Road on Tuesday and Thursday and Rutland Road on a Wednesday.

As always, you can also contact me via the office or send a message to me on ClassDojo. Ms. Richards 😊

# THANK YOU FOR READING



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