



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Associate Principal



19th November 2021

Hello Stantonbury families

How are you, how has your week been?

This morning when we arrived at school we were greeted to 'Christmas' bunting, hung on our fencing around the staff and student entrances. It was lovely to see and put us all in a great festive mood on a dark cold morning. Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to make and hang the bunting, it is a lovely, warm-hearted gesture and much appreciated.

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Safeguarding – Community Awareness

We have had reported to us that one of our students was followed home from school by a white middle-aged man dressed in black. The man shouted at the student and chased him to near home. Please could you speak to your child about this and ask them to be vigilant and to please report to the police anything they feel uncomfortable about. As a school we highly recommend if possible that students walk home in twos or threes especially with the night's drawing in.

Young bus user transport survey

MKC are seeking the views of young people (aged 12-19 years old) about the ways in which the MK bus service can be improved. We would be grateful if you could complete this [short survey](#) Please note, this survey is NOT for young people who only use the bus for home to school transport purposes.

BE READY

Year 11 Exams

The Year 11 exams start on Monday 22nd November and finish on Wednesday 1st December. During this time, students will be sitting a variety of core, and optional exams. Each student has a personalised exam timetable. We wish all our Year 11s the very best of luck and I am certain the 'Do Now' retrieval tasks and the positive work ethic they have shown in their lessons this term will pay off.

Interform Competitions

Week beginning 22nd November, Monday through to Thursday (period 1-3) the PE team will be hosting our school's first INTERFORM competition. Each Tutor Group will enter a separate boy and girl team from their Form to partake in the 5 a-side tournaments on the Astro. Students will spend P1-P3 on the Astro competing against the other Forms in their

year group. Between games there will be fun challenges for those students to get involved in whilst they are not playing. I would like to thank your child in advance for their support in helping to making this first INTERFORM competition happen.

On the days below all the students in the year group should come to school in their PE kits (**strictly no Hoodies please**). It is forecast to be dry but cold next week so please ensure your child has a suitable clothing and a coat that they will be able to wear when they are not playing.

Monday: Year 9

Tuesday: Year 7

Wednesday: Year 10

Thursday: Year 8

Start of Spring Term - letter attached

I have written to you to inform you of a change to our planned arrangements for the start of the Spring Term 2022 (please see attached letter). As you know our new building opens after the Christmas holiday and we are very excited to be able to offer state of the art facilities for our Maths, Science and Art & Design Technology faculties. We are certain that the new building will help us inspire your children in these very important subjects. In order to ensure that everything is ready for teaching, we need to adjust arrangements for the start of the spring term in 2022.

BE LEARNING

Children in Need

This week Stantonbury has been involved in raising money for Children in Need. The students have had fun doing cake sales, dancing, singing, raffles and splatting the teacher!!! Here is an example of what some of the money raised will be able to do.

£50 means a 14-year-old boy affected by poverty and bullying can attend a one-to-one counselling session, helping to build resilience, manage feelings and improve their emotional wellbeing.

£100 pays for specialist resources, support, and equipment, enabling a seven-year-old girl on the autism spectrum to better understand her feelings and reduce her anxiety about connecting with others.

£300 can pay for a new cooker to replace a broken one for a self-isolating family struggling financially who have a child who is unwell, enabling them to cook nutritious, hot food.

On behalf of Stantonbury School we would like to extend our gratitude to all parents and students for your commitment to Children in Need. Together we have been able to support many wonderful children.

Anti-Bullying Week

In addition, this week Stantonbury students have been taking part in anti-bullying week. Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15th to 19th November 2021 and it has the theme One Kind Word. This week we ran our odd socks on Tuesday to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. Students wrote their own pledges to spread one kind word messages and some students had the opportunity to voice their opinions on bullying. Our kind words to you are thank you for supporting in both causes you are all truly wonderful.

Wellbeing

Recommended viewing: BBC Children in Need 2021 Dr Alex: Our Young Mental Health Crisis. This is available on BBC iPlayer. Well worth a watch to gain an insight into the wide range of mental health issues currently impacting children and young people. A little warning: It does contain themes such as suicide, self-harm and eating disorders

Milton Keynes Schools Cross -Country

Congratulations to the 39 Stantonbury students who competed in the Milton Keynes Schools Cross-Country Championship at Campbell park on 17th November. The pupils performed exceptionally well and were an asset to the school with their attitude, determination, and support of each other. The distances run varied from 1500m to 4500m. The performance of the day came from a young man in Year 8 RV who came first in a field of 50+ Year 8 and 9 pupils across Milton Keynes. A phenomenal achievement and a future star to watch out for.

Finally, remember next week is a shorter week, with the school being closed to students on Friday 26th November.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Take care



Ben Wilson
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