



# NEWSLETTER UPDATE

## Associate Principal



10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Stantonbury Families

I hope this email finds you and your family well.

### **BE HERE**

I think our students, your children are wonderful, all of them, with no exception, at times both at school and at home they don't always make the right choices but knowing that we all care about them and that every day is a fresh start is having a profound impact in terms of both their behaviour, engagement, and enthusiasm for their lessons. This week it has been particularly lovely seeing how our children interact with each other and our teachers in lessons and during their social times, as they get excited about the holidays.

I have also been lucky enough to see first-hand, just how exceptional and caring they can be. I want to give a special mention to 5 students who have been nothing short of superheroes this week. One of our Year 11 girls was incredible as she supported an adult who had fallen over at the end of school day just outside our gates. By the time I arrived she had completely controlled the situation, she remained so calm and collected as she supported the adult on the floor. She phoned an ambulance and shepherded onlooking students away so the adult could get the help they needed. She was quickly supported by other students who modelled her behaviour. Similarly, two Year 11 girls and 2 boys from Year 8 all helped an elderly lady on Friday evening who had fallen over and hurt herself badly. Over the weekend there was a post placed on Milton Keynes Notice board thanking our students. We are all very proud of these students.



I wanted to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful help including the youngsters from Stantonbury school who helped me today after I fell and bled everywhere. Also thank you to everyone who helped, people who brought tissues, wipes, foil blankets and a chair. The lovely Polish couple who rang my husband and the emergency services and the lovely person who gave us a lift to hospital. Also the marvellous staff at A and E who are so calm and dealt with me kindly and efficiently. What an amazing bunch of people in our community.

### **Operation Warm Welcome**

As a school we have been working with Milton Keynes Operation Warm Welcome. This is a local government team who are supporting refugee children and their families from Afghanistan. The families are currently residing in a local hotel. I am proud and excited to announce that we will be welcoming several Afghan children into our school next week. They will be placed in classes throughout the school, and we will be supporting them with their

transition into school before they join us full time after Christmas. I have been lucky enough to meet the families and children who are beyond excited about joining our community. I know we will all make sure they feel very welcome.

## **BE READY**

### **Last day arrangements**

As tradition, we will be closing for Christmas on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm. Students will attend period 1, 2 and 3 as normal and then at the start of period 4 they will return to their Form rooms to be registered by their Form Tutors. They will spend a short time in their forms and then they will be dismissed at 12:30 from their tutor bases. Hot meals will be available for all students at 11:00 during the morning break.

### **Start of term arrangements**

In next week's lessons, teachers will provide all students with paper-based work to complete remotely on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Students will attend school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Please also note that when we return in the spring term, further announcements will be made regarding plans for the use of Google Classroom and our homework policy.

### **Christmas Jumper day**

On **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** it is Christmas Jumper day at Stantonbury School. We ask that students bring in a food donation for the Food Bank instead of a monetary contribution. Please see the attached for ideas of donations. Thank you in advance for your support and contributions. If children choose to wear a Christmas jumper and bring in a food donation, they do not need to wear school uniform on this day.

### **New Build**

With moving day to the new build imminent only 5 school days, we have made the decision to re-room all our science classes for all year groups out of Upper level for the final week of term so that the moving company can start their work. We have reassigned the classes, using free rooms across the site. Science lessons will continue as normal

### **Theatre**

We are delighted that after such a long break Stantonbury Theatre will open after Christmas. Our first shows are currently on sale and details can be found on the theatre website [www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk](http://www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk)

## **BE LEARNING**

### **Interform**

From the 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, around 1,111 students took part in the Inter-Form Football Competition. Students competed against other forms in their Year Groups through a half-day tournament which composed of both group and knockout stages. It was great to see the high levels of engagement, enthusiasm and support the pupils had for the competition and their peers. The pupils all showed the Stantonbury values of being respectful, responsible, and resilient which was fantastic to see. The pupils supported each other with a great deal of passion and behaved excellently throughout the week. The standard of Football on display

was exceptional. As a PE department, we look forward to future events, where pupils can showcase their abilities and sportsmanship again.

Congratulations to the following winners of each Year Group:

**GIRLS:** 7ZCT, 8XFW, 9ZBD, 10 Mixed

**BOYS:** 7XDS, 8ZCN, 9ZAL, 10YLL

Well done to everyone involved. We have had some suggestions already but if any pupils have any other suggestions for the next inter-form competitions, then they should speak to the PE team.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Take care



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