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Term 5 Newsletter- May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 5 has now come to an end and, once again, there are many successes and achievements that we need to celebrate. The children have been offered a vast array of wonderful curriculum opportunities which has led to such impressive learning outcomes and personal achievements.



Please continue to check your emails, our school website and social media for updates about the curriculum offer for your child and about what they are learning. We regularly send out information, especially at the beginning of a new school term. I would also encourage you to ask your child about what they have been doing- we have the pleasure of talking to them about their school experiences and they are open, honest but also very enthusiastic!

Year 6 SATs

I would like to share my praise and say a massive well done to our Year 6 children who all completed their SATs last week. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. We spoke with them beforehand about the phrase '**Rise up and attack each day with enthusiasm**' and they most definitely did this. They all faced what was put in front of them with motivation and resilience- skills which will set them in good stead for future challenges.



Healthy Schools Award

Our school has continued to demonstrate excellence in promoting health and well-being across our school community and, as a result, I am delighted to confirm that our school has been awarded the Healthy Schools Bronze Award. The Northamptonshire Healthy Schools Award is a set of evidence-based standards designed to promote a whole school approach to the following areas:

- mental health and wellbeing
- healthy eating
- physical activity
- PSHE

Our team have worked so hard to achieve this over the past term and it has been an absolute pleasure to see this hard work be rewarded and reflects our determination to be BEST.





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Assemblies

In assemblies this term, we continue to emphasise that all children and adults in our school community should demonstrate Brave, Enthusiastic, Safe and Thoughtful and how we are all welcome in our school. We have continued to talk about our differences with a particular focus on how our families may 'look' different and how we are also part of a school family.



'All different, All welcome'



By being thoughtful, how are we helping to promote our British Values?

We need to remember that we are all different but we are all welcome!

BEST

We have also had another Sketchbook Assembly – this term 'Mona Lisa' was our inspiration. We learnt about Leonardo Da Vinci and his achievements before we all followed a step-by-step guide to create our own version of one of the most famous pieces of art in the world. The children (and adults) never cease to amaze me during this assembly- they show such perseverance and enthusiasm, and they demonstrate how to show BEST during times they may find challenging or when things go wrong! Well, done to all!



'This is us' - Thursday 23rd May

We ended the term with a wonderful opportunity to share our differences and to celebrate respect and being thoughtful and the welcoming school we are. Our 'This is us' day began with an assembly and was then followed with opportunities for our children to take part in a variety of activities across the school celebrating the different continents, cultures and languages of the world.

In preparation, each child was asked to create their own T shirt design and to incorporate ideas that reflect them as individuals (name, hobbies, likes, dislikes, language, flags). The aim was for them to see they are all different, but we all have aspects of lives that connect us.

Our Garden

Over the past few years, the Gardening Club have worked incredibly hard to ensure our garden is a wonderful space to be. Many children and adults spend time out there during the school day and many volunteer their own time to ensure it remains tidy and watered.

To help us to continue with this hard work and to help us maintain what has been created, we would greatly appreciate any donations from yourselves or local businesses (including plants, tools, compost and a wigwam/sunshelter). Please bring along your donations to the main school office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



New wooden playground tower

Our new playground tower has finally been completed and our younger children have been having lots of fun on it. It has been wonderful to see them taking risks, attempting to try new things, and watching them be proud of themselves when they get to the top! I would like to thank InMAT for supporting us with this project and, whilst it was a long planning process, the result is amazing!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our playground equipment must only be used during the main school day when the children are supervised closely and when our staff, who are first aid trained, are available. Children should not be using it before or after school even if they are being watched by their parent/carer.





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Attendance and Punctuality

I recently sent an email to remind our families about the importance of children attending school daily and punctually- every day and every lesson count.

Our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our children receive the most from their education and reach their full potential. The law requires all parents/carers to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

I would therefore like you to ensure that dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. Our office staff will ask you for the evidence of medical appointments otherwise the absence will be unauthorised.

We monitor attendance very closely and when absence becomes a concern, we will send an attendance letter to parents/carers. If absence continues, we will invite you in for a meeting with the school to put an action plan including a parent contract in place to improve attendance.

If absences continue and attendance remains a concern, we may then refer you to the School Attendance Support Service and this may result in a fixed penalty notice and possible prosecution.

We aim to ensure that all children attend school regularly and on time wherever possible to ensure that they can make the most of the educational experiences we offer at Standens Barn.

I would therefore like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support with this.

E-scooters

We have recently been made aware that adults and children in our school community are using e-scooters as a form of transport both outside of the school day and on the way to school.

Please ensure that you read and understand the laws and information as described in the poster below. We have shared this with our children to ensure they follow BEST and remain Safe.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as:

- **MOT**
- **Licensing**
- **Tax**
- **Insurance**

Some e-scooters have exceptions to this as part of the government trial but this does not extend to any personal e-scooters.

What happens if I am stopped by Police?



Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

This is also the case for anyone using Voi scooters without a licence or registering with the Voi app as this is what covers you under their insurance.

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Voi are a company that are running a trial of the use of e-scooters in Northampton but will be expanding the use of the scooters across the county.

Voi e-scooters have an exemption as part of the government trial which make them legal for use on the road.

To use a Voi scooter you must:

- Be over 18 AND
- Have a full UK or foreign licence or a UK provisional licence
- Have an account registered with Voi via their website or app
- Only use the e-scooters on roads limited to 30mph (not on pavements) or designated cycle lanes.
- Always have full control of the e-scooter whilst you are riding and not allow yourself to be distracted by other things.

You must not:

- Use an e-scooter if you are under 18
- Use an e-scooter if you do not have the correct licence
- Ride the e-scooters on pavements
- Ride an e-scooter under the influence of drink/drugs
- Ride an e-scooter using someone else's Voi account
- Have more than one rider on an e-scooter at a time

For full details on their use look on Voi's website or on their app www.voiscooters.com

For education around the use of e-scooters and road safety go to www.ridelikevoila.com and complete the online training.





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We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy the rest of the week. We look forward to seeing you at 8:50am on Monday 3rd June ready for the final (and busiest) term of the school year.

Thank you to you all for your continued support and kindness.

Mrs James
Head teacher

Reminders:

To keep all our children safe, the play equipment/trim trail on our school playground is not to be used before and after school. The equipment is only supervised during playtimes, lunchtimes and specific PE lessons.

Please remember the car park is shut between 8:30 and 9:10 and from 3:00 until 3:30, unless you hold a disability badge/permit for vehicles which needs to be displayed clearly. Our caretaker will open the school gates when it is time to do so.

Please ensure you park safely and thoughtfully and NOT on the zigzag lines or in the school car parks (the areas both inside and outside the gates).

Please remember that if your child would like to bring their bike or scooter into school, they must wear a helmet.

We are committed to BEST and treating you with respect and courtesy and to be Thoughtful to you all. Our staff also have the right to work in a safe environment, so we ask that you treat them thoughtfully and with respect and courtesy. Offensive behaviour will result in you being asked to leave and may result in prosecution.

Please keep up to date with all information by regularly checking your emails, our social media pages and our school website.