

Southport Learning Trust

8th December 2023

Good afternoon Stanley Families

As we near the end of term I am sure you are all looking forward to the festive celebrations and we are no different. We will be holding our annual Christmas Café on Friday 15th December, we will look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible, if you have ever attended a Macmillan Cancer coffee morning you will know what a wonderful warm event this will be, with a festive twist.

We will also be celebrating Christmas Jumper day/Bling your Blazer, so please send your child in with money should they wish to take part. The donations will be split between Queenscourt Hospice and ABC Against Breast Cancer.

As the Christmas break approaches, it calls on us to reflect on the past year and think about how we can support each other over this time and over the coming weeks. Year 7 are currently collecting food to support Southport Foodbank. The deadline for our collection is Friday 15th December. Food donations are greatly received.

This week starts the launch of Work Experience for the Year 10 students. Students have had an assembly to explain the work experience process and all the great opportunities it has to offer. It was lovely to see so many families also come to find out how they can support their child through finding a placement and getting a great experience from this encounter with the working world. I am sure many families can look back on their own work experience and reflect on how it had an effect on their future choices. I am very pleased that we can now offer this again as a school.

The Drama department have pulled out all the stops to entertain by putting on a show on Thursday 14th December 'The Flint Street Nativity' by Tim Firth. Tickets are available on ParentPay for £2. We invite you to come and see what our amazing students have to offer.

Next week is our first week of celebration assemblies starting with Year 10 on Tuesday ending with Year 11 on Monday 18th December. Our staff enjoy being able to highlight our students' positives and encouraging them to continue to achieve and make progress in each individual subject.

We continue to praise students with our Praise Postcards and each week students are not only rewarded with a postcard, but they can exchange the postcard for a donut during Friday break and they certainly come in their numbers to claim their reward. This week it took place on Thursday due to the INSET day.

We will also be holding a week of 'Praise' next week with the theme 'Kindness'. Students can show kindness in many ways and many show this on a daily basis. Our team will be sure to acknowledge this throughout the week commencing December 11^{th,} students will receive cards of praise to post at the front of school. Lucky winners from a draw will win a prize!

Monday the 18th December will see the final performance of 'The Flint Street Nativity' where two forms in Year 7 and two in Year 8 will get the opportunity to watch the show as an end of term reward.

School will end for the Christmas break on Wednesday 20th at 12noon and we return on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.30am (week B).

Mrs J Shawe



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Headteacher

Woman in Black Theatre visit - Mrs Gregson-Burt

On Tuesday evening the Year 10 and 11 students GCSE Drama went to the Liverpool Playhouse Theatre to watch the 30th Anniversary tour of 'The Woman in Black.' A fantastic night was had by all despite the jump scares, spooky moments and often horrific Christmas song singing on the coach! The students were an absolute credit to the Stanley family and several members of the public approached us afterwards to say how they were wonderful Ambassadors for the School. They will now be learning how to write live theatre evaluations in their Drama lessons based on this performance.

Careers - Work Experience 2024 - Miss Waltho

This week we have launched next year's work experience with Year 10 students in assembly.

Thank you to all parent/carers that were able to attend the information evening on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, the information shared will be available on the schools website under the careers section — by following the link below. Please email enquiries if you have any questions. https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/careers/

School Term Dates

Please follow the link to see all available term dates. https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/term-dates/

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening dates

Please make a note of the following dates for your children's year. School will **close at 2pm** on these dates to allow parents/carers to attend from 3pm to 6.30pm.

Year 9 Thursday 1st February 2024 Year 11 Thursday 14th March 2024 Year 10 Thursday 2nd May 2024

Upcoming Dates and Events

Please make a note of the following dates, for your information.

December

W/c 11th Celebration Assemblies

Friday 15th Christmas Café 10am – 12.30pm

Friday 15th Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18th Christmas Showcase 1.15pm

Wednesday 20th End of Term 12noon

Attendance

We have a target of 95% attendance and work hard every day to beat this. The whole school attendance for week ending 1st December 2023 was 90.4%.

Did you know that if your attendance is 90%, this is equivalent to 1 full day off school every two weeks and if your attendance is 95% this is equivalent to half a day off school every two weeks?

Congratulations to 7JT, 9HW and 7EWA for achieving the highest attendance last week.





Since September, the Department for Education has issued guidance for all schools in "Working Together to Improve Attendance". This guidance forms the basis of our updated Attendance Policy - which you can find on our website at the following link.

https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Attendance-Policy-September-2022.pdf

Art - Mrs Ward

Christmas Card Competition winner

The Stanley High School Christmas card competition was, as always, a huge success and we were delighted to receive so many entries and of such a high quality.

It is our pleasure to announce that the winner was Morgan Neilson in Year 7. Morgan produced a lovely image which is displayed below, in particular the robin on the top of the hat and the blending on the trees.

Thank you to Mr Smith for encouraging our Year 7 students to produce these images and for giving our students a real sense of The Working World of



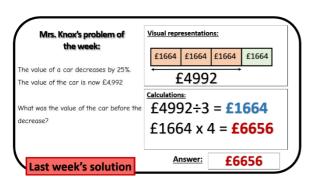
an artist, showing students that their artwork can be used to produce greetings cards. Well done to all year 7 students who entered.





Maths - Mrs Knox

Last week's solution



Problem of the week this week



Homework Club

Our school homework club is open to all years and is held in the library every day after school from 3pm - 4pm. Students will have access to laptops should they wish to use them and there will be support from learning support staff during this time. We welcome all students to attend whether it be to complete homework, to revise for assessments, or take the opportunity to access our library for the simple pleasure of reading.

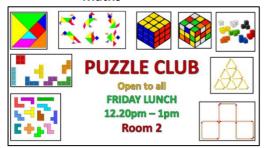




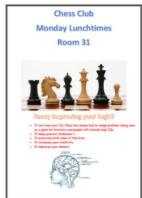
We understand homework can be tricky for some students to navigate so please know that we are here to support where needed.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Maths



Chess Club



Drama



Technology

















Online Safety - Mrs Fraser-Orr

Please visit the National Safety Online Facebook page at the link below to see their latest important information. You will also see any historical information that we have shared with you. https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety

NSPCC

How much does your child know about staying safe online?

Test their knowledge and start a discussion with our online safety quiz!

https://bit.ly/3ZUdW28



Literacy ePlatform - Mrs Kelly

Our students have started to enjoy the benefits of our new library platform ePlatform.



Students can log in using their normal school login: <u>Stanley High School - Stanley High School (eplatform.co)</u> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Online Information and Apps

If you have changed your email address or any other contact details, please let the office know by emailing. You can also follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/stanleyhighsouthport/ to keep up to date with events and activities in school.

The Sefton Directory

You will find useful information regarding Adults, Families and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities on The Sefton Directory pages. Please use the links below:

https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/home.page

https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0

https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=3

Advice, help and support available

You may wish to get in touch with Sefton's Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service, SENDIASS (Tel. 0151 934 3334) or by email seftonsendiass@sefton.gov.uk



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SENDIASS is a free, confidential, and impartial service for parents and carers, children, and young people (up to 25 years), who help parents and carers make informed decisions about their children's special educational needs and to support children and young people to have their voices heard and to talk over their options for next steps and future transitions. They can advise and support parents and young people up to and including mediation and tribunal.

https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/advice.page?id=x8sKvkxyZyo

Sefton Emotional Health Partnership

Please follow the link below to see some important links and contact details for emotional and mental health support providers.

https://mailchi.mp/a1413fe6bcb9/december-2022-newsletter-sefton-emotional-health-partnership





CHRISTMAS CAFÉ at **Stanley High School** Friday 15th December 10.00am - 12.30pm All of our Stanley family community are invited to join us for Tea, Coffee, Christmas Cake and chatter in aid of Queenscourt Hospice and ABC Against Breast Cancer. During the morning there will be an arrangement of cheerful merriment and song provided by our students as well as a few market stalls selling Christmas trinkets made by our Enterprise students. Those of you who have been to support our Macmillan Café know what a fantastic atmosphere is created at such events and we look forward to you joining us on Friday 15th December.























Online help and advice

If you have any worries or concerns regarding a child while school is closed please take a look at how you can report something that doesn't fit right with you Worried about a child (sefton.gov.uk).

Kooth is an online mental well-being website. 0203 984 9337 www.kooth.com

Childline is a free, private, and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday. 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

Samaritans is where you can access confidential emotional support at any time by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org www.samaritans.org

Shout is a 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258. www.crisistextline.uk

Police If you or somebody else is in danger, or it feels like a situation might get dangerous and you need support right away, click here to find out how to contact the police. www.police.uk

NHS Choices Mental health services are free on the NHS.

To get urgent medical help, use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online. For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance. www.nhs.uk

Report abuse CEOP help children stay safe online. If anybody acts inappropriately towards you or another child or young person online (such as sexual chat or being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable); you can report it here. www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Bullybusters is an anti-bullying initiative for children and young people. 0800 169 6928 www.bullybusters.org.uk

Parenting 2000 provides therapy, clinical help, and rehabilitation services. 01704 380047 www.parenting2000.org.uk

The Universal Services Guide

Sefton have created a guide detailing information for children aged 0-25 and their families who want to find out about support services available to them. This includes information about health professionals for all ages, leisure services, inclusive activities, and lots more.

https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/advice.page?id=GK_tnRp__Tc

If you are worried about a child, please contact the Police in an emergency or to make a referral to Children's Social Care please follow this link https://tinyurl.com/yywyg3or
For non-emergencies, call 111 or the MASH Team on 0151 934 4013.

SEND Support

Please follow the link below to see what support is on offer to families in the community of children who may have additional needs or struggles. There are sessions on sleep management, sensory workshops, eating etc. so help is available in so many ways.

https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/news/newsletters





Online help and advice

Childhood Bereavement Network

A website of resources to support children and young people who have suffered bereavement.

www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk

www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/training.aspx

Young Minds

Young Minds is a general mental health website, with a section on supporting children through grief and loss.

www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-grief-and-loss/

Winstons Wish

A website offering support for a child or young person around bereavement. www.winstonswish.org

Hope Again

Resources for Children and Young People who suffered bereavement.

www.hopeagain.org.uk

Losing a child is the most traumatic experience anyone will face. There are specialist support services available for families that can be accessed directly by the family. Here is a list of resources available to help families in this difficult time.

Sands

A charity that supports families who have suffered a still born or miscarriage of a child. www.sands.org.uk/

The Good Grief Trust

A website that offers general advice about bereavement including the loss of a child. www.thegoodgrieftrust.org/

The Compassionate Friends

A website that offers support for families who have lost a child. www.tcf.org.uk/

NHS Chathealth

If you are a parent of an 11–19-year-old, the NHS have launched a Chat Health text message service on 07312 263291. This service is confidential and anonymous.

E-safety

https://www.familyeducation.com/mobile-apps/a-complete-guide-to-potentially-dangerous-apps-all-parents-should-be-aware-of

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/