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Good afternoon Stanley Families

Wow! What an exciting and packed week we have enjoyed.

Firstly, I would like to commend the incredible efforts of our students and dedicated staff who worked together to deliver a fabulous production of The Flint Street Nativity. On Wednesday we welcomed local primaries to watch the production where the students left to a chorus of “epic!” and “best play ever!” What a wonderful way to start the festive celebrations. On Thursday evening we opened our doors to welcome in friends and families to enjoy the production. Thank you to all who supported our talented performers: actors, singers and musicians. I am deeply proud of the hard work and enthusiasm demonstrated by everyone involved. The performance was truly outstanding: packed full of skill, humour and moments that moved the audience. What an excellent commitment and dedication displayed by all. A big thank you to Ms Gregson-Burt for putting this all together.

I would also like to thank everyone who joined us and supported our annual Christmas café event this morning. Your generous support is what makes such a success of this event every year. Thanks to your contributions we were able to raise much needed donations for Queenscourt Hospice and ABC Against Breast Cancer.

In the new year, we will be updating all families with information about their child’s reading age and suggested strategies to support your child at home. Please remember that all students have access to our free library platform ePlatform [Stanley High School e-Library](#), meaning that they can take an entire library home with them this holiday. Titles range from classics to popular modern fiction, books to support well-being and many audio books too.

As the festive season approaches, I want to wish each and every one of our families a very happy and restful holiday break. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season.

Warm regards

Mrs Kelly
Assistant Headteacher

*Merry
Christmas* 





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The Flint Street Nativity



THE STORYLINE

Mizzis Horrocks' class of seven year olds is about to perform their nativity play at Flint Street Junior School for the proud mums and dads - and the occasional social worker.

Squabbles arise when Gabriel wants to play Mary, the Star grumbles he's not a proper star like they have at NASA, Herod won't stop waving to his mum and dad and the subversive Innkeeper is determined to liven up the traditional script. And then the class lizard escapes...





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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

Monday 18th Christmas Reward Flint Street production 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 7th December 2023 was 90.1%.

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 7EWA, 7MRL and 7CP 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.



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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

Mrs. Knox's problem of the week:

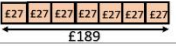
Shoes cost 3 times as much as a t-shirt.



The total cost of the shoes and 4 t-shirts is £189

How much do the shoes cost?

Visual representations:
T-shirt $\boxed{£27}$
Shoes $\boxed{£27} \boxed{£27} \boxed{£27}$



Calculations:

$$£189 \div 7 = £27$$

$$£27 \times 3 = \mathbf{£81}$$

Answer: $\boxed{\mathbf{£81}}$

Last week's solution

Mrs. Knox's problem of the week:

Whitney has a bag of cat food. She gives her cat the same amount of food each day.

- At the end of the 8th day, she has $\frac{7}{11}$ of the bag remaining.
- At the end of the 12th day, she has 300 g remaining.

What was the mass of the cat food at the start?

(Hint: try to draw a bar model to help with this problem!)



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.



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: [Stanley High School e-Library](#)

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

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>



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a **TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS**

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like playing phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parceling up those presents into a creative adventure.

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Maria Atwood designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate research qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school teachers and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is protected.

#WakeUpWednesday

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 @nationalonlinesafety
 @national_online_safety

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Set Up Safe Checklist



Set your child up for online safety with these simple tasks

Manage broadband & mobile networks



At home, access your broadband network and set applicable controls.



On the go, set up controls on the relevant mobile network.

See step-by-step guides to help

Prepare their device



Explore the device controls and settings to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional parental control apps for further protection.

Explore step-by-step guides for social media and video gaming

Talk & learn regularly

Together, learn about online safety issues that might impact your child.

Together, explore privacy and safety settings on their favourite platforms.

Ask them to teach you about their favourite online platforms to create an open environment for conversation.

Keep these conversations going for continuous support.



Visit internetmatters.org for more advice

[InternetMatters](https://www.facebook.com/InternetMatters)
 [@im_org](https://twitter.com/im_org)

[@InternetMatters](https://www.youtube.com/InternetMatters)
 [Internet Matters Ltd](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Internet-Matters-Ltd)

[@internetmattersorg](https://www.instagram.com/internetmattersorg)
 [@InternetMatters_org](https://www.pinterest.com/InternetMatters_org)



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 \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://www.sefton.gov.uk/worried-about-a-child).

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](tel:111) or the MASH Team on [0151 934 4013](tel:01519344013).

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/>