



Stanah Standard

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Message from Mr Clough

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community who have worked so hard in the last few months. Despite the difficult times, they have been wonderful in school and have recently brought Christmas cheer to many people.

Thank you to the staff for working with so much enthusiasm and care and making sure the curriculum is exciting, that the children catch up after lockdown, that the operational admin work has continued that the hygiene procedures are of the highest standard and the school meals continue to be wonderful.

I must tell everyone that the classrooms, corridors and halls have displayed amazing work and have been noted by LCC as further examples of the outstanding work from our staff and children.

Thank you to the children for coming back to school so enthusiastically, for working so hard, for looking after one another and for making each of our days so special. I have seen so much creative and outstanding work and many happy, smiling faces.

Thank you to the Governors who have led alongside the Management team with dedication and commitment for the school and the often difficult decisions and tasks that we have needed to make. All of them are volunteers and always find time, despite their own jobs etc to be on call at a moment's notice. For a long time, termly meetings became weekly meetings.

Thank you to the PTFA who have continued to work so hard to raise funds and support school, especially with the massive task of preparing the Christmas hampers and running the event remotely. Their funds are needed more than ever now.

Thank you to our 2 members of the clergy, Rev Jane and Rev Stephen. Behind the scenes they have done so much to look after us and care for us, especially in their prayers. I have spoken with them regularly and they are real friends to us all.

Last but by no means least, thank you to all the parents/carers/family members who have supported school this term. It has certainly been challenging for you all when juggling your own jobs, family commitments and remote learning. Your support has never waned and your messages of support and thanks are really appreciated. Thank you also for suggestions you have made for the return to school procedures, they have helped in our daily and weekly evaluations. Thank you for supporting your children's learning both remotely and in school and for supporting the events we have been able to run.

In the 11 years I have been Headteacher here, I have always said, 'We are the Stanah Family'. Particularly, during the last few months, everyone has really shown this ethos, come together and looked after each other in so many ways.

Thank you all,

I wish you all a Happy Christmas with your loved ones,

Stay safe everyone,

Mr Clough

Despite the current Covid 19 restrictions, we are still busy in School...

Reception

This week we have done all things Christmas. We have continued writing about 'That's not my Elf' and creating our own characters. We have loved learning about 1 more and 1 less and our number knowledge is really improving. We loved our Christmas party this week and we had a special video from Father Christmas, he even left us a gift. Our Nativity went live on class dojo and we know the parents loved it. Have a great Christmas from everyone in Reception!

Year 1

Christmas is here! After a busy start to the week, finishing off our penguin writing and creating our clay penguins we have definitely been getting into the Christmas spirit. The elves have been busy in the workshop creating all of the enterprise goodies and the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their penguin Christmas cards. Not to forget, our reindeer hunt in PE, Christmas wrapping in the provision, our elf diaries in the classroom and various writing opportunities throughout the day. The children deserve a two week Christmas break after working so hard this term.

Year 2

What a final week we've had in school! It has been busy! In English, we enjoyed innovating the final part of our Snowman writing and we peer assessed each other's work using our success criteria. They were great! In Maths, we have continued to work and solve problems involving money. We had lots of fun making our enterprise products and we really enjoyed designing our own Christmas scenes in the style of Hundertwasser in art. This week our highlight has been our Christmas Party! We had such fun playing games, dancing, taking part in a Christmas quiz and making Christmas Crafts. Have a Fabulous Christmas from Year 2!

Year 3

We have had a very busy in Y3 this week, from making 3D bones, to investigating muscles and bones, to Christmas parties. We have been getting in the Christmas spirit in our English lessons. For the last two weeks we have been studying the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. This week we wrote our own rhyming poem based on the original. We were really impressed with what the children came up with. Many of them learnt the poem, of by heart, in their own time.

We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and recharges their batteries ready for a busy term ahead. Stay safe Year 3. See you next year, Miss Barrow and Miss Lindsay. 😊📞

Year 4

We have had a busy and exciting week in Year 4! We have completed our newspaper articles about the plague in 1666 and continued practising the formal methods of addition and subtraction (the column methods). As part of the Geography curriculum, we have been learning about landfill sites and recycling. We have discussed the ways that we can reduce the amount of plastic that we use every day. Did you know that globally, 1 million plastic drink bottles are sold every minute? In art, we have created our final pieces of artwork; 4T have used crayons or pastels to create images from a famous plague painting, whilst 4KP have designed Mexican Day of the Dead skulls based on Jean-Michael Basquiat. We had a wonderful afternoon on Thursday - dancing and playing games at our Christmas party. Thank you for all your support this term. Have a great Christmas holiday!

Year 5

Multiplication, non-chronological reports on navigation, science experiments and lots of fun has been the theme of our final week. The children have worked incredibly hard to finish off all of our pieces of work and write up our 'fizzy' experiments. We had an absolute blast yesterday, playing human hungry hippos for our class parties. We've finished the week with many Christmas themed activities and lots of fun, ready for a well-earned Christmas break. Merry Christmas, from Year 5!

Year 6

Who wants to play human hungry hippos? Not a question you hear every week, but one that didn't sound out of place on Wednesday at the Year 6 Christmas Party. Year 6 had lots of fun playing festive games, enjoying the music and celebrating the end of a brilliant term! As well as lots of excitement, the children have continued to work hard and have enjoyed completing their Science topic this week, all about The Circulatory System. Our Year 6 Teachers are extremely proud of the children's hard work, enthusiasm and teamwork. We hope you have an amazing Christmas!



A massive thank you to the PTFA for organising and running the Christmas hampers again this year. It is a huge task and requires many hours of work from our volunteers. Thank you also to everyone who bought a ticket. The hampers have raised approx £550 pounds for the PTFA to allocate to school when required.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St John's Little Thornton

Christmas is coming! - Despite the restrictions we will still be celebrating together and you are invited to join us as we share in the joy of Christmas as we celebrate Jesus the light of the world.

Sunday 20th December - 3.30pm and 6pm Carol Service (...but sadly only the choir are allowed to sing)

Christmas Eve - 4pm Crib service - online only. Live streamed via YouTube (search St Johns Little Thornton or go to stjohnslittlethornton.org and click the online button).

Christmas Eve - 10.30pm The First Communion of Christmas

For more information go to stjohnslittlethornton.org

With every blessing to you all this Christmas from Rev Jane, St John's, Little Thornton

Thornton Methodist Church

Sun 20th 10.30am Open air Carol Service on The Ashley Car park!

Sun 20th 4pm, 5pm and 6pm Christingle!

Thurs 24th, Christmas Eve, midnight Communion at 11.30pm

Wed 25th Christmas Day Celebration

Everyone welcome, but due to limited spaces please book in with Rev Steve 07913 442627, stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas,

God bless you Rev Steve 😊

Applying for places at our school for Sept 2021- It is possible to apply on-line at

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools>

Please see the poster on the school notice board at the gate for more information.

We are unable to host Open Days at the moment so we have made alternative arrangements. There are now 2 videos on our website. One is a virtual tour and the other explains our Teaching & Learning ethos.

Please see the school website for further details.



**Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Best wishes from all at Stanah Primary School**

