

# Stanah Times NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

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Here is our Spring edition of our Stanah School newsletter to tell everyone all about what the children of Stanah have been up to this busy Spring term.



Foundation – The children in Foundation Stage came back after half term and launched their Outdoor Learning Week. The children came in their outdoor clothes and brought in their parents and grandparents. The children created a hide to watch the animals in the fields, they moved their bug hotels, they created some outdoor learning environments and generally had fun outside!

Year 1 have been busy rehearsing and practising their Easter called 'Our First Easter Show'. The play is all about the essence of Easter and Spring and the importance of new life. Well done Year 1 for a fantastic show!

Foundation and Year 1 have been inviting their parents and carers in to join their children's phonic lessons. The children and the parents have been learning new phonic sounds and they have been applying these to phonic activities.



Year 2 have been studying plants and plant life as part of their science topic. They have been growing various types of seeds and plants. The year group have been experimenting to find out the best way to grow plants and what elements they



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Ahoy there! After half term all the children of Stanah came back to school dressed up as pirates! This kicked off our pirate writing topic in school. The children participated in pirate games and songs. All children then went on produce excellent piece of writing based on the pirate theme e.g. treasure maps, instruction texts to find buried treasure and pirate stories.



On 12th March the Stanah Showstoppers gave an outstanding performance at the Winter Gardens. The children took part in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Celebration of Music event, organised by the Hilton Hotel and Millfield, and performed an Oliver medley. The event helped to raise much needed funds for the D M Thomas Foundation for Young People and is attended by many local primary and secondary schools. We were so proud of the children and their wonderful behaviour .

Showstopper and school are applying for a Silver Award in the Sing Up Pledge. Mrs Addison is working hard to gather evidence and videos to support our certificate!



On 7th March we celebrated World Book Day by inviting an author into school called Claire Barker. Year 2-4 from Stanah were joined by children from Baines and Manor Beech. The children loved hearing about Claire's inspirations for her book and how her pets inspired some of her characters. Claire got all the children involved in making their own character for a story. There was also an opportunity to buy some of Claire's novels and to get writing themselves.



On 6th February 2018 it was Internet Safety Day. Within school the children have been discussing how to be safe online. The Infants have been making up anti-bullying songs and talking about blank screen days. The Juniors have been learning about how to communicate with others online and to make sure that they don't give any personal information away to strangers whilst playing online. The police were also present at parents' evening to advice support and advice to parents.



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Mrs Harrison and her class have been involved in a STEM project with Hodgson High School. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. 4H have been going to Hodgson School every week and taking part in many exciting STEM activities. The children have been learning about sound and light waves, they have used chromatography and learnt all about the human body and their organs. Mrs Harrison has also been running a STEM club in the Juniors. There are many budding scientists at Stanah!

As part of Outdoor Learning in the Juniors the children have been exploring the school grounds finding as many signs of Spring that they can see (amongst the frost and the snow!). They have been making bird feeders and learning about the importance of helping the wildlife during the cold Winter months. As the weather improves we hope to be outside more, learning about our environment.



On 16th March the Year 5 children entertained us with a wonderful Easter Service at St John's Church. It was full of quotes from the traditional Easter story and amazing songs which captured the real sentiment of Easter. Year 5 balanced the seriousness of the Easter celebrations with the importance of new life and of course chocolate!



Easter Bingo – On Friday 16th March, the annual Easter Bingo took place in the hall. Everyone who came went home with lots of chocolate from either winning bingo or the tombola or (if you were lucky) an Easter Bundle full of eggs! Mr Mack was calling the numbers so there were loads of corny jokes!

