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Newsletter Autumn 1 2025 - No. 1

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Dear families,

I would like to warmly welcome all our families back to school after the summer break. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday and that your children are feeling ready and excited for the new academic year ahead.

A special welcome goes out to the new families who have joined the Standhill community. We're delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you in the weeks to come. Our staff team is fully committed to helping every child settle in smoothly and feel confident in their new routines. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply need support, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or speak with either myself or Miss Randall, the Deputy Head.

### **Uniform and book bags**

The children look very smart in their school uniforms. Please remember to label all clothing, coats, bags, shoes and water bottles. As the weather changes please remember to send a coat into school as we aim to send the children outside every day.

Please can I ask that you send the small, flat school bags into school as we can't store larger bags in our cloakrooms and classrooms.

### **Book shop**

Our 'Book Shop' volunteer – Mrs Soar, will be sorting savings cards this week with the shop up and running on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Don't forget to read at least three times a week with your child and record in their reading diary.

### **Water bottles**

Please continue to bring water bottles into school. Please can I remind you that bottles should be filled with water.

### **Dogs on the playground**

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment. Therefore, school policy is that no dogs are allowed on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by not bringing your pet to school.

### **Morning drop-off**

During morning drop-off, parents often need to communicate messages to the class teacher. This is a very busy time with children needing to enter the school promptly and some children needing their class teacher's support. To enable parents to communicate messages successfully and to enable staff to care for the children, I will be on the playground near the side gate with a notepad to take any messages. I will then pass these messages on to your child's class teacher. Please do not be offended if class teachers ask you to communicate messages to me during this busy time.

### **Mr Pepper**

Mr Pepper will be in school over the next few weeks to make a film with Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. In Foundation Stage he will be looking at 'Superheroes' and in Key Stage 1 he will be teaching the children about the 'Great Fire of London'.

All the children will take part in making a film which is a great way to make the knowledge stick. We will also be having a screening of the films in November, which this year will be in the school hall. A letter will follow nearer the time (see dates at the end of this newsletter).

### **Meet the New Headteacher and Expectations Meeting**

We will be holding meet the new headteacher events and expectation meetings for all parents and carers. These meetings are an opportunity for parents to meet me and for teachers to share information about what is expected during the year. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the curriculum (see dates below – a letter will also follow shortly).

### **Parking**

The school car park is for staff and visitors only. If you bring your children to school in the car, please park in the road (be mindful of pedestrians, zig-zag markings and do not block drives) and there is of course free parking at the end of Standhill Road.

### **Flu Immunisations**

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/1eb98483>

The vaccinations will take place at school on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The link will close on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. If your child has already had the flu vaccine elsewhere, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

### **Midday supervisor post**

We will shortly be advertising for a midday supervisor. A DBS check will be needed, and full training will be provided. If you are interested, please see the office staff for more details.

### **Benefits-related free school meals (pupil premium)**

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you will be entitled to apply for pupil premium funding. Not only does this benefit the school with additional funding, but it also entitles your child to free school milk (after they turn five), a free book bag, free PE kit, funded school trips and free after-school clubs. If you think you may be eligible, please may we urge you to apply for this valuable funding. The link to find out more about this is:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>.

### **The National Child Measurement Programme for Foundation 2 children**

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of this national programme. An email with more information will be sent out to all our new parents and carers in F2, in due course together with a separate email from NHS Notts Healthcare with other information you may find useful.

Kind regards,

Mr T Fennell,  
Headteacher

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Pepper – Class 3
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Football Club begins
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Pepper – Class 4
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Pepper – Class 2
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Yoga Club begins
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Pepper – Class 1
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Meet the new headteacher and expectation meeting for parents and carers in F2 - class 1 - 3:30pm
<i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</i>	Meet the new headteacher and expectation meeting for parents and carers in KS1 – classes 2, 3 and 4 - 3:30pm
Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings/Reviews – Letter to follow
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn 1</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>School closed for two weeks half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b><i>Inset Day school closed for all children</i></b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Mr Pepper and F2 'Superheroes' film after school (letter to follow).
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Mr Pepper and KS1 'The Great Fire of London' film after school (letter to follow).
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play am and pm (letter to follow)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	F2 Christmas Play am (letter to follow)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn 2</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>School closed for the Christmas holidays</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens for Spring 1 2026

More dates will follow throughout the Autumn term when new events are organised.