



We are kind - We show respect - We are honest - We show diligence

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Dear families,

What a wonderful start we have had to the new academic year. The past week has been filled with excitement, new beginnings and lots of happy learning. It has been lovely to see our children settling into their new classes, getting to know their teachers and making new friends. We are incredibly proud of how confidently and positively they have approached the start of term, and we are looking forward to all the fun, learning and special moments the autumn term will bring. A very warm welcome to all our new families, and welcome back to those returning to Standhill, we are so pleased to have you as part of our school community.

Robin Hood Half Marathon



It is nearly time for our very own Maria, our lollipop lady, and Mr Worrall to take on the Robin Hood Half Marathon! Both members of staff are taking part to raise money for Standhill Infants' School, and we are incredibly grateful for their support and commitment to our school community. Maria has set up a GoFundMe page for anyone who would like to make a donation. Every contribution, big or small, will help to support our children and make a difference to our school.

If you would like to support Maria and Mr Worrall in their fundraising efforts, please use the link below to make a donation. Thank you so much for your generosity and support — and we wish them both the very best of luck with their run!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/standhill-infants-school>

School Uniform and Bags

The children have been looking very smart in their school uniforms. Please remember to clearly label all items of clothing, including coats, jumpers, shoes, school bags and water bottles. As the weather becomes cooler and wetter, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day. We aim to provide opportunities for the children to play and learn outdoors every day, whatever the weather.

We would also like to remind families that children should bring the small, flat school bags into school. Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient space to store larger bags in our cloakrooms and classrooms.

Unfortunately, we have now run out of book bags available to purchase directly from school.

Please do not place any further book bag orders through Scopay, as we are unable to fulfil these orders.

Book bags can still be purchased directly from [Just-Schoolwear](#), or you are welcome to purchase a simple flat blue book bag from another retailer online.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

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 ramp 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.

Food in school

A kind reminder to all parents and carers that Standhill Infants' School is a nut-free school. Please ensure that any food brought into school as part of a packed lunch does not contain nuts. This includes products such as Nutella or other nut-based spreads, as well as some chocolate bars and snacks that may contain nuts.

We would also kindly ask that grapes are cut in half lengthways before being included in packed lunches, as whole grapes can present a choking risk for young children.

Earrings

A polite reminder that only small stud earrings may be worn in school. On PE days, please provide your child with plasters that can be used to cover earrings, as even stud earrings can present a safety risk during PE lessons.

Please also note that hoop earrings are not permitted at any time in school, as they can easily become caught on PE equipment, clothing or another child, potentially causing injury.

Building work

The building work is now nearly complete, and we are delighted to see the project reaching its final stages. Most of the inside work has been finished, with just a few areas left to paint. Outside, the trench at the main entrance will shortly be covered with specially made grates. These were unfortunately delayed during manufacture, but we are pleased that they will soon be installed. The car park will also soon be returned to school use, with the fencing being re-installed.

The fire exit will be completed shortly, and the soft-play safety matting around the climbing frames will be fully reinstalled during the October half term. The field will also receive some finishing touches, including light landscaping and the planting of new grass seed.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding while these works have been taking place. We are very much looking forward to having the school site fully completed and back to normal.

Homework

We have introduced weekly spelling homework for children in Years 1 and 2. Each Friday, your child will bring home a small list of spellings to practise. We ask that children spend a few minutes practising their spellings each evening.

The spellings are carefully chosen to link to the phonics sounds and patterns the children have been learning in school that week, helping them to consolidate their learning.

You may notice that your child brings home their spellings from a different teacher. This is because we have grouped the children into smaller spelling and phonics groups, allowing us to provide more focused teaching.

Please return the completed spelling homework to school by the following Thursday, ready for the next set of spellings to be sent home on Friday.

School Facebook Page

Last year, we created the Standhill Infants' School Facebook page. Although the page was relatively quiet last academic year, we are looking forward to making much more use of it this year to celebrate our school, share news and events, and promote the wonderful things happening at Standhill within the Carlton community.

We would love for our families to support us by following and liking our Facebook page, and by sharing our posts with friends and family. This will help us to raise the profile of our school and reach more people within our local community.

We want to reassure parents and carers that photographs showing children's faces will only be shared on our school Facebook page where we have received the appropriate parental or carer permission.

Values

Before the summer holidays, we asked parents and carers for feedback on some small changes to our school's core values. Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas. We have incorporated your feedback into our updated values and new stickers.

Our four core values are Honesty, Kindness, Respect and Diligence.

The children have already enjoyed learning what diligence means and using their new vocabulary.

Our new value stickers have also started to come home. Children receive a sticker when they demonstrate one of our core values, helping us to celebrate their positive attitudes and behaviours. Our new stickers look like this:



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 in Year 1 and Space in Year 2.

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, so please look out for the letter that will follow nearer the time (see dates at the end of this newsletter).

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will take place on 3rd November. Around three weeks before, you will receive a text message from the NHS asking you to opt in or opt out. We will also let parents and carers know when the messages have been sent, to help ensure you don't miss them.

The National Child Measurement Programme for Foundation 2 children

Every year in England, school children in Reception 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.

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) and funded school trips. 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>.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead and I thank all the families for their continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr T Fennell,
Headteacher

Date	Event/Activity
Thursday 17 th September	Yoga Beamz Enrichment Day
Monday 21 st September	Adam Pepper working with year 1 (class 2)
Tuesday 22 nd September	Adam Pepper working with year 2 (classes 3 & 4)
Thursday 24 th September	Adam Pepper working with F2 (class 1)
Friday 25 th September	Next Level Sport – Clubbersize
Monday 28 th September	Expectation meeting for parents and carers in classes 3 and 4 - 3:30pm (letter to follow)
Tuesday 29 th September	Expectation meeting for parents and carers in F2 - class 1 - 3:30pm (letter to follow)
Tuesday 29 th September	Expectation meeting for parents and carers in Year 1 - class 2 - 3:30pm (letter to follow)
Friday 2 nd October	Individual Class Photographs
Tuesday 6 th October	Pantomine Visit – Cinderella – (letter to follow)
Thursday 8 th October	Yoga Beamz Enrichment Day
Tuesday 13 th October	Parent Review Evening 1
Thursday 15 th October	Parent Review Evening 2
Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Inset Day – School closed to all children
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 3 rd November	Mr Pepper and Year 1 in the ‘Great Fire of London’ film after school (letter to follow).
Thursday 5 th November	Yoga Beamz Enrichment Day
Thursday 5 th November	Mr Pepper and F2 ‘Superheroes’ film after school (letter to follow).
Friday 6 th November	Mr Pepper and Year 2 in ‘Space’ film after school (letter to follow).
Friday 20 th November	Next Level Sport - Boccia
Thursday 3 rd December	Yoga Beamz Enrichment Day
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Play am and pm (letter to follow)
Friday 11 th December	Children’s Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 15 th December	F2 Christmas Play am and pm (letter to follow)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	Next Level Sport – Christmas Games
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn 2
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January	School closed for the Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	School reopens for Spring 1 2027

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