



Federation Newsletter



October 2023

We have had a very busy start to the year. Year 1 and 2 welcomed *Herrings Farm Falconry Centre* who showcased four beautiful owls. The children were able to hold the birds and watch them flying. Meanwhile, Year 6 visited the Harry Potter Film Studio near Watford to inspire their writing lessons.



Parents On-line Safety Meeting



A reminder we will be holding a Meeting for parents of both schools on Computing and E-safety on **Wednesday 4th October at 3.30pm at Stanton School.**

We will be providing guidance and strategies which you can use at home to ensure your child uses technology safely.

National Poetry Day

On **Thursday 5th October** we will be celebrating National Poetry Day which, this year, focuses on the theme of Refuge. To mark the occasion, we will be listening to and comparing a variety of poems as well as composing our own.

Let's brighten up a school day

At Stanton and Pepper Hill we are saying #HelloYellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health. We are asking all the children, and staff, to wear yellow on **Friday 6th October** and **donate £1**, which will go to the mental health charity YoungMinds. The children will have the opportunity to complete activities to find out ways in which we can support our mental health.



Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival assemblies will be held on **Tuesday 10th October.** Once again we will be supporting MK Food Bank and collecting donations as, more than ever, families in the community need support in these challenging times.

Car Parking



Please can we remind you to park thoughtfully when dropping off and collecting children. It is important to keep areas outside the school clear and safe for our children. Thank you.

Parents Evening

Don't forget to book your virtual appointment for Parents Evening on 'SchoolCloud' on **Tuesday 10th October from 3:30pm-7:00pm.** Parents will be able to



discuss with their child's class teacher how they are getting on. **Look out on ParentMail for booking details.** There will be an opportunity to see your child's work in their books later in November.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attending school is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work. It is essential that children are punctual and therefore ready to start the day in an orderly, calm manner. Lateness impacts on learning not only for the individual, but the class as a whole. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in time for registration.

School Uniform



We expect all the children to wear school uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate coloured school jumper. The children should also wear black shoes which are suitable for school and have long hair tied back to allow them to run and play safely. Don't forget, we have a selection of pre-loved uniform available at both school offices on request.

Extra-Curricular Activities

This term our Extra-curricular clubs include:

Stanton School:

Football, skill-related games, first-aid, gymnastics, dance, and dodgeball.

Pepper Hill School:

Multi skills, fine motor, stay and play and gymnastics.



We try to ensure that every child, who wants to, can attend at least one club.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up on **Friday 20th October** and the children return to school on **Tuesday 31st October.**



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Pepper Hill and Stanton Schools

Harvest Festival 2023

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival this year on:

Tuesday 10th October

This year's harvest season will be an opportunity for the children to think about harvest through the ages. We will also enjoy singing a few of our favourite harvest songs.

Once again, we will be supporting **MK Food Bank** and collecting donations as, more than ever, families in the community are in need of support in these challenging times.

However, due to the current cost of living crisis, we completely understand that not everyone is in a position to donate.

We have been advised that the following products are in short supply:

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Long Life Milk
- Juice or Squash
- Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter or Chocolate Spread
- Tinned Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Biscuits
- Tinned Fruit
- Dried Rice – 500g or 1kg packets please
- Rice Pudding or Custard
- Tinned Vegetables

Please note the following items are currently overstocked:

- Dried Pasta
- Tinned Soups
- Baked Beans

Please can all donations be given to your child's class teacher, by

Tuesday 10th October

Thank you in advance for your continued support
Together we really can make a difference!

