

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

This week sees the end of the first half term. It has been pleasing to see students, especially our new students, quickly settle into school life. Over the last three weeks we have welcomed over 150 families in to school during our open mornings. This is as well as our very successful open evening event earlier this term. Feedback has been very positive. A huge thank you to all the student guides and staff for their support. We held a special event this week as we welcomed a group of former students who left their Stanborough education in 1969! We hope they enjoyed catching up again with old school friends. I'm sure they all noticed many changes to the school on their tour and were pleased to still see Stanborough flourishing. After half term we have several important events coming up. The first is our Post 16 information evening on Thursday 3rd November. This is an evening for all Year 11 students, parents and carers from any school to find out about the subjects and opportunities our sixth form provision has to offer. Other events next half term include an inclusion review day, Year 7 transition update evening and the Year 8 parents' evening. Information about these events will be made available after the October break. Until then we wish you a restful break. See you back on Monday 31st October!

Headteacher's Commendations

J Ahimie, (Yr. 7) for his outstanding performance in the school football team;

J Sullivan, (Yr. 8) for playing in goal and keeping a clean sheet in her first hockey match;

M Nzewuihe, (Yr. 9) for giving up several lunchtimes to help her form tutor with various jobs;

L Wallington, (Yr. 10) for outstanding effort in all History lessons this year;

H Lee-Larke and M Mardel, (Yr. 13) for creating an incredible presentation to promote A Level language to Year 11 students.



Quote of the week:

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.” Maya Angelou

Wish you a wonderful half term break.
Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations




Forthcoming Events

31st October – 4th November
Week 2

24 th – 28 th October	HALF TERM
31 st – 4 th November	Year 11 Mock Exams
3 rd November	Post 16 Information Evening, 5.30pm – 7pm
10 th November	Consortium Information Evening for all subjects, at Bishops Hatfield Girls School, 6pm – 7.30pm
11 th November	Remembrance Event

Word of the Week

W/c 31st October 2022



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Root Word

of the Week

circum = around

Subject Examples	
<p><u>circum</u>ference</p> <p>A <u>circum</u>ference is the whole way round the circle.</p>	<p><u>circum</u>navigate</p> <p>Magellan <u>circum</u>navigated the globe first.</p>

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Tillbrook, Autism Lead, who got married last weekend! We wish her and her husband much happiness for their future together.

Farewell

Mrs Cafferty, Student and Family Support Worker

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Sarah joined Stanborough four years ago as our student and family support worker. Since then she has worked tirelessly to support students and their families. Her knowledge, kindness and sense of humour have been appreciated by both staff and students and she has worked on many initiatives to help make Stanborough a more supportive and inclusive community such as our mentoring program, the Gay+ group and our LGBTQ+ ambassadors who helped put on our Pride event this summer. We wish Sarah all the best in her next role as Family Support Worker and we're glad she'll still be part of the wider community.

Mrs Saunders, LRC Senior Supervisory Assistant

Ms Wilson, LRC Manager writes:

The LRC is going to miss you and your amazing work ethic. You've been an integral part of the team for the past three years and I know that you will do great things in your next role. Thank you for all your time and the support you have given the Library, I wish you the best of luck. The staff and students will miss you.

Mrs Hull, Science Technician

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Mrs Hull, our science technician, has provided immense support to the science teachers and the whole faculty in the practical aspect of the curriculum. She has worked diligently throughout her tenure and we will miss her but we are pleased for her as she is moving to another science technician role but closer to home. Shows that the technician job has really grown on her! Good luck Laura and we wish you all the best in your new school.

Handside Schools Partnership

Mrs Abraham-Green, Learning Supervisor & Deputy Year Leader: Year 11, writes:

Last week five of our students, Leon (8B), David (9O), Courtney (9S), Zoe (11K) and Beth (8O) attended the first Handside Partnership meeting of the year. The Handside Partnership forges links between Applecroft, Lakeside and Stanborough School.



This first meeting was to introduce ourselves and get to know each other a bit better. Our students really enjoyed engaging with the students from the partner schools, chatting about the things they most enjoyed in school and what their favourite activities are. It was a pleasure to see how well our students interacted with their fellow Handside students.

We look forward to meeting again later in the year for future events!

Black History Month

Women Overlooked in the History Books

Mrs Stamp, Joint Curriculum Leader: History, writes:

This week Year 9 have reflected on the contribution made by black soldiers in WW1 whilst facing prejudice and Y8 exploded a long held myth that everyone in Tudor England was white. "Those that the history books overlooked."

Black History month reminds us to shine a light on the less well known achievers and inventors who may have had their contributions ignore or distorted due to prejudice. This week it's the girls turn as we celebrate three black women.



Alice Augusta Ball

Alice Augusta Ball was an African American chemist who developed the first successful treatment for those suffering from Hansen's disease (leprosy). Ball was also the very first African American and the first woman to graduate with a M.S. degree in chemistry from the College of Hawaii (now known as the University of Hawaii). The "Ball Method" was so successful, leprosy patients were discharged from hospitals and facilities across the globe. Thanks to Alice Ball, these banished individuals could now return to their families, free from the symptoms of leprosy.



Ella Baker

Ella Baker became one of the leading figures of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s. Following her early work for the NAACP, she was among the founders of Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957. Three years later, she helped launch the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. While not as well-known as Martin Luther King and other famed leaders of the civil rights movement, Baker was a powerful behind-the-scenes force that ensured the success of some of the movement's most important organisations and events. Her name lives on through the Ella Baker Centre for Human Rights, which aims to combat the problems of mass incarceration and strengthen communities for minorities and low-income people.



Mae C Jemison

Mae C. Jemison is an American astronaut and physician who, on June 4, 1992, became the first African American woman to be admitted into NASA's astronaut training program. Having worked as a general practitioner and as the area Peace Corps medical officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia, she followed a dream she had nurtured for a long time: she applied for admission to NASA's astronaut training program. The *Challenger* disaster of January 1986 delayed the selection process, but when she reapplied a year later, Jemison was one of the 15 candidates chosen from a field of about 2,000. On September 12, 1992, Jemison finally flew into space with six other astronauts aboard the *Endeavour* on mission STS-47, becoming the first African American woman in space. In recognition of her accomplishments, Jemison has received several awards and honorary doctorates.

Year 7 Parents - Looking for a Half-term outing?

Mrs Stamp, Joint Curriculum Leader: History, writes:

Year 7 parents may want to consider a trip to Mountfitchet Motte and Bailey castle in Stansted, Essex.

We are about to cover a unit on Castle building during the Norman conquest after half term so a visit here would be a great way to support your child's understanding of the History curriculum. We know some Year 7 students have already done a trip here with their primary school and gained a lot from it.

Mountfitchet Castle describes itself as a unique open-air museum experience where the visitor can travel back in time over 900 years and truly witness life in a medieval Motte and Bailey castle.

No pre-booking required, but see their website for details on Halloween trails and half term activities.

<https://mountfitchetcastle.com/>

If you are going away... other castles are available! Enjoy a step back into our past.



Student Profile



Laura Wells, Heads of School Team

Hi everyone! I'm Laura and I am one of the heads of school at Stanborough! I love it here; I owe a lot to this school and how much the Stanborough community has shaped me and made me a confident woman. Musical theatre is my favourite thing to do, and I learnt my love of the stage at Stanborough from performing in productions and being given the most amazing opportunities in house events!

I'm currently studying drama, psychology and English literature and am loving life in sixth form! The freedom and opportunities are ever growing and the support we receive from our teachers is really helping us at the moment to navigate what to do post 18!

As a head of school, one of my missions for this year is to work on LGBTQ+ inclusion throughout the school and expand the safe groups we have created. Equal opportunities for girls are a huge priority of mine and I will be pushing to ensure all of the young girls at Stanborough are motivated to achieve anything they put their mind to! I love interacting with all the younger students and I've made sure I am present and there for them to come and talk to about any issue or speak to me about something they're proud of! I look at the students at Stanborough and I am confident the school is in safe hands when I leave for university - these kids are amazing!

New Signature Winter Menu

New menus start after half term and are available on our website,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/3-Week-Menu-Cycle-Signature-Winter-22.33-Nov22.pdf>



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 02.11.22 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Choose one of the two Maths GCSE questions.

Send your answers with workings by email to smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or
on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

Answers to last week's QOTW

Question 1: Friendly Bank = £2110.50 (Int'l bank = £2100.80)

Question 2: No, compare £ 181800 with £182800

Question 1

In a sale normal prices are reduced by 20%.

A washing machine has a sale price of £464

By how much money is the normal price of the washing machine reduced?

Question 2

In the UK, petrol cost £1.24 per litre.

In the USA, petrol cost 3.15 dollars per US gallon.

1 US gallon = 3.79 litres

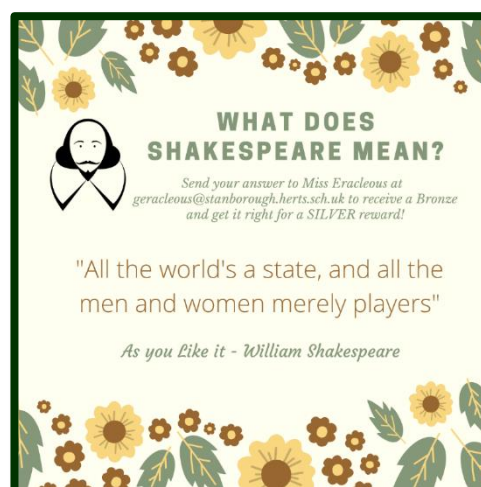
£1 = 1.47 dollars

Was petrol cheaper in the UK or in the USA?

You must show all the workings

Question of the Week, Drama

Send your answer to Miss Eracleous to receive a
bronze award and get it right for a silver award!



Celebrating Literacy at Stanborough School

Miss Cathy Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:

Earlier this term, Stanborough's Literacy Team wrote to some local companies in our area who had signed up to the National Literacy Trust's Vision For Literacy Business Pledge and asked if they would sponsor our literacy endeavours.

We're thrilled to bits to have received ten £10 Achievement Rewards from WH Smiths to help us with literacy prizes, and would like to send a huge **thank you!!** to Ms Nicki Woodhead, Head of Sustainability at their Head Office, from our big literacy heart here at Stanborough!



As you can see, we've packed a lot into our Literacy Events calendar so far this year and have been thoroughly delighted, not only with the numbers of students taking part, but also the incredible quality and creativity we have on show here at Stanborough.

All winning students listed below (these include Highly Commended) will receive a Silver House Award; a Silver Literacy Award and a special Literacy At Stanborough certificate at our pre-Christmas Prize Giving Assembly. Winners of the National Poetry Day competition will be awarded additional certificates from the event organisers – for writing a poem and/or performing their poem on National Poetry Day itself.

And for the individual first-place prize winners, each will receive a WH Smiths £10 voucher; one elusive Golden Ticket and a special Literacy Badge for their achievement.

Many congratulations to you **ALL**.

And Happy Reading over the half term holidays!

Ready for Reading – Reading Journey

We received a grand total of 67 **Reading Journeys** from our new Year 7 cohort and are delighted to announce our 1st Prize winner is :

Anna Maria Billa 7BM

2nd Flora Watson 7K - 3rd Fin Taylor 7OM

Best Online Completion

George Potter 7OS

Highly Commended Winners

Louis Fischer 7OM; Selsebille Tayaa 7BM; Kashvi Rabadia 7A; Rosebell Ofori Amanfo 7BM;
Rose Cropp 7BM; Noah McQuillen 7A ; Grace Matthews 7BP; Laura Murray 7OS; Daisy Boville 7A

Best Film Poster

1st Nola Olson 7BP *Lord Of The Flies*

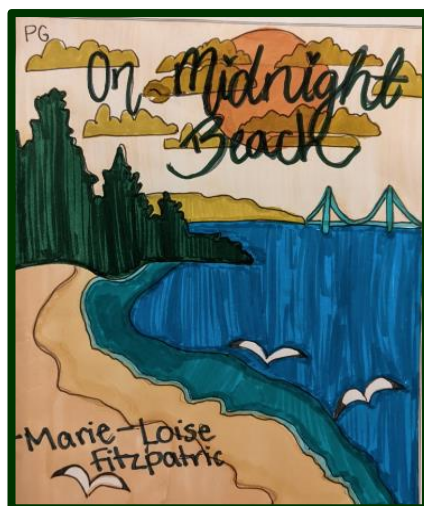
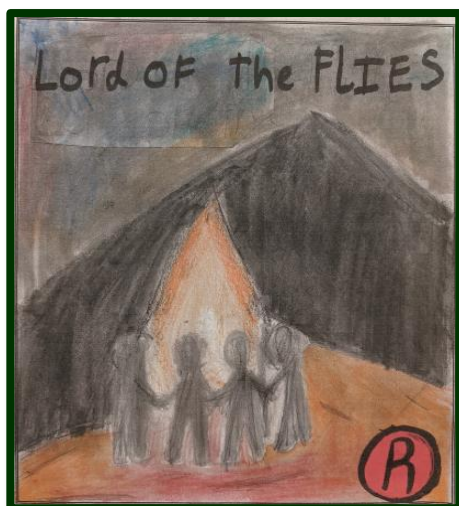
2nd Leah Ives 7K *On Midnight Beach*

3rd Savannah Luong 7K *Calamity In Kent*

Highly Commended

Igor Wolek 7H; Ava Newman 7H; Ingrid Cherbino 7OS; Rosie Little 7H; Charlotte Merrill 7A

Best Film Posters



Handwriting Competition, September/October 2022

Ms McLean received some beautifully written poems and written pieces. We're thrilled to announce our winners:

Anna Maria Billa, 7BM; Aditi Singh, 7H; Amy Macdonald, 7OM; Maxim Tabany, 7OS; Helena Dunstan, 7S; Ke Vi, 8A; Olivia Jordan, 8B; Emelia Hickey, 8H; Jenna Roberts, 8O; Maja Hoss, 8SE; Henry Paterson, 8SM; Muna Nzewuihe, 9K.

Below are just a small sample of the exquisite winning entries.

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Ahead of him two glass doors led into a final gallery.
He watched as a tall, well-built black man carrying
a notebook and pen walked through, then went in himself.

- Anna Maria Billa 7BM

Amy Macdonald 7OM
Father died last night, and now here we are, eating breakfast as if everything were perfectly normal. "Pass me the butter will you, dearest Agatha?" Cousin Clarence asks. I look at him for a moment, then I stand up and walk the length of the dining table and I deposit the butter dish with a clatter. My cousin doesn't flinch, but his enormous dog growls.

Emelia Hickey 8H

Violet stayed dead, still as hundreds of eye plants slept around her. Their see-through petals cocooned rapidly moving pupils. She sat stiff on the damp soil, hugging her knees, afraid too deeply in case she woke the creatures.

When Nero stood with Liddle drawn,
Watching his fair city burn,
Flaunting his lack of concern,
As ashes flew higher and yon.

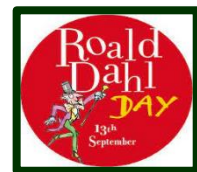
Maxim Tabany 7OS

The sun sets in maltengold
The evening clouds form a jade disk
Where is he? Maja Hoss 8SE

Once, long ago, there lived a king named Dasharata.
He lived and ruled in a peaceful and prosperous
kingdom bordered by rivers and forests. Aditi Singh 7H

Roald Dahl Day, Tuesday 19th September

We received 47 birthday cards celebrating **Roald Dahl Day** and are delighted to announce:



1st Prize winner for both Best Card Design and Best Birthday Comment:
Anyelo Hurtado Sola 8B

Best Card Design

2nd Cait McIntosh 8SM - **3rd** Emanuelle Soares Fante 8B

Highly Commended

Leah Chittock 7BP; Leah Ives 7K; Erica Jones 7S; Maxim Tabany 7OS; Amrita Das 8K; Aidan Hawkins 8K; Jayden Southam 8K;

Best Birthday Comment

2nd Benedicta Baffour 8SM - **3rd** Kate Kirby 7OS

Highly Commended

Nina Merrigan 7BM; Anna Maria Billa 7BM; Natalie Hoines 7BM; Isabelle Hale 7BM; Wojciech Napiorkowski 7H; Kiran Chauhan 7H; Laura Murray 7OS; Grace Ashton-Jones 7S; Helena Dunstan 7S; Seth Morgan 8H; Phoebe Spanoudakis 8H; Esmee Bone 8O

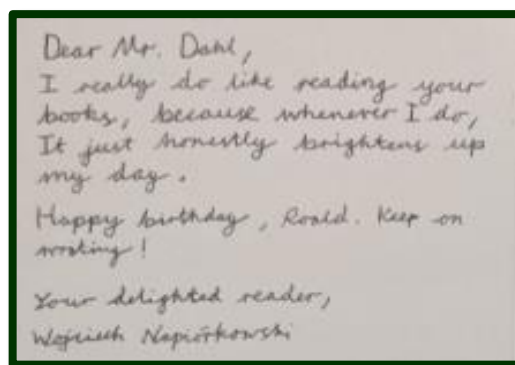
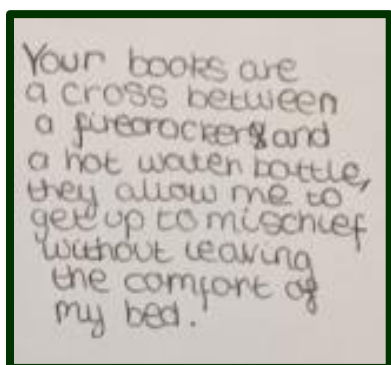
Best Tutor Group Entry

8H - Ms Prockova

Some extraordinary talented cards sent...



.... and touching messages too, about the impact Roald Dahl's books have already made on our students,



National Poetry Day, Thursday 6th October

Topic – The Environment



We received over 45 individual *Environment Poems* celebrating *National Poetry Day 2022* and are delighted to announce our winners being as follows :

1st Prize winner for *Best Poem* entitled *The River's Story* :

Grace Ashton-Jones 7S

2nd Davina Adepoju 7S - **3rd** Marsilda Memishaj 8SE

Highly Commended

Millie Latimer-Nagar 7A; Natalie Hoines 7BM; Jonathan Knight 7BM; Nola Olson 7BP; Harrison Dickens 7S;
Anyelo Hurtado Sola 8B; Phoebe Spanoudakis 8H; Daniel Martin 8O; Sophie Messenger 8SM;
Kelsey Broomfield 9AW

Best Tutor Entry

8K - Miss Bowen

Over 15 students came along to our lunchtime celebration event to present their self-penned poems on *The Environment* to an audience and we're delighted to announce our winners :

1st KS3 Prize Winner for *Best Poetry Recitation*

Virinchi Tallavajzhala 8SE

Highly Commended

Anna Maria Billa 7BM; Toluwani Falegan 7OM; Muna Nzewuihe 9K

1st KS3 Prize Winner for *Best Original Poem* recited called *Flowers*

Wojciech Napiorkowski 7H

Highly Commended

Jonathan Knight 7BM; Harrison Dickens 7S; Anyelo Hurtado Sola 8B

1st KS4 Prize Winner for *Best Poetry Recitation*

Athanasios Papadopoulos 11B

Highly Commended

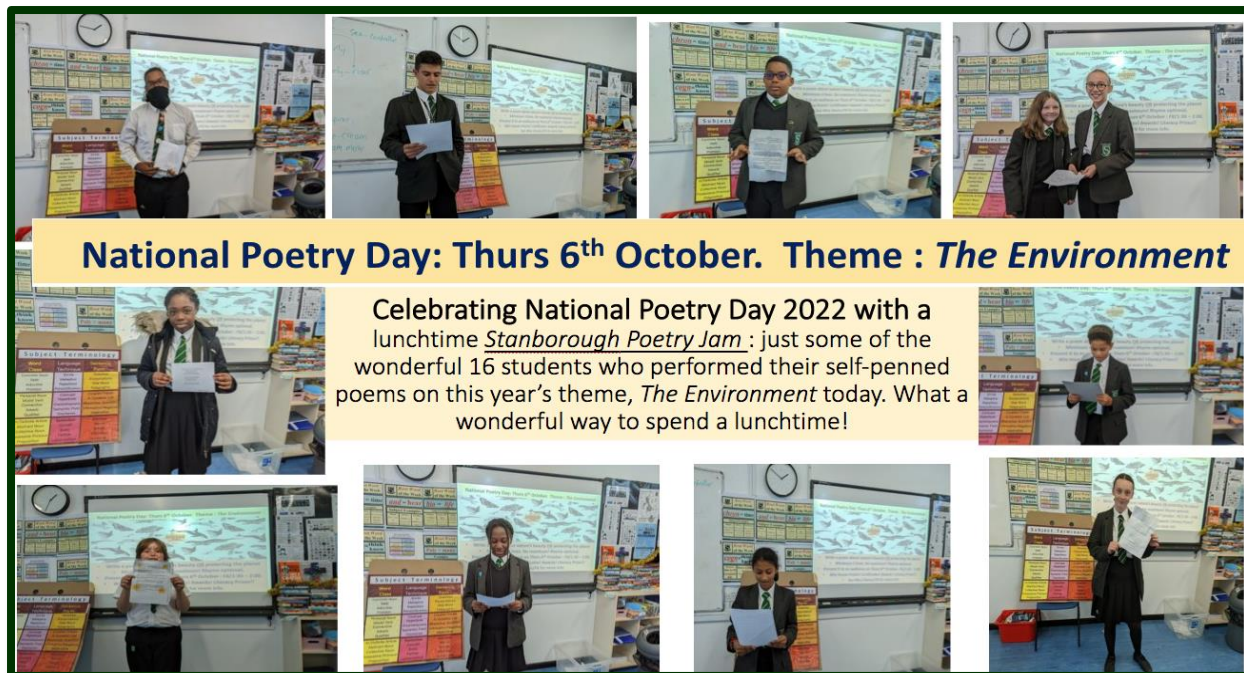
Emily Young 11A

1st KS4 Prize Winner for *Best Original Poem* recited

Dylan Coeur de Lion 11S

Highly Commended

Emily Young 11A



National Poetry Day: Thurs 6th October. Theme : *The Environment*

Celebrating National Poetry Day 2022 with a lunchtime *Stanborough Poetry Jam* : just some of the wonderful 16 students who performed their self-penned poems on this year's theme, *The Environment* today. What a wonderful way to spend a lunchtime!

National Poetry Day, Staff Poem

Dr Jolly, Eco-Schools Co-ordinator, writes:

To celebrate National Poetry Day on 6th October, we started a collaborative poem in the staff room on this year's theme of the environment. Here is the result! Many thanks to my fellow contributors: Miss Davies, Mr Maden, Mr McCarthy and Mrs Okaeme. I hope you enjoy some time in nature during half term.

Let Nature thrive

For our Planet to survive,
People must let Nature thrive.
Seasons come, seasons go,
All with their highs and lows.
Ancient woods with Spring bluebells,
Nesting birds and shady dells.
As we walk amid the trees,
A kiss on the cheek from the Summer breeze.
Sunny meadow flowers sway,
Butterflies and bees all day.
Clear chalk streams and rivers flow,
Damselflies dart to and fro.
Garden ponds bring newts and frogs,
Beetles hide in piles of logs.
Fungi creep through fallen leaves,
A delicate web the spider weaves.
I drift past mist-wreathed cedar crowns,
Adorned with snowy dressing gowns.
Yes! Nature will remain,
Left for us to contain.
Animals, forests, rivers and seas,
Can we all save Nature, please?

Diwali

Mr Collinson, Subject Leader for Religion, Philosophy & Ethics writes:

Diwali, also spelled Divali, is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, lasting for five days, which usually falls in late October and November. The name is derived from the Sanskrit term *dipavali*, meaning “row of lights.” The festival generally symbolizes the victory of light over darkness. The third day of Diwali is celebrated on Monday, October 24, 2022.

During the festival, diyas (small earthenware lamps filled with oil) are lit and placed in rows along the parapets of temples and houses and set adrift on rivers and streams. Homes are decorated, and floors inside and out are covered with rangoli, consisting of elaborate designs made of coloured rice, sand, or flower petals. The doors and windows of houses are kept open in the hope that Lakshmi will find her way inside and bless the residents with wealth and success. Diwali is generally a time for visiting, exchanging gifts, wearing new clothes, feasting, feeding the poor, and setting off fireworks.

Each religion marks different historical events and stories:

Hindus celebrate the return of deities Rama and Sita to Ayodhya after their 14-year exile. They also celebrate the day Mother Goddess Durga destroyed a demon called Mahisha.

Sikhs particularly celebrate the release from prison of the sixth guru Hargobind Singh in 1619. But Sikhs celebrated the festival before this date. In fact, the foundation stone of the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the most holy place in the Sikh world, was laid on Diwali in 1577.

The founder of Jainism is Lord Mahavira. During Diwali, Jains celebrate the moment he reached a state called Moksha (nirvana, or eternal bliss).

Enclosed with this copy of the Stanborough Times is a printout template for making a paper lantern for using with a battery operated tea light (please don't use a real candle).

Bring these in to Mr Collinson after Half Term and the best decorated items will receive Reward Points and added valuable points towards the House Competition.

Happy Diwali!!



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Diwali

Diwali is also known as the Festival of Light and is one of the main religious dates for Hindu and Sikh communities. To celebrate Diwali, here's a template for a lantern for you to make, decorate and use with a battery operated tea light.

Happy Diwali!



Cut these lines

Fold these lines