

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

A huge thank you to Leanne and her catering team for a delicious Christmas lunch yesterday. With over 600 tickets sold it was a very busy lunchtime. Thank you also to all the staff and sixth form students who helped set up, replenish tables, tidy away and ensure the event went smoothly. It was a very colourful day and great to see so many Christmas jumpers and accessories. We hope all the children enjoyed the day. The next week and a half left of this term is filled with festive activities for students and parents. Remember to purchase your tickets for the house drama performances; students have been busy rehearsing and each play will be judged and the winners announced at the end of the evening with house points awarded accordingly. We also have our Winter Musicale if you fancy a singalong. Details on these and our yuletide soiree are over the page. We look forward to welcoming you and hope you enjoy these events while supporting our students.

Headteacher's Commendations

Z Vermeulen, Yr.7 for an amazing start to Stanborough and showing so much resilience;

C Woodgate, Yr.7 for achieving second place in the Great Stanborough Spelling Bee.

E Jones, Yr.8 for achieving third place in the Great Stanborough Spelling Bee.

L Nelson and A Thomas Yr.8 for outstanding work produced in all lessons with special recognition for design work in Drama;

R Scott, Yr.8 for valuable contributions made in a number of lessons alongside commendable team work and support;

Z Palin, Yr.8 for a mature approach in and out of lessons alongside outstanding input to classroom discussions;

V Fedorov, Yr.8 for outstanding pieces of classwork submitted across all lessons with special recognition in Spanish;

K Varhelyi, Yr.8 for outstanding attitude to learning and concentration in all lessons;

D Adesanya, Yr.9 for winning the Great Stanborough Spelling Bee;

A Hayden, Yr.10 for Exceptional work and attitude to learning in English;

T Parmley, A Broadway, S Martin and O Thornton Yr.11 for external event planning for Remembrance Day with the Cadets on top of keeping up with all school work;

O Preston and I Elsley Yr.12 for outstanding support during the Stanborough University Challenge;

L Rimell, Yr.13 for outstanding support during the Stanborough University Challenge.



Quote of the week:

"Be the change and go above and beyond." Mrs John

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

11th – 15th December

Week B

11 th	Handside Partnership Event, 1.30-2.15pm Year 7 Carol Singing at St. Andrews Care Home, 1.45-2.45pm
13 th	House Drama Performances to Students Year 9 Parents' Evening, 3.30-6.30pm via Video Call
14 th	Year 12 Cambridge University Visit House Drama Performances to Students House Drama Performances to Parents & Families, 4.30pm
15 th	Yuletide Soiree, 6pm

House Drama Performances, Thursday 14th December

Remember to purchase your tickets for this year's house drama performances.

Each house group will perform a short play and points added to the House Trophy

Amazon Wish List

A huge thank you for your donation to the students' wish list of books. Deliveries have arrived this week and the children are thrilled. <https://amzn.eu/3ubu6AY>

Thank you



HOUSE DRAMA PERFORMANCES
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023
5 - 7PM

Broomfield Hatfield Knebworth Sopwell

Tickets £4, concessions £2
Family tickets £10 (2 adults, 2 concessions)
purchased via Arbor
Refreshments available
DOORS OPEN AT 4.30PM

Stanborough School

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 13th December, via Video Call

The booking system for the Year 9 parents' evening will close at midnight on Tuesday 12th December. If you've not yet made an appointment please do so as soon as possible. If you have any problems logging in to the booking system please contact parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home and on our website under Useful Links, <https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Stanborough School

Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening

Your chance to discuss your child's academic progress
Book your appointment today!

High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

Year 7 Author Visit

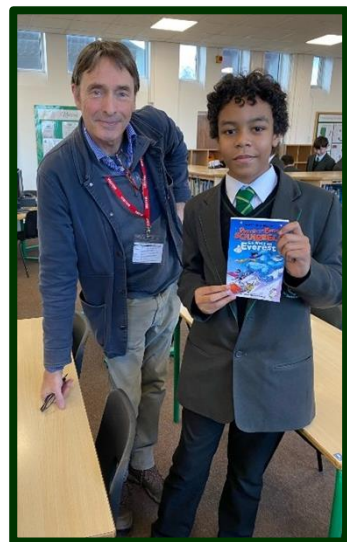
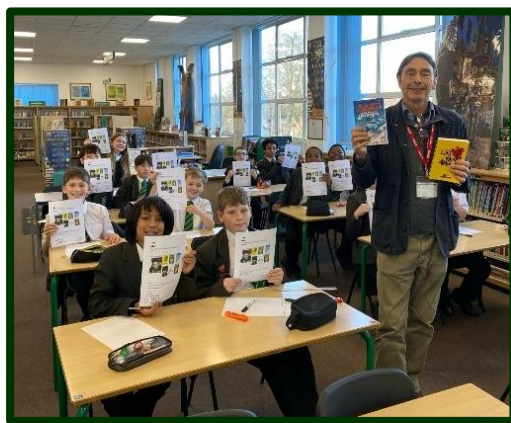
Ms Wilson, LRC Manager, writes

Stanborough School had the pleasure of welcoming Matt Dickinson for an author visit for all year 7 students on Wednesday the 29th November.

"Our session with Matt was fantastic!"

It was one of those mornings that you know the children will remember for a long time. After sharing stories of his ascent of Mount Everest, students learnt many facts of the climb, creating so many thoughts for writing a story of their own. The workshops that followed the assembly were a success as it totally sparked pupils' imaginations.

We look forward to inviting Matt to Stanborough again soon.



FOSS, Friends of Stanborough School

Miss Ashley, School Business Manager, writes:

With a number of our members' children having now left the school, there are only a few remaining members of FOSS and this has meant that there have not been any events during the last year. This is a real shame and it would be lovely to get some more parents on board and start running some activities again and bringing some fresh ideas with them.

Many parents miss the interaction with other parents when their child leaves primary school and being part of this committee helps to resolve that as you get to meet with other parents and meetings and events are very sociable and strong friendships are often formed between committee members.

If you are interested in being involved or would like to find out more about this, please contact Miss Ashley, our School Business Manager, kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Friends of Stanborough School

FOSS is a registered charity and is a combination of parents/carers & school staff.



FOSS has been in place for 70 years and over that time has organised numerous social events for parents and staff and events for students, all of which have been enjoyed by many and also raised funds.

Some members just attend meetings, there are some that cannot always attend meetings but are happy to be part of the group and help out at some events. Members are not expected to attend all events (but are very welcome to do so!) and the more members we have means that people really can pick and choose when they are available and wanting to help out.

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Eco Update

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

We planted a new hedge!

On Tuesday 21st November, a number of Eco Ambassadors and members of our Nature & Eco Club joined forces to plant a hedgerow in our new butterfly garden. The saplings were provided by The Woodland Trust in a scheme sponsored by Sainsbury's, Lloyds Bank, OVO Energy and Sofology.

Species planted include Dogwood, Hawthorn, Dog rose, Crab apple, and Hazel. We look forward to seeing the new shoots arrive in the Spring. In a few years, the hedgerow will provide shelter and food, not only for the butterflies but also other small creatures as well. Many thanks to Nour, Enna, Jasper, Cody, Edward, Jimmy, Amy, Maddie, Lily, Imara, Anna, Andreas and Reinas.

Feedback from the students:

"It was a lot of fun and I really look forward to seeing what they look like next year." Jasper 9SM

"We wanted to be involved because it is crucial to combat climate change for future generations." Reinas 11KK and Andreas 11HM



Stanborough's Good to Grow – Can you help?

As you might have seen previously, we were also successful in receiving a grant to buy gardening equipment to start growing vegetables and flowers from seed during Feeling Good Week 2024. There are lots of other items we need, these are listed below. We are happy to receive second-hand items if you have any spares at home or half-used packets of seeds or bulbs. Students are welcome to bring small items to me in S5; please contact me by email for arranging delivery of large or heavy items.

Gardening tools and equipment: Spade, fork, small hand tools, watering cans, gardening gloves (small and medium sizes), seed trays, potato sacks, plant pots, peat-free compost and grow-bags.

'Easy to grow' vegetable or herb seeds, seed potatoes, strawberry plant runners.

Butterfly garden plants, bulbs or seeds, such as: Verbena bonariensis, Dianthus (Sweet William), Cardamine pratensis (cuckoo flower), sunflower seeds, Buddleia (butterfly bush), single-flower daffodils, Grape hyacinth, Red Campion, Everlasting pea, Evening primrose, Red Valerian, honeysuckle, flowering ivy, thyme, Cornflower, Cosmos, Aquilegia (Granny's bonnet), Lavender, Phlox and anything else that attracts the butterflies.

Thank you so much for your support!

Hertsmere Welwyn and Hatfield Winter Newsletter

The Winter newsletter from Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service is available to download from our website,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Hertsmere-Welwyn-and-Hatfield-Winter-Christmas-2023-accessible.pdf>





INCLUSION CORNER

Neurodiversity Support Hub, For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
 - Anxiety
 - School

No Diagnosis Required

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a Parent, Carer or Professional?

01727 833963

supporthub@add-vance.org

Open Monday-Friday
9 AM - 1PM

Here to support, reach out for a listening ear

We Can't:

- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors





Are you a parent or carer of a young person aged 0 - 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities?

The Local Offer website lets parents and young people know what SEND services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them.



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer



Please visit
www.twitter.com/stanb_send

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx>

Question of the Week

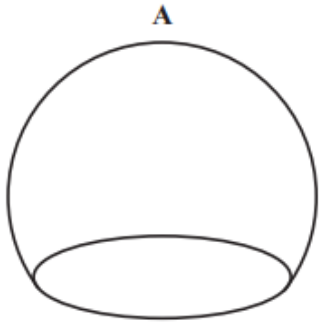
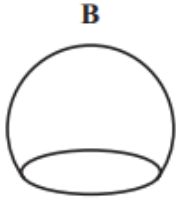
Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 13.12.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

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

Question	
<p>A and B are two solid shapes which are mathematically similar. The shapes are made from the same material.</p>	
	
<p>Diagram NOT accurately drawn</p>	
<p>The surface area of A is 50 cm^2. The surface area of B is 18 cm^2.</p>	
<p>The mass of A is 500 grams.</p>	
<p>Calculate the mass of B.</p>	

WEEKLY WONDER

Mr McCarthy, writes:

This weeks question is:

Is belief in God different or the same as believing in Father Christmas, in that they are both imaginary?

Please send your answers by email
(making sure you put your full name) to:



dmccarthy@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

All answers will receive a bronze, whilst the top 3 received will get a silver.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART

Root Word of the Week

W/c 11th December 2023

	Root Word of the Week
<u>dict</u> = say	
contrad<u>ict</u>	
<u>dictate</u>	

Flu Vaccination Final Reminder

Please see the letter below, from the School Immunisation Team.

Please note this is NOT the Covid vaccination.

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child has missed having their Flu vaccination at school, please click on the link below to book a catch-up appointment at a local clinic. You can book for both the Flu Nasal Spray and the Porcine free IM Vaccine.

During last year's flu season the flu virus caused children and young people to be admitted to hospital, and some into intensive care, at increasing rates to previous years. The flu virus could make your child extremely unwell and can lead to severe ear infections and bronchitis and pneumonia (chest infections) in children and young people.

Flu vaccines are safe and very effective at reducing the risk of contracting flu. Children who have the flu vaccine are less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family, especially those who may be at greater risk from flu, such as young babies, elderly people or friends and relatives with a serious health condition.

[To Book an appointment please click HERE](#)

(if you are using a PC/Laptop, please right click and then select open link)

For more information on the Flu Vaccinations please see NHS links below:

Primary School - [PARENT - Primary School Flu Information.pdf](#)

Secondary School - [PARENT - Secondary School Flu.pdf](#)

Yours Faithfully,

School Immunisation Team – 01462 427008



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs, Update

Lunch time, 1.20 – 1.55pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Monday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Tuesday	Basketball (free practice)	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Basketball (free practice)	Year 9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
	Dance	Year 7, 8 & 9	Gym	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Thursday	Volleyball	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Friday	Volleyball	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Minion

After School, 3 – 4.15pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Monday	Football	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris & Mr Minion
	Netball	Year 7 & 11	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Tuesday	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris & Mr Foster
	Football	Year 8	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
	Netball	Year 8, 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 11 & 6 th form	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Harris
Thursday	Girls' Football	All Years	Sports Hall & Field	Miss Novelli
Friday	No Clubs			

ADD-Vance Spring 2024 Workshops



FREE ONLINE SPRING 2024 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

Online Workshops funded by HCC	Audience	Day	Date	Time	Location
Identifying ADHD and/or Autism	Parents/carers	Mon	8.1.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding ADHD	Parents/carers	Wed	10.1.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Understanding Autism	Parents/carers	Thu	11.1.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding PDA	Parents/carers	Mon	15.1.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Understanding Autism in Girls	Parents/carers	Wed	17.1.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding ADHD in Girls	Parents/carers	Thu	18.1.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Support for Dads	Parents/carers	Mon	22.1.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Understanding Challenging Behaviour	Parents/carers	Wed	24.1.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Anger	Parents/carers	Thu	25.1.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Mon	29.1.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Wed	31.1.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Supporting Siblings	Parents/carers	Mon	5.2.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Learning (Executive Function)	Parents/carers	Wed	7.2.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Build Self-Esteem	Parents/carers	Thu	8.2.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Social Skills	Parents/carers	Mon	12.2.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage School Avoidance	Parents/carers	Wed	14.2.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Half Term					
Tips & Tools to Support Emotional Development	Parents/carers	Mon	26.2.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Communication	Parents/carers	Wed	28.2.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Eating Difficulties	Parents/carers	Thu	29.2.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Encourage Positive Behaviour	Parents/carers	Mon	4.3.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Medication Options	Parents/carers	Wed	6.3.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Anxiety	Parents/carers	Mon	11.3.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety	Parents/carers	Wed	13.3.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Changes	Parents/carers	Mon	18.3.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Understanding Neurodiverse Teens	Parents/carers	Wed	20.3.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Preparing for Adulthood	Parents/carers	Mon	25.3.24	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Puberty	Parents/carers	Wed	27.3.24	10:00 - 11:30	Online

"What a fantastic workshop - thank you so much! I've taken away a wealth of information"

"That was so amazing, I have done many training sessions about ASD through my work but that was the most honest & informative session I have ever had"

"Absolutely incredible workshop, it has been extremely beneficial to my child"

Hertfordshire County Council funded workshops - Recordings are sent to all registered participants to view for 7 days, even if you don't attend live.




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🌐 <http://www.add-vance.org/>

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UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM FOR DADS

FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSES FOR PARENTS/CARERS

ABOUT THE COURSE

These interactive courses are designed for dads /male carers of children with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism.

ALL SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED

TIME AND PLACE

Understanding ADHD and Autism for Dads
Wednesdays - 10th Jan - 14th Feb 2024
7 - 9 pm **ONLINE**




Understanding ADHD and Autism for Dads (plus wider family)
Wednesdays - 14th Feb - 27th Mar 2024 (no session half term week)
10 am to 12 pm **ONLINE**


Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Early Years for Dads
Wednesdays - 14th Feb - 27th Mar 2024 (no session half term week)
7 to 9 pm **ONLINE**

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UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM IN GIRLS

FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

ABOUT THE COURSE

This interactive course is designed for parents & carers of girls aged 5 to 14 yrs with a diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, of ADHD and/or Autism (or 4 & already in reception).

ALL SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED

TIME AND PLACE

Thursdays
11th Jan to 15th Feb 2024
10 am - 12 pm
ONLINE

PRIORITY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS OF BROXBOURNE DISTRICT

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UNDERSTANDING ADHD & AUTISM (TEEN YEARS)

FREE 6-WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS

ABOUT THE COURSE

This interactive course is designed for parents/carers of children aged 12 to 15 yrs (or 11 yrs & in secondary school) with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism.

TIME AND PLACE

Thursdays
11th Jan to 15th Feb 2024
10 am to 12 pm
**Oval Community Centre
Stevenage
SG1 5RD**

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