

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last few weeks, staff and pupils have learnt all about the Chinese New Year when they took part in a workshop in school. It was great fun and very informative—they now know all about the celebrations and traditions involved. We wish all of our families celebrating a Happy Chinese New Year!

On Saturday, school opened to families in our 'Share The Love' event. Families were invited into school to spend quality time together and share food. At Stanton Bridge we really care for our community and will be holding events throughout the year, please look out for updates from our mentoring team.

Last week, the UK celebrated National story telling week, but at Stanton Bridge, we celebrate story telling every week! Pupils and staff share a story daily, specifically chosen for their 'Reading Spine'. These books are specially chosen their rich, varied language and links to our pupils cultures and experiences. This week saw one more, exciting surprise aimed to further develop our pupils reading for pleasure ... we are pleased to announce the opening of our brand new library! Look out for our video on X, every class has had the opportunity to go and visit the library—a project that staff have been working hard on for over a year. All pupils now have a place to go where they can access amazing books, all hand chosen on a range of topics, genres and written by many different authors. We will release more details after half term when pupils will be receiving their library cards.

Please remember, the last day of term is the 9th February and ALL classes in school will close at 1:00pm including Years 5 & 6.

We wish you all a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all back after half term for more exciting, learning opportunities.

Mrs. Sofina Islam OBE, Headteacher

Half Term –12th February—16th February school reopens Monday 19th February.

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	2N: Ismail	2P: Adeife
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業業	4B: Aarib	4J: Adam
**	5B: Sunmeet	5G: Zane
***	6S: Eva	6M: Ryan

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School Stars May I congratulate our children who gained School Star status last week for A Kind and Good Friend 1X: Sebastian 1F: Alexandra 2N: Aurealia 2P: Anya 3L: Antonia 3W: Bhavya 4B: Sarah 4J: Artemis 5B: Mahad 5G: Omar 6S: Avram 6M: Ethayaveni



Changes to the Household Support Fund (HSF).

Coventry received an allocation of a government grant called the Household Support Fund (HSF), to cover this financial year (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024). This fund is designed to be used to support households in the most need due to financial hardship, particularly those who may not qualify for other types of government support.

The City Council has used this to support residents with fuel, food, clothing and bedding, household appliances, household furniture and vouchers for children and young people entitled to free school meals during school holiday periods.

Unfortunately, the grant received for this financial year has not been sufficient to meet the level of demand and has already been nearly totally allocated. As a result, Coventry City Council has had to make difficult decisions as there is insufficient funding for everything it would like to support. This means that we will be unable to provide funding to schools to pay for food vouchers for pupils eligible for free school meals in the Christmas 23 and February 24 school holidays.

If you need to access food support, this continues to be available through application to the Household Support Fund: <u>www.coventry.gov.uk/householdsupportfund</u>. This includes the provision of three emergency food parcels to support households in the short team and work with the Coventry Food Network to support residents in exploring longer term options through engagement with a Community Supermarket.

Children and young people eligible for universal-benefits Free School Meals can also access our Coventry Holiday Activities and Food Programme offer. This includes free holiday activities all with nutritional food provided for the child. For more details please go to: <u>https://</u> www.coventry.gov.uk/haf

Parent Code of Conduct

- Be polite to others—no raised voices, screaming or shouting
- Contribute to a positive school environment
- Act as positive role models
- Work together with to staff to resolve issues or concerns

Can all parents ensure you adhere to the above code of conduct whilst on school premises, if other family members or friends are attending on your behalf

ensure they are also made aware.

Failure to adhere to the above is likely to result in a ban from school premises.

<u>Office</u>

Contact Information - It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure the school office are notified of any change in contact details, such as address, telephone number or email address. This is to enable us to get in touch with you in an emergency but also to ensure you are receiving communication from school through all these platforms.

Dinner money—This needs to be paid daily or weekly. If you have an outstanding balance, your child must bring in a packed lunch until this balance has been cleared.

Free School Meals - If you a receive a letter from the council stating your child is eligible for free school meals you must bring this into the office to allow us to update our system

Lateness—School starts at 8:30am and your child must be present on the school playground ready to be taken to class by their teacher.

Attendance— It is your legal responsibility to ensure that your child attends school everyday. If for any reason your child can not attend school, you must inform the school office.

It is an expectation that as a parent of a pupil of Stanton Bridge, you will fully engage with the schools policies and procedures in supporting your child's