

# Stanmore House School Christmas 2021 Newsletter



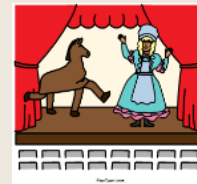
## Welcome to Our December Newsletter!

We are excited to share with you our Christmas plans and look forward to sharing these experiences with our young people. Over the next few weeks, we have some fun whole school activities planned to add that extra bit of magic and excitement on the run up to Christmas.

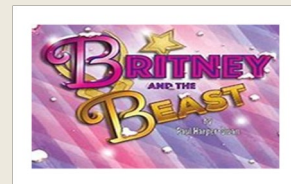
This has been another challenging year and unfortunately, we are unable to invite families into school to share our Christmas experiences due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, thank you to everyone for your support and the trust you place in us as we aim to provide unique and fulfilling experiences for your young people.

We look forward to the day when our doors can be open again to welcome you back in.

## Pantomime



Oh yes we are! We have booked the panto 'Britney and the Beast' by Insideout Theatre Productions LTD at Lanark Memorial Hall. This promises an incredible first-class professional cast as they take us on a hilarious journey through Pantoland with this new Scottish twist on the old classic tale.



Blue Class – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Purple Class – Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Orange Class – pupils will be arranging a senior phase Christmas day out.



## Tenner Challenge and Festive Bazaar

Our learners have been busy working on their enterprise initiative 'The Tenner Challenge'. Each class received £10 then researched and decided on a product or service to invest in. Pupils have been working hard over the past few weeks to prepare their products in time for the selling event – The Festive Bazaar which will take place in school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

In preparation for the Festive Bazaar, pupils have been creating an order form to display their products. These have been produced into a catalogue by our Ladz Group and will be sent home to give family and friends the opportunity to purchase their products.

At the end of the tenner challenge pupils will decide how to spend or donate their profit. These experiences give our learners opportunities to develop key skills including creativity, resilience, and problem solving.



## Christmas Lunch and Party

Our Pupil Council have been working hard to ensure everyone had a say in the planning of our Christmas 2021 lunch menu. Pupils will have Christmas lunch on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

This will be followed by the Christmas party which will take place in the afternoon of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils can choose what to wear – Christmas jumpers, casual clothes, party clothes etc. We will have a selection of treats with lots of fun and games.

There may even be a very special visitor...ho ho ho!



## Stanmore Christmas Video Message



All pupils were given a choice of song to record for our Christmas video. The winner was 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin' Stevens.

Over the next few weeks pupils will be learning the song (accompanied by props and Makaton signing) which will be recorded.

The film will be added to our school social media pages and families will also receive a link to hear our Christmas message.

## Social Media and Fundraising

Follow Stanmore House School on our Twitter and Facebook pages to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to see a range of photographs and videos showing the activities and experiences of our learners.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events this term. These are important events on our school calendar, which give our learners additional opportunities to work on teamwork and leadership skills whilst raising money for charity.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - £500.50  
The Scottish Poppy Appeal - £33.68  
Children in Need - £148

## Winter Weather

Please continue to provide pupils with appropriate clothing as we still go outside to play and learn in the Winter!

As the weather becomes more unpredictable please keep an eye on the Teachers2Parents app. Should the school need to close due to adverse weather we will contact parents and carers as soon as possible.

## End of Term

School will close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will re-open at 8.45am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Once again, thank you for all your support this school term. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

