

# Stanwell School Spring Newsletter 2018

## Years 7, 8 and 9



### Farewell to Mr Jones

Staff and pupils this week said goodbye to our Headteacher of the past seven years, Mr Derek Jones. We are grateful for his leadership and for the immense contribution he has made to Stanwell school since 1991. We wish him the very best for a long and happy retirement.

### Wellbeing

We want all our students to have a positive time at school and feel comfortable in their learning environment. Pupils' wellbeing will always be a priority at our school. Sometimes, pupils may need a little extra support. Each year group has two Year Tutors who are available to support, guide and help all pupils. Pupils are asked to complete wellbeing surveys at different points throughout the year so that we can monitor their wellbeing. Based in school, we are also very fortunate to have a Home School Support Officer, Mr B Cooke and a Pupil Liaison Officer, Mrs D Driscoll. Referral to Mr Cooke and Mrs Driscoll can be made via the Year Tutors. We also work with external agencies Barnardo's, who provide counsellors, and Elevate, who provide coaching and mentoring services. Elevate staff have trained some of our Year and 13 pupils as peer mentors to help and support some of our younger pupils. A useful website for young people is [www.mindhub.Wales](http://www.mindhub.Wales); it provides information and links to services in relation to emotional health and wellbeing.

### ALN at Stanwell

The pending ALN Bill requires all pupils on the Additional Learning Needs Register to be in possession of an Individual Development Plan. This document is written by appointed school staff and includes pupil and parental perspectives alongside strategies and targets to support the child with their learning. In response to the this forthcoming legislation, Stanwell School is in the process of writing Individual Development Plans for all pupils on our ALN register. If your child has an Additional Learning Need, it is quite possible that a member of the ALN department will contact you requesting that you complete a person centred questionnaire relating to your child. Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact Mrs R Connor ( Assistant Headteacher).

### Key Dates : National Tests

27/4/18		Year 8 -Reasoning	
30/4/18	Year 7—Numeracy	Year 8—Reading	Year 9—Reading
1/5/18	Year 7—Reasoning	Year 8—Numeracy	Year 9—Numeracy
2/5/18	Year 7 Reading		Year 9 –Reasoning

Packs of past papers and guides have been given to all pupils of Years 7, 8 and 9. Please contact the Year Tutors if you would like a replacement pack.

### CHARITY COMMITTEE

2017/18 has been a year of great success for Stanwell's Charity Committee, we have welcomed lots of new members from all year groups.

To start off the year we raised £1245 for Jeans for Genes by holding a successful non-uniform day and also £1671 for Children In Need with Year 7 stalls, a concert and a non-uniform day all contributing to a wonderful cause and a great day of fun.

The Royal British Legion's poppy appeal raised £300.00 and, in a busy December, we supported Save the Children, raising £759 with our jolly jumper day and also the Huggard Centre for the Homeless in Cardiff by selling candy canes which raised £501.

Red tops for St David's Day raised a total of £1772.00 for Velindre. More recently, we held a stepathon in PE kits for Sport Relief, raising over £1500. We are currently selling Easter chicks for Velindre and daffodils for Marie Curie. With a total of over £7,000 raised since September, the Charity Committee would like to thank you for all your continued support with planning these events and donations for our selected charities.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Interested parties should contact Mr J Mansfield by **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018** via email ([jmansfield@stanwell.org](mailto:jmansfield@stanwell.org)) or in writing to express an interest.

### LITERACY UPDATE:

All pupils in Year 7 and 8 are working through a scheme of learning, designed by the Literacy Co-ordinator, Miss R Davies, entitled 'Monsters, Myths and Magic'. During their designated Literacy lesson, pupils read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and complete oracy, reading and writing activities to develop their Literacy skills. From 'Alice in Wonderland' to 'The Hobbit', pupils experience a breadth of challenging reading material, which attempts to nurture the culture of reading that Stanwell promotes.

### NUMERACY HELP :

Numeracy Co-ordinator Ms F Moryc recommends this website:

<http://www.numeracycounts.co.uk/>

## Wear Red for Wales

On February the 2<sup>nd</sup>, pupils and staff supported Velindre's national Wear Red for Wales and Velindre campaign by wearing red tops and holding a rugby themed bake off. The day was a huge success

and we raised an impressive £1772.66. Velindre hospital is a fantastic support to many in the Stanwell community and we will endeavour to get involved every year and hope to reach £2000 one day. Diolch yn fawr iawn to the charity



committee, staff, pupils and parents who helped to make this day such a wonderful occasion.

## Help Revision Guide

### Tips for revision planning:

- work out a revision timetable for each subject
- break revision time into small chunks – 20 to 30 minute sessions with short breaks at the end of each session often work well
- make sure your child has all the essential books and materials
- condense notes onto postcards to act as revision prompts
- buy new stationery, highlighters and pens.



### Summer Exam Week Dates :

**Years 7, 8 and 9 Summer exam week 2018: Thursday 7th June - Wednesday 13th June.**