

Newsletter Friday 09th January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Spring 1 Term! We hope you all had a restful and peaceful Christmas/New Year break.

Christmas fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle and other fundraising events. In total we raised £601 for The Friends of Stanhope Barrington account. 100% of the money raised will be used to subsidise educational trips and visits for every child in our school. Thanks also to those members of The Friends who volunteered at our various performances.

New Award Introduced

This term, we have introduced a new school award called the JEDI Award. This will be issued to one child per week at our celebration assembly each Friday. The award stands for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. We are introducing a JEDI action plan to identify how as a school we are supporting our children to be more aware of these issues. The action plan will be shared on our website once approved by the Academy Council.

Adder Art Project

This term we are engaging with partner organisations to raise the profile of Adders. We are lucky enough to have adders in our local environment but if we do not conserve them the population could be extinct in our area by 2030.

Children in the Ruby Learning Zone are going to take part in an art project to learn how to do silk printing to create the skin for a giant adder puppet. We are going to be doing a lot of work around this subject which will include other learning zones over the course of the year and hope to have some Adder Ambassadors in our school.

Climate Change Action Plan

All schools nationally are now required to have a Climate Action Plan in place and we are currently working on developing ours with support from the Trust. Our first step is to set up a pupil group which we are calling our Climate Ambassadors. Henry, Rory, Zach, Jack, Izzy, Kayden, Reyoh, Jayce and Logan are very excited to be working on this project.

Resources needed for playground

As winter has fully embraced us now, many of our PE equipment cannot be used on the playground until weather improves. We would like to ask you if you can please donate, if you are no longer using, dinosaurs and barbie dolls. You can hand them out to Mrs Cross in the morning or drop them off at the office.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 22nd January- Adder Project for Ruby (artist in school)

Monday 2nd February- LGBT History month

Thursday 5th February- World Read Aloud Day

Monday 9th February -3.15 EYFS+KS1 Valentine's Disco

Tuesday 10th February-Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February- KS2 Valentine's disco

If there is anything you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
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