



Stony Dean School

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Stony Dean School Bulletin: 13th January 2017

Happy New Year from all of our staff at Stony Dean School
and welcome to our first bulletin of 2017.

Our students have all made an excellent start to the Spring Term and shown great maturity in their confident attitude towards the upcoming term. As always we have a busy time ahead with various trips and visits to look forward to.

We ask that our students come to school prepared for learning. Be sure to arrive to school dressed smartly in your school uniform and show up on time for lessons with the correct equipment and books, ready to learn. Being prepared for class is an important aspect of education and sets you up to work positively throughout your school day.

There is always the possibility of poor weather conditions this term, so please make sure we have the most up to date contact information for you. Wherever possible, Stony Dean School **will always try to stay open** even in bad weather. Sometimes though, it may be necessary because of poor weather conditions or for other reasons to close the school. Information regarding school closures is available from the following sources; [The Bucks County Council website](#) and local radio stations. We will also endeavour to send a Parentmail and text to parents as soon as a decision has been made. The best way to know what is happening is through our Parentmail and text messaging service directly to your mobile phone and many parents have really benefitted from getting instant information. Please ensure that we hold an up-to-date number on which to contact you.

Mr. Strain
Head Teacher



We're on Twitter!

Make sure you are following us (@StonyDean) for up-to-date school news and e-safety advice/tips and tricks.



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Dates for your diary

STONY DEAN SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016/2017

	Open on the morning of:	Closes at end of afternoon of:
AUTUMN TERM 2016	Monday 5 September	Friday 21 October
	<i>HALF TERM 24 – 28 OCTOBER</i>	
	Monday 31 October	Tuesday 20 December (2.00pm)

	Open on the morning of:	Closes at end of afternoon of:
SPRING TERM 2017	Friday 6 January	Friday 10 February
	<i>HALF TERM 13 – 17 FEBRUARY</i>	
	Monday 20 February	Friday 31 March (2.00pm)

	Open on the morning of:	Closes at end of afternoon of:
SUMMER TERM 2017	Wednesday 19 April	Friday 26 May
	<i>HALF TERM 29 MAY – 2 JUNE</i>	
	Monday 5 June	Thursday 20 July (2.00pm)
	<i>School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 1 May 2017</i>	

STAFF TRAINING DAYS 2016/2017 (School will be closed to pupils on these days)

1 September 2016	4 January 2017
2 September 2016	5 January 2017
	18 April 2017



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Messages from our staff

Mathematics Department

Welcome Back! Our learners have made a positive start to the term and have happily settled back into their mathematics learning.

The Maths Department is really pleased to announce that from this term as part of our maths curriculum we are introducing ***Maths Skills for Life (MSfL)***.

MSfL will focus specifically on everyday maths skills such as money, time and measurement that are needed on a day-to-day basis for independent living.

In Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9), there will be one dedicated lesson a week to MSfL and in KS4 there will be a prolonged period of study based around MSfL. Our Sixth Form currently are receiving MSfL through a variety of subjects in addition to maths.

The focus for MSfL this half-term is money and is made up of four areas:

- knowing how to manage money
- being an informed consumer
- understanding the risks and emotions associated with money
- understanding the role money plays in our lives



Each of the above areas comprises of the following three aspects:

- knowledge for example value of coins
- skills for example being able to choose the correct coins to pay for goods
- attitudes for example appreciating that people have different feelings about money

Please keep a look out on the school website for the MSfL – Money Document that will outline what our learners will be covering from Y7 until the end of the Sixth Form.

Mrs Keith
Head of Mathematics



Animal Antics

Well done to Toby Yelland in 11R who has raised over £500 for the animal charity Animal Antics. Toby danced nonstop for 6 hours on Monday 21st December and we are all incredibly proud of his efforts.



There is still time to donate and help Toby raise his total. His just giving page is; <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/toby-yelland>

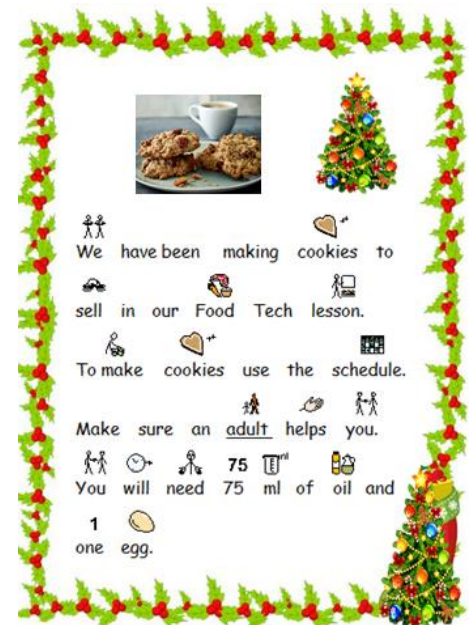
Great Job Toby!

Mr Boardman

Christmas Cookies

A thank you to parents for supporting 13B Students for making oat cookies at home during the Christmas period using the schedule provided. The students were proud to show us the photos and share experiences of transferring this skill from school to home and has increased their self confidence and independence.

Mrs Broom
13B Form Tutor





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School Gym



Since returning to school after Christmas, most pupils have accessed our schools gym as part of the Fitness unit in PE. Pupils have all been given an induction on how to use the equipment safely and correctly. This includes treadmills, rowing machines, cross trainers and exercise bikes. We are constantly looking for new equipment to update and enhance the gym, so if you have or know any good quality equipment just taking up space, please contact Mr Faulder to discuss if it could be used.



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General Information

Stony Dean: the Way Forward

The Governors would like an opportunity to meet school staff and parents to share our ambitious vision for the school in the next five years and to plan what we need to do to achieve it.

This meeting will be on Tuesday 17 January 2017.

We appreciate the difficulties parents experience in getting to school meetings with all their other responsibilities and we hope that it will help that we are giving a choice of times.

The first meeting will start at 4.00 and finish at 5.30 with a buffet supper.

The second meeting will start at 6.30 and finish at 8.00 but we hope that you will join us after 5.30 to share the buffet supper , if you can.

If you would like to receive an invitation to the 4.30 or 7.00 meeting, please contact the school so that we have a clear idea of numbers.

Please contact:

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NAS South Bucks present

Dean Beadle

“Aspergers, anxiety and me”



SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH

This is a free event
for parents/carers
and professionals

Donations welcome
to NAS South Bucks



Dean Beadle has toured the UK for ten years sharing his experiences of life with Aspergers Syndrome. In recent years he has also spoken in Denmark, Belgium, Guernsey and Ireland as well as undertaking four annual seminar tours of Australia and New Zealand. Through his humorous and insightful speeches Dean outlines his positive outlook on his diagnosis. In 2011 Dean's speaking was brought to a wider audience, as a clip of one of his speeches was viewed across the world on Youtube. He is also an experienced journalist, having been published in local, regional, national and international publications.

Tuesday 17th January 2017 8pm-9.30pm

doors open at 7.30pm - refreshments available

Chiltern Wood School, Faulkner Way, Downley, High Wycombe HP13 5HB

Tickets by advance booking only:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nas-south-bucks-host-an-evening-with-dean-beadle-tickets-29787866310>

enquiries: southbucks@nas.org.uk



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The sun rises on a frosty day at Stony Dean



Photo credit: Mr Strain 😊



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