



MERCHANT
TAYLORS'
SCHOOLS

THIS WEEK AT STANFIELD

THIS WEEK'S HONOURS:

Anya Soin, Isla Virtue and Anna Losty in 3BR and to the following girls in 4B: Hannah Evans, Lucy Heyes, Shanaia Joseph, Kathryn McEville, Supraja Pulya, Nanki Soin and Alexandra Turnbull. Exceptionally good work ladies – well done!

ACHIEVEMENTS ASSEMBLY

This week's house winners: **EMERALD**

From Emerald House – Ethan Powell, Charlie Birchall, Casper Williams, Callum Davidson, Thomas Kumar, Olivia Gregg, Nicola Bleasdale, Sasha Wilson, Emma Pearson, Autumn Davison-Ball

From Garnet – Caitlin Adams, Max Jackson, Luke Suarez, Hannah Cuthel, India Bacon, Alex Turnbull, Lucy Chen, Eleanor Cox, Raabia Farooqui

From Sapphire – Mohammed Alabduljader, Holly Wilson, Joseph Cameron-Mansour, Alex Lal, Sumukh Sutchindra, Cara Ellis, Saffron Khan

From Topaz – Scarlett Dullaghan, Lucy Thompson, Molly Owen, Shanaia Joseph, Amelia Hedley

HOMEWORK

There is no homework being set over the half-term holiday – after a very busy half term, the children need a break. If you feel that you must do something with him/her, enjoy a good book of his/her choice! Enjoy some quality time, share the reading, talk about the story / characters and draw/paint some pictures!

*******HOCKEY CLUB: NO MONDAY CLUB; ON THURSDAYS AFTER THE HALF TERM *******

See letter

THINKING DAY – 1ST DAY BACK!!!!

Monday 22nd February is a very special day for all Rainbows, Brownies and Guides as they celebrate Thinking Day. This year is very special as Guiding celebrates its centenary. All Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and Beavers are invited to come to school in their uniforms that day.

SWIMMING

Well done to the Junior girls on a resounding victory against Bolton School on Tuesday afternoon. We are very proud of you!!

HAITI – altogether you helped to raise £326.76 for the Haiti Appeal. Thank you!!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 4th March**. The children are invited to come into school that day, dressed as their favourite storybook character.

We will be holding our book fair from **Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th March**. More details to follow after half term.

OTHER DATES.....

Thursday 25th February – Y5 and 6 Parent Workshop at 2.30pm school hall, Sex Education

Friday 26th February – Year 4 to Catalyst Museum, Year 5 to Quarry Bank Mill
Tuesday 2nd March – Year 1 Parents Workshop at 2.30pm school hall, Numeracy

INTERNET SAFETY OVER THE HOLIDAY

Extract from a report written by MTGS Headmistress..... relevant to all children.

My Daughter* expert Louise Robinson, head of Merchant Taylors' Girls' School in Crosby said, 'The poll shows that there is still a frightening number of parents out there who are not only in the dark about what their daughter does online but also have limited understanding of what they need to do to teach them how to stay safe. Knowledge really is of key importance here and this week is all about raising awareness amongst children and their mums and dads.'

Louise continues, 'Any family who owns a computer and has access to the internet should have a basic understanding of the 'dos and don'ts'. We advise parents to do the following:

- try to have the computer in a family room
- be aware if your daughter becomes secretive on the computer
- be aware of the privacy settings on social network sites (Facebook, Bebo etc)
- make sure you know how to look at the history page for websites

'The internet is an amazing tool and an integral part of our children's lives for both learning and communicating but realistically there are potential dangers. Following simple rules can make a huge difference and turn the internet from being an unknown, negative source into the fantastic tool that it is.'

Protecting our children goes with the territory of being a parent. We warn and train them from a young age about the dangers of the fireplace, crossing the road and encountering strangers. When it comes to the internet these principles still apply, even if sometimes we feel that we are not qualified to do so.

*interesting and useful parent website – worth a look!!

Next month, we will be running some internet safety sessions with our Year 6 girls. We will be using CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection) guidance and materials. More information to follow.

iPhones – please be aware that as p there are no filters, your child has full internet access and can download information from across the world-wide web.