

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Staff and Friends of Stanton Vale,

I'd like to welcome you to the first termly newsletter of this academic year. We've already been back for 7 weeks since the summer holidays and since then so much has taken place.

When school reopened in September a number of exciting building projects which took place during the summer break were ready for the start of term.

We've had three outside canopies built in Ash, Lime and Maple class and these will allow students to access outdoor learning despite the weather all year round. Through the kind generosity and hard work of Sarah Gregory and her husband Mike we also have a really impressive wooden pavilion built outside TG1 which also allows students the opportunity to partake in outside education. It is known as the OLE (Outdoor Learning Environment).

We also had a couple of bathrooms and Willow class redecorated and given a much needed update.

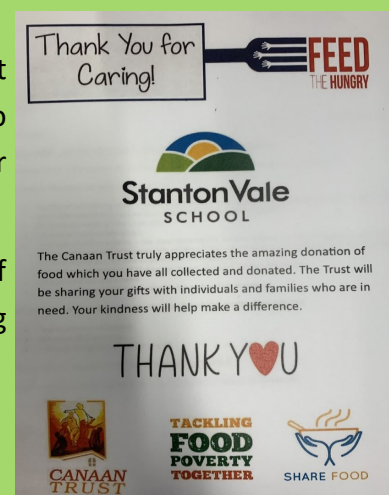
One other exciting new addition to school life is the new trampoline which enables classes to participate in Rebound Therapy sessions. These are proving to be highly popular with students and have a wide range of therapeutic benefits.

I am delighted to report that the Hydrotherapy Pool is once again open and in use as well as weekly swim sessions at West Park Leisure pool. Students are also participating in community visits either on foot or on the school mini buses. It is also really lovely that we can now meet up as a whole school community during celebratory assemblies on Friday afternoons.

Although Covid is now part of our lives, we continue to be mindful at school regarding the risk of infection whilst at the same time striving to regain a day to day school routine which is as near to similar as life prior to the pandemic.

I hope you enjoy this half terms newsletter which contains just some of the exciting events and activities that students have been participating in.

With warm regards to you all, Rob Mulvey



### Term Dates for School Year 2021-2022

	AUTUMN 2021	SPRING 2022	SUMMER 2022
<b>School Open</b>	Mon 6th September	Mon 10th January	Mon 25th April
<b>Close Half Term</b>	Friday 22nd October	Fri 18th February	Fri 27th May
<b>School Open</b>	Mon 1st November	Mon 28th February	Mon 6th June
<b>End of Term</b>	Weds 22nd December	Fri 8th April	Thurs 21st July



## TG2 Class Sowing and Growing Fun

TG2 have been sowing spring onions, sweet peas, tatsoi and herbs this half term for their enterprise project. Students have enjoyed making biodegradable newspaper pots, poking holes in the compost to make room for seeds and watching their seedlings grow each week.

## TG3 Class Activities

TG3 have been going shopping practising their life skills, shopping using money and transactions within Tesco. They have been going shopping for their ingredients to make their own meals. Some students from TG3 have their art work on display at the Erewash Museum this month, these were the sculptural cocoons. TG3 organised and partook in the McMillian coffee morning, talking to parents, serving teas, coffees and cake! An amazing morning well spent.



### STANTON VALE SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAYS

FRIDAY 19TH NOV

CHILDREN IN NEED 'STRICTLY COME DANCING'

WEDS 24TH NOV

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

MON 13TH / WEDS 15TH DEC

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES (TIMES TBC)

THURS 16TH—TUES 22ND DEC

FOREST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVENT (TBC)



# Drumroots Workshop celebrating Black History Month

Students took part in a drum workshop on Friday 8th October to celebrate Black History Month! They enjoyed playing the different variety of drums brought in. It was an engaging sensory experience for all!



## Forest School

The students in Elm class have been leaf printing, exploring the plants with their senses, making shapes with sticks, painting stones for a stone rainbow we are making, growing pumpkins and decorating trees towards our Green Tree Award.



Dear Mrs Brown,  
Thank you for your letter.  
Congratulations on all you are  
doing to help the natural world.  
I hope your fund-raising is a great  
success. Best wishes  
David Attenborough

from David Attenborough

## Thank you letter from David Attenborough

Once the school council voted the majority for WWF, they sent a letter to David Attenborough to tell him of their plan. David Attenborough personally wrote back and wished Stanton Vale all the best!



# School Improvement Works

