



# Stapleford Church of England VA Primary School

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## September Newsletter

*Welcome back to*



### News From CLASS 1

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a fresh year in Class One. I hope you had a calm and peaceful holiday and you are feeling relaxed and refreshed. It feels great to be back and we have had a fantastic first week. Thank you to all of the children for making us feel so welcome and for working so hard this first week. Their behaviour and work ethic has been brilliant. Keep it up Class One!

We've got a busy term coming up, full of lots of exciting learning and a wonderful residential trip which I'm sure the children will love!

In Science we are going to be learning about Earth and space. Our RE lessons will be focused on Creation in Christianity. In History we are Covering World War Two. In literacy we will be looking at significant authors, narrative poems and stories recounts. Maths will continue to focus on key skills and problem solving, using the four functions, place value, shape, measure and fractions. Times table knowledge will be key to all of this so please help your child to become as fluent and confident as possible.

Just like last term, homework will be given on a Friday and returned the following Wednesday. This should be children's own work and they should spend roughly 30 minutes on each piece. The homework has changed this term, following on from the trial that Class 2 did last year. There is now a grid that covers the whole half term and children can choose a different activity each week. Children should ensure it is completed to the best of their ability. Daily reading is essential. It is still beneficial to listen to children read at this age, and discussion of texts once children have read really helps their understanding. Spelling and maths homework will continue as before. PE lesson are Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has an art shirt/apron in their bag. Your help in ensuring children have the right resources each day is brilliant. However, as children reach the top of the school a sense of responsibility and independence is even better! It will prove invaluable once they reach secondary school.

Many Thanks for your continuing support.

### Marrick Priory Briefing For Class 1 Families

All Class 1 parents and children are invited to attend a briefing in the school hall regarding the residential trip to Marrick Priory 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September.

The briefing will take place at 4.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 immediately after the meet the teacher session.

We hope to see you all there.



Parents/Carers are invited to meet their child's new class teacher on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September between 3.15pm – 4.00pm.** You will have the opportunity to ask questions about how you can support your child's learning at home.

### News From CLASS 2

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for our gifts at the end of summer term – they are hugely appreciated.

We are already enjoying our time teaching Class Two this term. We have a range of exciting learning we will be covering in the Autumn term such as the Vikings, Electricity, the Human Body and European Art and drawing amongst other things.

As ever, there will be two sessions of PE per week – can you please ensure all PE kit is present in school, clean and labelled. They need shorts and a white top for PE, although they may wear blue jogging bottoms if it is cold outside. PE is scheduled to be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. The Tuesday slot may sometimes change if the weather is poor and be swapped with a topic from elsewhere in the week.

Homework will be set every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. This will consist of spellings, maths, daily reading and a choice from the homework grid. This term all of the choices for homework on the grid are related to the Vikings.

We look forward to the rest of term and please do contact the office, or speak with a teacher at the end of the day if you need extra information.

### News From CLASS 3

Welcome back to an exciting new term and a brand new academic year! Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful gifts, presents and wishes that were gifted to me at the end of last term. It was truly overwhelming, I am very grateful!

This half term we will be very busy settling the children back into routines within Class 3. This term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London and why it is called the Great Fire! The children will be linking their History learning to Art and Design and Technology. In Design and Technology, they will have the opportunity to design and make a Tudor house, ready to create a real life Pudding Lane.

In R.E we will be learning about how people thank God for nature, focusing on the wonder of nature and how people express their thankfulness, through Understanding Christianity in the story of creation. The children will also be learning how light is used as a symbol and why light is important in everyday life.

As you can see it is going to be a busy term for the children and in order to help them, please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and footwear in school. Please can you read with your child daily and ensure that your child has their reading record with them in their book bag so that books can be changed daily.

### News From CLASS 4

WELCOME BACK...

Hello to all Nursery and Reception parents and welcome to the Autumn Term 2017. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! We extend a warm welcome to the new children who have joined Nursery and Reception and hope you all settle in quickly.

Our topic for this half term is All About Me. Children will be learning:

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| • To look at and describe their faces                | • To describe their family and pets                      |
| • To talk about how to care for a baby               | • About the different stages of growing                  |
| • To name different parts of the body                | • To name their five senses                              |
| • To talk about their hobbies and likes and dislikes | • About their feelings and what makes them happy and sad |
| • To appreciate that everyone is different           | • About the value of generosity                          |

Things to do at home:

- Talk with your child about the different people in their family
- Look at some photos of your child when they were a baby with them. Discuss all the things they needed when they were a baby and also all the things they can do now that they could not do when they were a baby
- Talk about how different activities, events, outings, people, etc., make your child feel

Other information and reminders:

- Reception children will change their library book on a Wednesday.
- Reception children will receive a reading book and a homework pack every Friday. Please bring this into school by the following Wednesday.
- PE is on Wednesday: please ensure your child has a clean, named PE kit in school.
- Please provide your child with outdoor shoes (old trainers, wellies) and a water bottle.
- Please ensure your child has their book bag in school every day to put in letters, drawings and anything they have made, etc., to take home.

### Parent helpers in school



Do you have any spare time during the day? Do you have any skills that you could use in school? We are always looking for volunteers to help support the children's learning e.g. hearing children read. If you feel you could help please let a member of staff know.

### News From

### The Stapleford School Friends Association (SSFA)



If anyone else is interested in joining the friendly SSFA team or just wants to offer a helping hand at any events, please do get in touch by emailing [ssfacommittee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ssfacommittee@hotmail.co.uk)

**Thank you. You really can make a difference.**

**All visitors please  
report to reception**

### Safeguarding

Please be aware that as part of our safeguarding procedures we have informed the children not to open the doors to any adults. This includes for people that they know.

All visitors should report to reception and sign in.

**Thank you for your understanding.**

### School Payments

Please pay for all school meals, breakfast club and after school clubs in advance.



### PE Kits and lost property

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled so that we can return it. Our lost property box is bulging. We will be placing lost property out on tables in the run up to the end of term. Please do have a look through it and claim your lost items.

### Medication

Please ensure that your children's medicines that are stored at school are within the best before date. Unfortunately we are unable to administer medicines.

Asthma – If your child has asthma please try to provide the school with two asthma inhalers and ensure you have provided the school with written permission to use the Emergency Asthma Inhalers should they be required.

## **eSafety**

[www.internetmatters.org/advice](http://www.internetmatters.org/advice) is an excellent source of eSafety information. It has great tips on who to protect your children online and is user friendly.

# e-safety advice

Keeping up to date with what your children are doing online can seem daunting. Technology is constantly advancing and sometimes parents feel that their children know more about the internet than they do.

Whatever their age, we can help you to find out more about what they might be doing online and give you some simple, practical and easy advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them as safe as possible.

The logo for Internet Matters, featuring the text "internet matters.org" in white lowercase letters on a green rectangular background.

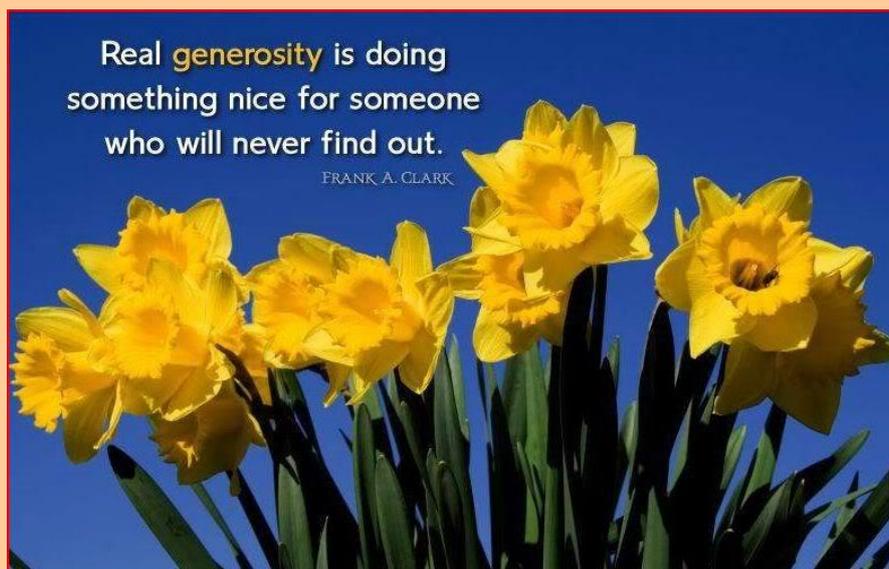
## **HARVEST CHURCH SERVICE**

You are all invited to join us in Church for our Harvest Festival Service on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am.

We will be making a collection of non-perishable food items in the run up to the service. Any donations will be gratefully received. Donations can be brought in to classes by your children from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September or placed directly in the Food Bank Box in the school main reception.

Thank you for your generosity.

Ask your children if they can remember the value that we are all learning about this half term. Hopefully they will be able to tell you it is **GENEROSITY**.



### **Class Assemblies**

This year each class will deliver two class assemblies. They will start at 9.00am.

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Autumn term</b>                                | <b>Spring term</b>                                       | <b>Summer term</b>   |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| Class 1      | Class Assembly<br>Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October | Class Assembly<br>Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March          | Summer Performance<br>Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July<br>&<br>Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July<br>tbc |
| Class 2      | Class Assembly<br>Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | Class Assembly<br>Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March          | Summer Performance<br>Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July<br>&<br>Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July<br>tbc |
| Class 3      | Nativity<br>Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December tbc | Class Assembly<br>Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January<br>tbc | Class Assembly<br>Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April  |
| Class 4      | Nativity<br>Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December tbc | Class Assembly<br>Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March          | Class Assembly<br>Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June   |

### **Pupil Premium Funding - IMPORTANT**

**Pupil premium** is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to help raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. **This means that YOUR child may be entitled to a quite considerable amount of funding that can be used within school to support their learning.**

Your child could be eligible for extra funding if you receive any of the following:

#### **Income Support**

**Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**

**Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**

**Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

**The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**

**Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)

**Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

**Universal Credit.**

This extra funding can really make a difference to your child's achievements and for that reason we are asking that all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and any parents of older children whose circumstances may have changed register online at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals).

Please note that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free meals. **However, this does not mean that you are already registered for the additional funding which is called Pupil Premium. To gain the extra Pupil Premium funding for your child you must register by using the above URL or link.** Thank you.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done everyone for your excellent attendance last year. **We achieved a whole school average attendance of 96% which is well above both Hertfordshire and National figures.**

**THIS YEARS TARGET IS 97%!!!**

**Excellent attendance = Increased Learning time**

#### **Please note:**

If your attendance falls towards or below 90% the Attendance Improvement Officer may wish to speak to you.

### **Communication:**

The school office is open between 8.30am – 3pm and there is also a great deal of information on the school website [www.stapleford.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stapleford.herts.sch.uk).

Don't forget that we are on  - follow us @staplefordPS

We will aim to send out your newsletter in the first half of each month.

### **Work sharing**

This year Work Sharing will take place on:

2.30-3.00pm Friday 13th October 2017  
2.30-3.00pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
2.30-3.00pm Friday 2nd February 2018  
2.30pm-3.00pm Friday 23rd March 2018  
2.30pm-3.00pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
2.30pm-3.00pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **Library Books**

Library sessions have commenced again this week at school. Every child should bring home a book from the school library and another book from the reading scheme. Please support them with their reading every day. It makes a huge difference to their learning. Thank you.



### **Link to buy your tickets**

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stapleford-church-of-england-va-primary-school>

Ticket cost £1 - Remember that 40p from every ticket sold comes directly to the school.

Each week there is a monetary prize for one of our ticket holders. People that buy tickets are also entered into the weekly National £25,000 draw!!

We are currently saving up the proceeds to buy some new playground equipment. **Since the lottery was launched we have raised £1150 towards our project through our lottery.**

### **ICE CREAM FRIDAY**



Ice Cream Friday will run for the next few weeks and then just like that it will be gone again for until the Summer Term.

Thank you for supporting the project. All the proceeds continue to go towards the school library.

## **Overview of Safeguarding Pupils at Stapleford**

To ensure the safeguarding of pupils and staff in school we would like to share with you our procedures, training and policies in place at Stapleford Primary School

### Safeguarding Healthcheck

- Safeguarding Healthcheck completed – Outcome: Effective

### eSafety

- Policy in place
- Pupils and staff sign safe use contract
- Discussions with pupils in lessons
- Workshops for pupils as reminders
- eSafety posters for all pupils near all computers
- Fire wall applied by Local Authority
- Reminders in monthly newsletters
- Termly eSafely Newsletter circulated to staff and parents
- Reminders to parents before performances

### Media

- Permission for photography sought from all families
- Only Christian names used on website

### DBS, references and prohibition checks

- For all staff, governors and volunteers

### Safer Recruitment

- 3 members of SLT and governing body trained

### Child Protection Induction

- Induction sessions with Designated Senior Person (JS) for all new staff
- Induction sessions for all volunteers

### Child Protection staff training

- Every three years

### Building security

- Buzzer entry system
- All visitors sign in and out
- All visitors wear name badge
- Strangers challenged
- Parents only allowed through the front entrance
- Emergency lockdown procedure in place

### Behaviour and Anti Bullying

- Policy in place

### Asthma

- Emergency asthma procedures in place
- Two emergency asthma kits available in school

### Site security

- Designated Health and Safety governor
- Annual Health and Safety audit
- Site Manager employed all year round
- Traffic and parking monitored
- Asbestos survey and management plan in place
- Playground gates locked

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| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>                             | Meet the teacher: 3.15pm-4.00pm<br><br>Marrick Residential Trip Briefing for Class 1 Parents and Children – in School Hall 4.00pm |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>                                | Mon-Fri – Marrick Residential Trip – Class One  |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                | Harvest Service in church – 9.15am  |
| <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                   | Class 2 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                  | Work sharing 2.30pm-3.00pm  |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                  | Class 1 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>                                  | Break up for the half term holidays at 3.00pm   |
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>                | <b>HALF TERM</b>  |
| <b>Monday 30<sup>st</sup> October</b>                                  | Children back to school   |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>                               | Remembrance Service in church 9.15am  |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>                                | Parent consultations 3.30-5.00pm  |
| <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>                               | Parent consultations 4.30-7.00pm  |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>                                  | Christmas Decorating Day  |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>                                | Nativity – 9.30am   |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>                                | Christmas Pantomime at Hertford Theatre   |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>                              | KS2 Christmas Carols Service in church followed by mince pies and mulled wine in school hall – 6.30pm                             |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>                                 | Work Sharing 2.30-3.00pm  |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>                                 | Christmas Service in Church 9.15am  |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>                                | Break up for Christmas holidays 2.00pm  |
| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December<br/>– Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>Christmas Holidays</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>                                | INSET DAY – School Closed   |
| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                 | Children back to school   |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                  | Class 3 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>                               | Christingle Service in church – 9.15am  |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>                                  | Work Sharing 2.30-3.00pm  |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                 | Safer internet day (eSafety day)  |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                  | Break up for half term holiday 3pm  |
| <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>                | <b>HALF TERM</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>                                   | World Book Day  |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                    | Parent consultations 3.30-5.00pm  |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                   | Parent consultations 4.30-7.00pm  |
| <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                    | Class 4 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                    | Class 1 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>                                    | Work Sharing 2.30pm-3.00pm  |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                    | Class 2 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                  | Break up for the Easter holidays 2.00pm   |
| <b>Friday 30<sup>st</sup> March<br/>– Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Easter holidays</b>  |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>                                    | Children back to school   |

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| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>                 | Ice Cream Friday (run by the School Council) commences – Proceeds go towards the school library                                   |
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>                 | Class 3 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>                   | Mon-Thurs SATS week   |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>                   | Break up for half term 3pm  |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1st June</b> | <b>Half Term</b>  |
|   | PLEASE NOTE: KS2 Sports Day will be hosted by Puller Primary School in 2018. We will let you know the date as soon as we have it. |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>                | Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm  |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>                   | Work Sharing 2.30pm-3.00pm  |
| <b>W/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>              | Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks   |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>                  | Class 4 Assembly 9.00am   |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>                  | INSET DAY (School Closed)   |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>                  | INSET DAY (School Closed)   |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>                   | School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party ( <a href="#">FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME</a> ) – Date and time TBC                  |
| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>                 | KS2 Performance -TBC  |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>               | KS2 Performance -TBC  |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>                | Transition (Moving Up) Day  |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>                  | Work sharing 2.30-3.00pm  |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>                  | Leaver's service in church – time TBC<br>Leaver's picnic – Date and time TBC<br>Break up for the Summer holidays 2.00pm ©         |

| 2017/2018  | Autumn 2017 | Spring 2018  | Summer 2018  |
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| Monday 4th September –<br>Tuesday 19th December  |             | Thursday 4th January –<br>Thursday 29th March                            | Monday 16th April –<br>Friday 20th July  |
| <b>October Half Term</b><br>Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October  |             | <b>February Half Term</b><br>Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February | <b>May Half Term</b><br>Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June  |
| <b>Occasional Days (School Closed)</b><br>Wednesday 30th August<br><b>INSET Days</b><br>Thursday 31st August<br>Friday 1st September |             | <b>INSET Days</b><br>Wednesday 3rd January                               | <b>INSET Days</b><br>Friday 22nd June<br>Monday 25th June<br><b>Occasional Day (School Closed)</b><br>Monday 23rd – Friday 27th July |