



Stapleford Church of England VA Primary School

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November Newsletter



EVERYTHING IS
AWESOME
EVERYTHING WHEN
IS **COOL** YOU'RE
PART OF A
EVERYTHING **TEAM**
IS AWESOME
WHEN WE'RE LIVING OUR
DREAM

Ofsted Inspection – October 2017: GOOD in all areas

We may have been judged as “GOOD” by Ofsted and not as AWESOME but that is pretty much the way that everyone here at Stapleford Primary is feeling at the moment!!

Wow! What a term we have had so far!! It seems just like yesterday that we returned from our summer holidays but already the pupils have celebrated the harvest, enjoyed a residential trip, visited Hertford theatre, participated in a roller skating workshop, interviewed a World War II evacuee, experienced a day in the life of a private jet pilot, completed essential first aid training and a sponsored skip, held a service of remembrance, enjoyed bonfire night and punched above our weight in some fantastic football and netball fixtures. Phew!!

We have hardly had time to take a breath. In fact when Ofsted rang up to say they were coming to complete their inspection my first reaction was “We are too busy. How are we going to fit them in?” We did, of course, make time for them and **we are very proud of the inspection report they wrote about our delightful little school.** The full Ofsted report is on the school website if you would like to read it again ☺. As with any inspection report our next steps have been clearly highlighted. The whole process felt like continued professional development and as a consequence there is a real buzz about the school as everyone strives to achieve our next steps and improve our provision still further. Huge thanks must go to the staff and governors for all of their hard work, to the parents for their continued support (96% said they would recommend the school – a truly amazing figure) and finally to the pupils who never ever let us down. **Your children were incredible during the visit.** Every single one of them was polite, respectful, honest, engaged in lessons and friendly. They were proud to represent their school and we were proud to see the manner in which they carried themselves. Well done everyone.

Our School Uniform

For GIRLS

Winter Uniform (September – April)

- School navy blue sweatshirts or cardigan with logo (available from School Trends Website)
- Grey or black (any shade) trousers, skirt or dress
- White Blouses and Shirts
- White polo-shirts
- Navy/White/Grey Socks
- Navy Tights
- Navy P.E. Shorts
- School white P.E. T-shirt with logo (available from School Trends Website)
- Black leather school shoes
- Trainers (for P.E.)
- Long hair is to be tied back with a blue or black hair band
- Small stud earrings are the only form of jewellery permitted (these are to be removed for P.E.)

For BOYS

Winter Uniform (September – April)

- School navy blue sweatshirts or cardigan with logo (available from School Trends Website)
- Grey or black (any shade) trousers or shorts
- White Shirts
- White polo-shirts
- Navy/White/Grey Socks
- Navy P.E. Shorts
- School white P.E. T-shirt with logo (available from School Trends Website)
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Hello & welcome

We would like to send a huge hello and welcome to Tristan and Andréé who are joining us in Class 2 within the next few days. We all hope you will be very happy here.

RETURNING UNIFORM

You would be amazed how much uniform we find each day that has no name on it.

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM



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.**

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.

School Quiz Night

24th November 7pm

Buy tickets online

[Click here for tickets](#)



MUDDY FIELD

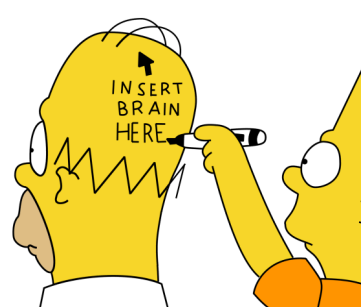
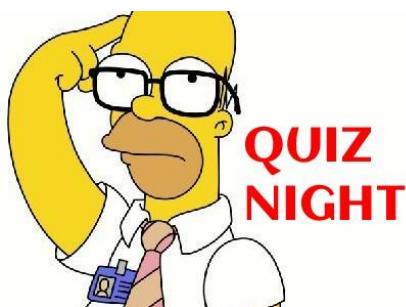
Outdoor Kit for lunchtimes

Now that autumn has arrived KS2 children are permitted to bring in a named set of outdoor clothing that they can change into at lunchtimes.

Stapleford Primary School

Christmas Dates to Remember

- 9.00am Friday 1st December – Christmas Decorating Day**
(Contact the school office if you would like to spend the morning with us helping to transform the school – THERE WILL BE MINCE PIES!!!!)
- Monday 4th December – Author visit – Jack Trelawny**
- Monday 4th December – Book Fair arrives -** An opportunity to buy Christmas gifts & earn commission for the school library
- Wednesday 6th December – Chocolate Donation Day for Christmas Fete**
- Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Dinner Day** (including Christmas Cracker Joke Competition!! ☺)
- 7.00pm Wednesday 6th December – Stapleford School Choir performance at the Christchurch Carol Service in Ware**
- 9.30am Thursday 7th December – Class 4 and KS1 Nativity in church**
- 5.00pm – 7.00pm Friday 8th December – SSFA Christmas Fayre in the school**
- Monday 11th December – Christmas card postal service begins and will run all week**
- Tuesday 12th December – Reception-Year 6 trip to the Christmas Pantomime in Hertford.**
- Tuesday 12th December – Early Years Christmas Party**
- 6.30pm Wednesday 13th December – KS2 Carol Service in church** (followed by mince pies & mulled wine in the school hall)
- Thursday 14th December – Early Years Christmas Cracker (Parents and carers invited)**
- Thursday 14th December – Christmas Parties** (lunches will be served as usual)
- 2.30pm - 3.00pm Friday 15th December - Work Sharing** (Inc Year 4 Orchestra in hall until 2.45pm)
- 9.15am Monday 18th December – Christmas Service in Church**
- 2.00pm Tuesday 19th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays**



SSFA QUIZ NIGHT – 7pm FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2017

[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)

Thank you from Mr Hart (Site Manager)

A very big thank you to the SSFA for the funding that has bought the school a quiet electric leaf blower and high pressure jet wash. They have already made my daily routine a great deal easier.



Mr Hart is an avid reader of Freecycle.com as he is always looking to reuse or upcycle unwanted items for the school. Over the past 18 months we have acquired and installed projectors, interactive whiteboards, a whole school wifi system and several large pieces of furniture all of which were going to be taken to the tip. Before you throw anything away please consider whether it could be upcycled first.

For instance:

- Noticeboards
- CD players
- Curtains/material
- Anything DIY or gardening



News From

The Stapleford School Friends Association (SSFA)

Dates to look out for:

Bring a bottle day (in support of SSFA Quiz) – 17/11/17

SSFA Quiz - 24/11/17

Chocolate Day – 06/12/17

Bring a bottle day (in support of Christmas Fete) – 08/12/17



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

Thank you. You really can make a difference.

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 21st November 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd November 4.30pm

Book your appointment now

EASY FUNDRAISING

It really is easy! You just have to register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk - then when you shop at Amazon etc. you just enter via the easy fundraising website and the SSFA receive a charitable donation from the retailer based on your purchases.



**No
unauthorised
entry**



**All visitors
must 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.

eSafety

Internet safety advice is directly applicable to the gaming environment because of the risks that are present. It is essential that children are aware of these issues and are given the skills and knowledge to help manage and reduce these risks, with the help of those around them.

What are the risks of online games?

- **Children may view inappropriate or upsetting content** if they play games that aren't suitable for their age. This could include sexual or violent material. It might be in-game content or produced by other players.
- **Some players can be abusive towards others** or try to exclude them from the game. Some players may also hack another user's account or try to steal and destroy their virtual possessions. This can be as upsetting for a young person as if it happened in real life.
- **Children may play with adults they don't know.** People of all ages play games. Some adults may exploit this and try to build an emotional connection with a child for the purpose of grooming.
- **Some children may find it hard to stop playing games** or find that gaming is getting the way of them doing other activities.



Talk to someone about online safety

Whether you want to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or get advice on social networks, experts from the free O2 & NSPCC helpline are here to help.

0808 800 5002

HAVE YOU CLAIMED THE EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD?

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)

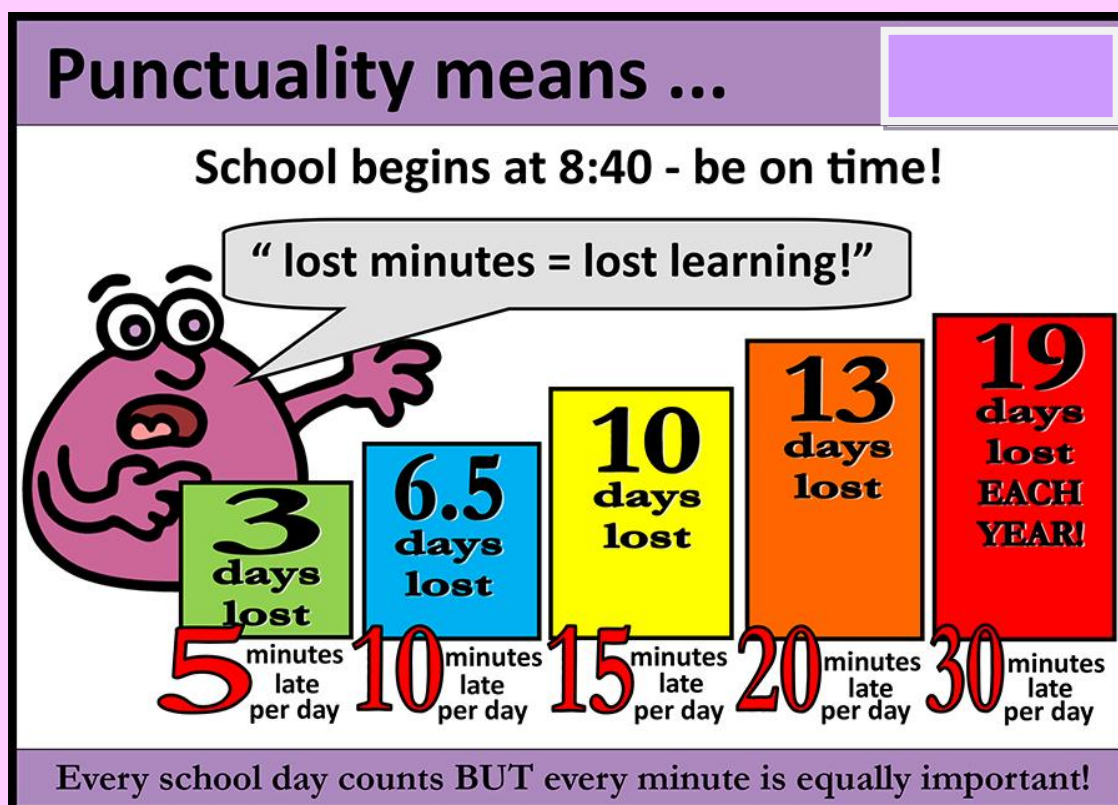
Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

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.

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



"There are still a small number of families whose children do not attend as regularly as they should."

Ofsted inspection October 2017

THIS YEARS ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97%!!!

Excellent attendance = Increased Learning time



CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY

SAVE THE DATE – 9am Friday 1st December 2017

Decoration Day is possibly the most exciting day in the life of the school each year. It is the day when we invite parents, carers and governors into school for the morning to help transform the school and prepare it for the festive season.

The display boards in the hall are used to tell the story of the Nativity and the corridor boards will this year be transformed to show “Scenes from Christmas.”

If you would like to help on Decorations Day morning please let the office know so that we are able to plan groupings.

THERE WILL BE MINCE PIES!!!



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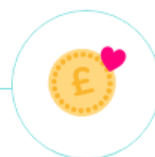
1. Join

It's easy to get started, search for your cause and join in



2. Shop

From travel to toasters, every time you shop, do it the easyfundraising way



3. Collect

Help out when you check out - it doesn't cost you a penny extra

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website and raise a donation for their school cause once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased. There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, WHSmith, John Lewis and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for schools.

[Click here to register now](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

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.

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

Tuesday 21 st November	Parent consultations 3.30-5.00pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Parent consultations 4.30-7.00pm
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Decorating Day
Monday 4 th December	Author visit – Jack Trelawny Book Fair arrives
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Dinner Day Stapleford School Choir performance at Christchurch Carol Service in Ware (7pm start – children to arrive earlier. Details to follow)
Thursday 7 th December	Nativity – 9.30am
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre 5pm-7pm
Monday 11 th December	Christmas card internal post service begins and will run all week
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Pantomime at Hertford Theatre Early Years Christmas Party
Wednesday 13 th December	KS2 Christmas Carols Service in church followed by mince pies and mulled wine in school hall – 6.30pm
Thursday 14 th December	Early Years Christmas Cracker (Parents and Carers invited - details to follow) Class Christmas Parties (lunches will be served as usual)
Friday 15 th December	Work Sharing 2.30-3.00pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Service in Church 9.15am
Tuesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays 2.00pm
Tuesday 20 th December – Tuesday 2 nd	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET DAY – School Closed
Thursday 4 th January	Children back to school
Monday 15 th January	Class 3 Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 24 th January	Christingle Service in church – 9.15am
Friday 2 nd February	Work Sharing 2.30-3.00pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer internet day (eSafety day)
Friday 9 th February	Break up for half term holiday 3pm
Monday 12 th - 16 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 th March	Parent consultations 3.30-5.00pm
Thursday 8 th March	Parent consultations 4.30-7.00pm
Monday 12 th March	Class 4 Assembly 9.00am
Monday 19 th March	Class 1 Assembly 9.00am
Friday 23 rd March	Work Sharing 2.30pm-3.00pm
Monday 26 th March	Class 2 Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 29 th March	Break up for the Easter holidays 2.00pm

Friday 30 th March - Monday 16 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April	Children back to school
Friday 20 th April	Ice Cream Friday (run by the School Council) commences – Proceeds go towards the school library
Monday 23 rd April	Class 3 Assembly 9.00am
Monday 14 th May	Mon-Thurs SATS week
Friday 25 th May	Break up for half term 3pm
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1st June	Half Term
	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.
Wednesday 6 th June	Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm
Friday 8 th June	Work Sharing 2.30pm-3.00pm
W/c Monday 11 th June	Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
Monday 18 th June	Class 4 Assembly 9.00am
Friday 22 nd June	INSET DAY (School Closed)
Monday 25 th June	INSET DAY (School Closed)
Friday 6 th July	School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – Date and time TBC
Tuesday 10 th July	KS2 Performance -TBC
Wednesday 11 th July	KS2 Performance -TBC
Thursday 12 th July	Transition (Moving Up) Day
Friday 13 th July	Work sharing 2.30-3.00pm
Friday 20 th July	Leaver's service in church – time TBC Leaver's picnic – Date and time TBC Break up for the Summer holidays 2.00pm ☺

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