



# Stapleford Church of England VA Primary School

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## December Newsletter



What a huge success. The new format really worked – far less stressful. We managed to decorate our HUGE tree and every display board whilst listening to Christmas music and eating mince pies. Thank you to all of the volunteers and a special thank you to Mrs Cowell for all of the extra work preparation that went into the day.



Well done to all the children from Classes 3 and 4. Your nativity production of "The King is Born" was magical. The work that you have all put in made for a very special occasion. A big thank you to all of the staff for making it happen. I know what a huge undertaking it really is. Thank you to all families for helping your children to learn their lines and for providing costumes.

### Stapleford School Choir

Carol Service – Christchurch, Ware



Another outstanding performance from our magnificent school choir on Wednesday night. Well done everyone. Thank you to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Cutler and Mrs Strong for making our choir really stand out from the crowd ☺

### KS2 Carol Service

6.30pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Stapleford Church

### EVERYONE IS INVITED

Classes 1 and 2 have been practising their singing ready for the KS2 Christmas Carol Service. It should prove to be a lovely evening with carols being sung by the choir, all of Key Stage 2 and even the congregation. Afterwards please join everyone in the school hall for a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine around our wonderful tree surrounded by the beautiful Christmas displays. **Please note that all parents and the local community are invited to this special occasion even if their children are not in the performance.**

### 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 [ssfacomment@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ssfacomment@hotmail.co.uk)

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

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parents of Imogen Cutmore for repairing our steps. Great job.

## Random Act of Kindness

During a recent cold snap one of our dinner ladies, Collette Boshier, took it upon herself to make "homemade" soup, put it into heat retaining cups and distribute it to homeless people in Stevenage. We felt that it was important to recognise this act of kindness. What a great example to the children.



We would like to send a huge hello and welcome to Alex who has joined us in Class 2. We all hope you will be very happy here.

## Christmas Church Service

**9.15am Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Everyone is invited to join us for our final church service of the year.**

## TIMES TABLES

### Expectations for times tables for each year group:

Year 1	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12.
Year 5	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.
Year 6	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.

**PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILDREN LEARN THEIR TIMES TABLES AT HOME**

### 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.



Link to buy your tickets <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stapleford-church-of-england-va-primary-school> Ticket cost £1

# Stapleford Primary School

## Christmas Dates to Remember

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



### Thank you from Mr Hart (Site Manager)

We have a number of retro/antique wooden school chairs that we are looking to find new homes for. They would be great for bedrooms or studies or for upcycling project for all of you planet savers! Large chair £5, Small chair £3 - All proceeds will go back into school funds. Ask in the school office.



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



#### Save the planet by using less plastic

Swop	For
Plastic straws	Paper Straws
Plastic cotton buds	Cardboard cotton buds
Single use plastic bottles	Reuseable bottles

MUSIC AT ST MARY'S PRESENTS  
**CANTORES AMICITIAE**

# Grandete!

- A CONCERT TO CELEBRATE  
**ADVENT AND  
CHRISTMAS**

7.30pm, 15 December  
St Mary's Church Stapleford,  
NR. HERTFORD SG14 3NB

Tickets £12/£10 email [vicandpaul@btopenworld.com](mailto:vicandpaul@btopenworld.com)

**REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE  
IN THE INTERVAL**



The Class Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please could the children bring a change of clothes for the party. Please ensure that all clothing is named. The children will have already eaten lunch but they are welcome to bring an item to add to the party food table which will be shared. Please avoid bringing in snacks containing nuts or seeds. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE

The Stapleford Christmas Postal Service will run between the 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December. Children are welcome to post their cards in our Christmas Post Box in return for small charity donation. This year the funds raised from the post box and the retiring collections at the Nativity and Carol Service will be donated to Save The Children.

To make a donation [click here](#)



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December all pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school. This is to raise money for Save the Children.

We appreciate that this is an expensive time of year so if you do not own a Christmas jumper you are more than welcome to come in any outfit that is Christmassy.

To make a donation [click here](#)

### 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.

Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

Visit <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> for help

## **WEATHER WARNING**

The procedures for school closures due to severe weather are:

The school will notify parents/carers via the school website and a text message if the school is going to be closed. **It is therefore important that the contact details we hold for you are correct.**

The school will also use the County Council's Closure notification system. This information will be communicated on local radio stations. The local authority web page can be found here: [School Closures Website](#).

In the event of a snow closure please check this information daily.

Every effort will be made to keep the school open but in certain circumstances this may not be possible due to health and safety concerns.

### 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 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

### **Attendance:**

**Excellent attendance = more learning! Aim for 96% or more**

**BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION**



# easyfundraising.org.uk

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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)

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 5pm-7pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas card internal post service begins and will run all week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Pantomime at Hertford Theatre
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas Party KS2 Christmas Carols Service in church followed by mince pies and mulled wine in school hall – 6.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas Cracker (Parents and Carers invited - details to follow)  Class Christmas Parties (lunches will be served as usual)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Work Sharing 2.30-3.00pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service in Church 9.15am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays 2.00pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET DAY – School Closed
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Christingle Service in church – 9.15am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Work Sharing 2.30-3.00pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer internet day (eSafety day)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term holiday 3pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM

Please ensure all clothes are named clearly.

<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>th</sup> March - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter holidays</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children back to school
<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>
	<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>
<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 ( <b>FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME</b> ) – 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  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 <sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>October Half Term</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October		<b>February Half Term</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>May Half Term</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Occasional Days (School Closed)</b> Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August  <b>INSET Days</b> Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September		<b>INSET Days</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>INSET Days</b> Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June  <b>Occasional Day (School Closed)</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July