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January Newsletter

News From Classes

Thank You from our staff:

Everyone that works here would like to say a huge thank you for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts that they received at the end of last term. Many of the staff do not work in the afternoons and haven't managed to catch up with you all in person. Everyone wanted you to know that the gifts were very generous and very much appreciated.

Class 1

Teacher: Mrs Fitzgerald

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gower

Class Information

- 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. 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. Reading to your child is also extremely beneficial to their learning even in Years 5 and 6.
- Spellings will be sent home each week ready to be learnt for a test the following week.
- Mental Arithmetic Maths homework will be sent home weekly. Please complete one page each week.
- Times tables – we will play the Golden 100 Times Tables game each week so don't forget to work on them at home. "Hit the button" is a great web based maths game.
- PE lessons are on Wednesdays and swimming is on Friday. No earrings and suitable footwear please. All PE kit and uniform should be labelled. Please provide your child with a water bottle.
- 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.

Spring Term 2018

Welcome back Class One. I hope you had a calm and peaceful holiday and that you are feeling relaxed and refreshed. We have had a fantastic first week. Thank you to all of the children for working so hard. Keep it up Class One! We've got a busy term coming up. It is full of lots of exciting learning which I'm sure the children will love!

Literacy

In literacy we will be looking at stories with flashbacks, persuasive writing and classic poems.

Maths

Maths will continue to focus on key skills and problem solving. We will also move on to focus on shape and angles, co-ordinates, algebra and area, perimeter and volume. Times tables knowledge will be key to all of this so please help your child to become as confident as possible.

RE

Our RE lessons will be focused on the life of Jesus and our value of the half term, which is courage.

Science

In Science we are going to be learning about Electricity and circuits.

Geography

In Geography we will be improving our map skills and finding out about different time zones.

Class 2:
Class Teacher: Mrs Olive
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Strong, Mrs Cant, Mrs Warwick

Class Information

- 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 half term all of the choices for homework on the grid will continue to be about Skeletons.
- 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. It is important to make time to read to your child even in Years 3 and 4. Hearing adults read helps children develop their own reading skills.
- Spellings will be sent home each week ready to be learnt for a test the following week.
- Mental Arithmetic Maths homework will be sent home weekly. Please complete one page each week.
- Times tables – we will play the Golden 100 Times Tables game each week so don't forget to work on them at home. "Hit the button" is a great web based maths game.
- 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. Children 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 Wednesday and swimming on a Friday. No earrings and suitable footwear please. Please provide your child with a water bottle.
- Please ensure your child has an art shirt/apron in their bag.

Spring Term 2018

We will be covering a range of exciting learning during the Spring Term such as:

- Living Things and their Environment
- Anglo Saxons and the Scots
- Investigating how the environment can change how we feel about a place

Literacy

In literacy we will be learning about myths and legends, fairytales and playscripts, recounts, non-chronological reports and poetry.

Maths

Maths will continue to focus on place value and decimals, mental and written addition and subtraction, measures and data, fractions and decimals, and time, shape and data. Times tables knowledge will be key to all of this, so please help your child to become as fluent and confident as possible.

RE

Our RE lessons will be focused on Sikhism followed by Easter, and our **value of the half term which is courage**.

Science

In Science we are going to be learning about Living thing and their habitats.

History

In History we will be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

Art and Design

We will be learning about how the environment affects how we feel about a place and how art can be used to improve a place.

Music

Year 4 will continue with Wider Opportunities learning to play a stringed instrument. Year 3 will continue to learn how to play the recorder and read

Super assembly today Class 3. What a lot you have all learnt about the Great Fire of London. Well done.



News From - The Stapleford School Friends Association (SSFA)

Make A Difference

Volunteer

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.

Carol Service

Well done KS2 for the amazing Carol Service just before we broke up. It really was a night to remember. We are looking forward to next year already.

Class 3

Class teacher: Mrs Mali

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cant, Mrs Welch, Mrs Gower and Mrs Warwick

Class Information

- Homework is handed out on a Friday. Homework books must be returned to school on Wednesdays.
- Spellings will be sent out each week and these will be tested on a Friday.
- Please read daily with your child and sign the reading record book.
- Year 1 reading books will be changed Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Year 2 reading books will be changed daily.
- Mathematics passwords are inside the cover of your child's reading record, please encourage your child to log onto Mathematics at least once a week.
- PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please can you ensure PE kit is in school on these days. No earrings and suitable footwear please.
- All PE kit and uniform should be labelled.
- Please provide your child with a water bottle. This will be sent home daily.

Spring Term 2018

Literacy

We will be looking at fictional stories with familiar settings, stories involving fantasy. We will also be developing our rhyming skills and learn all about silly poems with pattern and rhyme. Through creating posters, lists and signs, the children will learn about parts of non-fiction texts.

Maths

We will be learning about:

Recognising, ordering, comparing numbers.

Place value.

Adding and subtracting,

Counting on and back in one's, two's and ten's

Handling data – Using tables and lists.

Measures – Finding the difference in length

Shape – Looking closely at 3D shapes, position and symmetry

Time – Days of the week and months, reading the time to the hour, half hour and quarter intervals.

RE

Children will be learning about special places and sacred places. They will be looking at places of worship and what Christians do when they go to church. They will also be learning the Easter story and looking at the significance of the Easter. **Our value of the half term is courage.**

Science

Children will be learning about living things and their habitats. Children will learn to explore and compare the differences between living and non-living things by thinking about life processes. They will then begin to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, by mapping a habitat and identifying its inhabitants.

History

This term in children will be learning about Florence Nightingale and The Crimean War. Children will begin to develop an awareness of the past and have the opportunity to learn why Florence was a significant individuals and what she did.

Geography

Children will be learning to name and locate countries, continents and oceans on a map and identify hot and cold places in the world. They will look at the physical geography of each and why certain countries are hot or cold.

Design and Technology

Children will be busy cooking and using the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes.

Art

Linked to our history topic, children will be drawing images of Florence Nightingale. They will also be learning about the artist Leonardo da Vinci and drawing self-portraits using pencil and line shading in his style.

LOST PROPERTY

Please label all uniform.

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.

Christingle Church Service

9.15am Wednesday 24th January

Parents & carers are invited to join us for this church service.

HIT THE BUTTON

Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. The games which are against the clock challenge and develop a child's mental maths skills.

Regular use of Hit the Button can help children to sharpen their recall of vital number facts in a fun way and learning multiplication tables need not be boring.

[CLICK HERE TO PLAY](#)

or type "Hit The Button" into Google

Class 4

Class Teacher: Miss Khanna

Early Years Practitioners: Mrs Welch, Mrs Adams, Mrs Wilson.

Class Information

Class 4 is a mix of Nursery and Reception children. The Nursery children go home at 11.45am or they can go to the lunch club until 12.45pm. Reception Class finishes at 2.55 pm.

We passionately follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Much of the teaching and learning is completed through Play Based and Child Initiated activities. Taking the children's interests as a starting point, teachers and practitioners will plan a variety of activities designed to develop and extend children's learning and understanding.

Children's learning is recorded in individual Learning Journals, which include photographs, observations, and samples of work, both independent and teacher led. Parents are encouraged to contribute and share in these Journals and do this through sending in 'News from Home'. The children love to stand up and confidently talk about what they have learned from home with their peers.

At Stapleford Primary School we acknowledge the expertise of parents in relation to their children and strive to work closely with them. For some children, Nursery or Reception will be their first experience of school and being away from home. With this in mind, our aim is to make this as pleasurable and stress free as possible, for both the children and the parents. We provide a warm, inviting environment for learning and activities are planned carefully to provide a positive context for learning and teaching, both indoors and outdoors. Staff are available to talk to parents at the start and end of the day.

Other information and reminders:

- Reception children will change their library book on a Friday.
- 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.

SPRING TERM 2018

Hello to all Nursery and Reception parents and welcome to the Spring Term 2018. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas! We extend a warm welcome to the new children who have joined Nursery and hope you all settle in quickly.

Our topic for this half term is about 'People who help us' in our community. Children will be learning about:

- Doctors and Nurses
- Firemen
- Vets
- Policemen
- Dentists
- Teachers and carers
- To talk about different jobs that people do
- To talk about safety in our environment
- To talk about the similarities and differences around the world.

Things to do at home with your child:

- Talk with your child about the different roles people play in our community.
- Talk about their personal experiences in the different areas and what they have seen around the community. Enrich their thoughts by sharing your experiences with doctors, dentists, police etc.
- Take children on walks around your local area and make them aware of where they should find certain people e.g. Hertford Hospital is where Doctors and Nurses work.

If you have any questions or would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact us.



Link to buy your tickets [Click here to buy your £1 school lottery ticket](#)

CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Young Voices - Tuesday 6th February at the O2!!!!!!

Music Festival, Ware Drill Hall, March – date tbc

Early Years

Early Years Practitioners: Mrs Elmes, Mrs Heath and Mrs Hampson

Dear Early Years Families.

Happy New Year and thank you very much for all our lovely Christmas cards and gifts. We would like to wish Amy, Fraser and Romilly all the very best in their new class and extend a warm welcome to Edie, Victoria and Jessie joining us this term. We would like to remind families of our session times – Monday to Friday 8.45am to 11.45am, with lunch club running from 11.45am to 12.45pm on a Tuesday through to Friday. Can we please ask that the children arrive to sessions as promptly as possible, this is especially important when we are settling new children, as they can become upset by the steady arrival of parents during the morning. We can also plan for whole or small group activities if the children arrive promptly in session. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and whilst it is a short one, it will be filled with all the usual fun and learning. Please look out for future events on our outdoor notice board.



Safer Internet Day 2018 | Tuesday
6 February

Create, connect and share respect:
A better internet starts with you

www.saferinternetday.org



Recycling Messages from Mr Hart (Site Manager)

Well done children. The amount of food waste at lunch time has reduced which means you all must be eating more of your lunches.

Area for improvement: There has been an increase in the number of “bags for life” found in our lunch time general waste bins. Help save the planet and encourage your children to reuse plastic bags or bring a lunch box to school.

Painting Party:

Every Tuesday morning of this term (weather permitting) I will be painting the blue fencing around the KS1 playground and the Foundation Stage gardens. This is a big job and many hands make light work. **If you are able to spare a few hours to help, let me or the office know the day before and we can break the back of this job together.** Mr Shillito has promised that there will be tea and biscuits to keep us all going.

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.** If your contact details change please let the school office know.

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.

Sam and Sammie

It's COOL to attend school

I don't like being late for school



I feel embarrassed, everyone looks at me



I don't know what to do, everyone's started work



I miss my friends and they miss me



I don't want my parents to get into trouble

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

I LOVE READING



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Monday 15th 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 4th September – Tuesday 19th December		Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March	Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July
October Half Term Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October		February Half Term Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	May Half Term Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Occasional Days (School Closed) Wednesday 30th August INSET Days Thursday 31st August Friday 1st September		INSET Days Wednesday 3rd January	INSET Days Friday 22nd June Monday 25th June Occasional Day (School Closed) Monday 23rd – Friday 27th July