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March Newsletter

World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March we celebrated everything to do with reading as part of World Book Day. Everyone embraced the day by dressing up as a character from a book and joined in our annual parade.



Well done everyone

Digital 5 A day - Helping children and young people lead healthy online lives.



The amount of time that children are online is increasing. A new campaign, led by The Children's Commissioner, called Digital 5 A Day has been launched to help parents encourage their children to have a good digital diet which includes a balance of being connected, active and creative, giving to others and being mindful.

The Children's Commissioner stated, 'You wouldn't let an 8-year-old eat a double cheeseburger and fries every day of the year, so it's important children aren't left to use smart phones, computers or tablets without agreed boundaries.'

The 5 A Day guide promotes a positive relationship with technology rather than being too restrictive and is actually based on the NHS's five steps to mental well-being. These steps have been placed in a digital context and in order to give parents guidance and children room to explore and learn while keeping them safe. Importantly, it encourages them to do so themselves.'

The Digital 5 A Day: A Guide For Children and Young People can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2017/08/06/digital-5-a-day/>

TIMES TABLES

Knowing your Times Tables by heart makes maths a great deal easier. With regular practise your children will learn their tables in no time at all. This will lead to them being far more confident mathematicians.

Hit the button is a great online games that can be used to improve your times tables skills.

Click here to play: [HIT THE BUTTON](#)

Dates to Remember – THIS HALF TERM

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	Easter Service in church 9.15am Break up for the Easter holidays 2.00pm

GOOD ATTENDANCE = LEARNING



Keeping safe when playing online games

Online gaming can be a fun and creative activity for all the family. However, it is essential that parents/carers help children to be aware of the possible risks and help build the skills and knowledge to enable them to enjoy gaming in a safe way. Childnet has published a free leaflet that has a wealth of advice to help parents/carers ensure children are accessing games in a positive and safe way.

Click on the link below:

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/online-gaming-an-introduction-for-parents>

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

CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Music Festival, Ware Drill Hall, 21st March



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

UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of clothing are named so we can return them to you when lost.

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.

Church Services

Easter Service - 29th March 9:15am

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

Huge thanks to Mrs Wilson for opening up the school during the recent bad weather. Thank you also to Mr Hart for keeping the school site clear of snow. Without all of your preparations we would not have been able to open.

Be Share Aware

It can be very hard for parents to keep track of what children are doing and accessing online. The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to help parents/carers talk to children about staying safe in the digital world. The films 'Lucy and the Boy' and 'I saw your Willie' may help you start a conversation about the dangers and consequences of sharing inappropriate photographs and videos on line. You can access the films here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>



No unauthorised entry



All visitors must report to reception

Top tips for having a conversation with children about cyberbullying

Discussing cyberbullying with your child may seem very daunting but the best way to support them is to encourage them to have open and honest conversations with you about their online life. Check out childnet's website for ideas at: <http://www.childnet.com/blog/6-tips-for-having-a-conversation-with-your-child-about-cyberbullying>

- Know how to start the conversation
- Let them talk • Don't deny access to technology
- Let them know if you plan to talk to their school
- Let them know you are always available to talk

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

Thank you. You really can make a difference.

DAILY READING

Help your child to understand what they have read by asking them questions about the story.

Reading is more than just saying the words.

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.

Attendance

Good attendance = Learning

School attendance target = 96%

If your child's attendance drops to 92% or below the Attendance Improvement Officer will be monitoring their attendance.

If your child's attendance drops to 90% or below they will be placed on the Persistent Absentee list and you may be called in for a meeting with the Attendance Improvement Officer.

The Attendance Improvement Officer may also wish to speak to you if your child arrives late at school on a regular basis.

If you achieved 80% in an exam you would think that you had done well. However, an annual attendance of 80% would mean that your child had missed 1 YEAR of school by the end of Year 5. It goes without saying that this would have a huge impact on your child's learning.

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Monday 26th March	Class 2 Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 29th March	Easter Church Service – 9.15am – Everyone is welcome Break up for the Easter holidays 2.00pm
Friday 30th March - Monday 16th April	Easter holidays
Monday 16th April	Children back to school
Friday 20th April	Ice Cream Friday (run by the School Council) commences – Proceeds go towards the school library
Monday 23rd April	Class 3 Assembly 9.00am
Monday 14th May	Mon-Thurs SATS week
Friday 25th May	Break up for half term 3pm
Monday 28th 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 6th June	Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm
Friday 8th June	Work Sharing 2.30pm-3.00pm
W/c Monday 11th June	Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
Monday 18th June	Class 4 Assembly 9.00am
Friday 22nd June	INSET DAY (School Closed)
Monday 25th June	INSET DAY (School Closed)
Friday 6th July	School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – Date and time TBC
Tuesday 10th July	KS2 Performance -TBC
Wednesday 11th July	KS2 Performance -TBC
Thursday 12th July	Transition (Moving Up) Day
Friday 13th July	Work sharing 2.30-3.00pm
Friday 20th 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

2018/2019	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Monday 3rd September – Friday 21st December		Monday 7th January – Friday 5 th April	Monday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th July
October Half Term Monday 29th October – Friday 2 nd November		February Half Term Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February	May Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31 st May
INSET Days (School Closed to Pupils) Monday 3 rd September Tuesday 4th September			INSET Days (School Closed to Pupils) Friday 28th June Monday 22 nd July Tuesday 23 rd July Occasional Day (School Closed) Wednesday 24 th July