



Stapleford Primary School

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Friday 9th November 2018

November Newsletter

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of our helpers who have been putting on their old clothes and picking up a paint brush to help spruce up the school grounds in recent weeks. You really have made a difference and completed tasks that would have taken Mr Hart many weeks to finish.

Operation GARDEN

Mr Hart is creating a peaceful garden space near the front entrance of the school. This is where we will be focussing our efforts in the coming weeks. It will include a water feature, some raised beds and maybe even a gnome or two. If you have any knowledge or experience in creating a welcoming garden area or would just be happy to help with the digging and planting please let the office know.

NEW OPENING HOURS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!

The ASC is now open on FRIDAYS too.

We can now look after your children until 6pm.

Book in at the school office as usual.

ASC Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm

Staffed by Mrs Adams and Mrs Froud.

WEATHER

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.



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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
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We would like to send a huge hello and welcome to Mrs Georia Froud who has joined our After School Club team. We all hope you will be very happy here.

The After school club is now open until 6pm and on a Friday too!

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM

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



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.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun activities every day of the week

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 6:00pm



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.

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. Before you throw anything away please consider whether it could be upcycled first.

For instance:

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



Well done to the school football team for their excellent performance last night against Little Munden. A great victory. You really have started to play as a team 😊

News From

The Stapleford School Friends Association (SSFA)

Christmas trees for sale

Bored with the same old plastic Christmas tree?

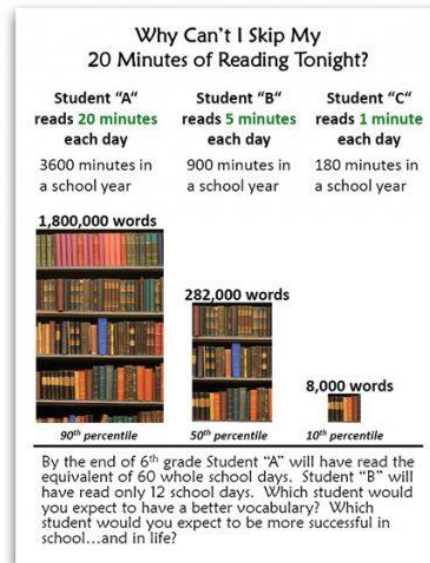
Why not fill your home with the smell of fresh pine this year and at the same time help us raise money for your school by buying a real Christmas tree or handmade wreath through the SSFA!

Trees go on sale on the 26th November.



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

1,792,000
reasons
 why your child
 needs to
read every day



THANK YOU

A message from Mrs Gower, Mrs Welch and Mrs Warwick:

A huge thank you to all the children, parents, carers and staff for their generous gifts and good wishes when we left Stapleford School at the end of last term.

We really appreciate your kindness and send you all our very best wishes for the future.



**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.





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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.

KEEPING GAMING SAFE AND FUN

- Check the age ratings
- Turn on your privacy settings
- Use blocking and reporting
- Keep personal information safe
- Be careful of in-app purchases
- Take breaks

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

Punctuality means ...

School begins at 8:40 - be on time!

"lost minutes = lost learning!"

3 days lost	6.5 days lost	10 days lost	13 days lost	19 days lost EACH YEAR!
5	10	15	20	30
minutes late per day	minutes late per day	minutes late per day	minutes late per day	minutes late per day

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

THIS YEARS ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%!!!



CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY

SAVE THE DATE – 9am Friday 30th November 2018

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."

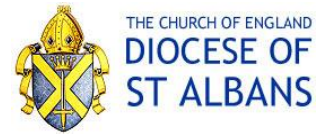
If you would like to help on Decorations Day morning please let the office know so that we are able to plan groupings.

THERE WILL BE MINCE PIES!!!

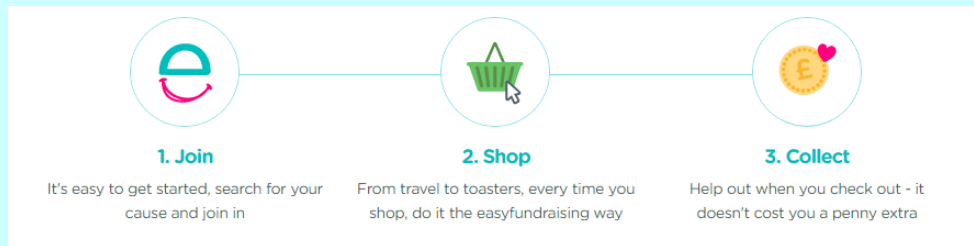


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Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the easyfundraising.org.uk website and raise a donation for their school cause once a purchase is made. Donations can be 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](#)

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.

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](#)

12th November 2018	Class 1 Assembly 9:00am
20th November 2018	Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm
21st November 2018	Parent Consultations 4:30-7:00pm
30th November 2018	Decorations Day
7th December 2018	Nativity in Church – time tbc
12th December 2018	KS2 Christmas Carol Service + carols around the school tree afterwards
14th December 2018	Work Sharing 2:30pm
19th December 2018	Christmas Church Service – tbc
21st December 2018	Break up for Christmas 2:00pm



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22nd - 6th January 2019	Christmas Holidays
7th January 2019	Children back to school
21st January 2019	Class 2 Assembly 9:00am
5th February 2019	Safer internet day (eSafety day)
8th February 2019	Work Sharing 2.30pm
11th February 2019	Class 1 Assembly 9:00am
15th February 2019	Break up for half term holiday 3pm
18th - 22nd February 2019	HALF TERM
28th February 2019	World Book Day
5th March 2019	Parent consultations 3.30-5.00pm
6th March 2019	Parent consultations 4.30-7.00pm
29th March 2019	Work Sharing 2:30pm
5th April 2019	Break up for the Easter holidays 2.00pm
6th - 22nd April 2019	April Easter holidays
23rd April 2019	Children back to school
26th April 2019	Ice Cream Friday (run by the School Council) commences – Proceeds go towards the school library
13th May 2019	Mon-Thurs SATS week
24th May 2019	Break up for half term 3pm
27th - 31st May 2019	Half Term
5th June 2019	Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm
10th June 2019	Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
28th June 2019	INSET DAY (School Closed)
5th July 2019	School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – Date and time TBC
10th July 2019	KS2 Performance -Performance starts at 1:30pm
11th July 2019	Transition (Moving Up) Day
12th July 2019	Work sharing 2.30pm
19th July 2019	Leaver's service in church – time TBC



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2018/2019	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
	Monday 3rd September – Friday 21st December	Monday 7th January – Friday 5 th April	Tuesday 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