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December Newsletter



Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? In Church Lane, snow is glistening. Wow! Where has the year gone? We are back to December and it's the most wonderful time of the year. Christmas is such a special time in a primary school and something that the staff and pupils enjoy immensely. Your children have all been incredibly busy. Here are some of the highlights.

Decoration Day:

Thank you to all of the volunteers and a special thank you to Mrs Cowell for her hard work in preparation for the day. Such a lovely morning decorating the whole school and tree whilst listening to Christmas music and eating mince pies.

Stapleford School Choir

Carol Service – St Andrews Church, Hertford

Another outstanding performance from our magnificent school choir. Well done everyone. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for making our choir really stand out from the crowd ☺

Nativity

Well done to all the children from Classes 3 and 4. Your nativity was brilliant. The work that you have all put in made for a very special occasion. Huge thank you to all of the staff for making it happen. I know what a huge undertaking it really is.

KS2 Carol Service

Wow! What a special occasion. Listening to the Christmas story, singing carols in church and around the school tree whilst eating mince pies. What is not to like? Another great turn out. Thank you for the staff for making it all possible and to every family for lending us your children. We were all extremely proud of the way in which the children carried themselves that evening.

SSFA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Christmas Fair happen. It is such a huge task to take on and as always you made it run like clockwork. Raising money whilst having fun. You can't beat it.

Everyone here at Stapleford Primary School would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.



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News from Mr Hart – Site Manager

Mr Hart has cleared the school site of leaves. He now has lots ready to compost! Would you like some? If you would like a bag or two contact the office. They are in large, cubic, 4 handled sacks, so each is quite heavy! Mr Hart can deliver, but, as the bags are a two-man lift on and off his van he would appreciate help.

On behalf of the school, Mr Hart would like to thank James' Dad, Ben Medland for his expert fence painting – if anyone else would like to offer their help it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to all parents who send their child into school with a re-usable water bottle, there is a noticeable lack of single use bottles in our rubbish!

We are looking for anyone who can help supply or even make a bracket to hold the refurbished school bell e.g. Blacksmith, metalworker or engineer. If you can help please contact the school office.

In other planet saving news, we have started a pen recycling programme, instigated by Mrs Colpitts, in which the school could raise funds by collecting used pens, markers and highlighters. This logical idea helps the school, reinforces the recycling habit and less goes to landfill.

You may be aware that the Which? Offices are leaving Hertford. We have made contact with the facilities department and have already received a donation to the school of unwanted stationery products. Ongoing negotiations are in place to procure new (2nd hand) furniture.

If anyone reading this is in business, can we respectfully request that, before you dispose of any furniture, equipment or stationery, you please consider whether the school could make good use of it?



The Class Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 20th December. Class 4 will have their party in the morning and all the other classes will have theirs in the afternoon.

Please could the children bring a change of clothes for the party. Please ensure that all clothing is named.

Lunch will be served as normal but the children 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun activities every day of the week

Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 6:00pm

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.**



New Parent Governor Appointment

Stapleford Primary School Governing Body are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Lisa Newman as a parent governor. We would like to congratulate Lisa and wish her all the very best in her new role.

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.

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 Miss Froud.

Attendance:

Excellent attendance = more learning!

Aim for 96% or more

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



**No
unauthorised
entry**



**All visitors
must report
to reception**



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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.

eSafety

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/what-are-issues>

"The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices.

However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge.

You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do. However, children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. We have grouped potential online risks into these 4 categories.

Conduct: children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information. Children need to be aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, and the digital footprint that they create on the internet. It's easy to feel anonymous online and it's important that children are aware of who is able to view, and potentially share, the information that they may have posted. When using the internet, it's important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers. Discuss with your child the importance of reporting inappropriate conversations, messages, images and behaviours and how this can be done.

Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children. Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites. It's important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias. Children may need your help as they begin to assess content in this way. There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author's permission.

Contact: children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to abuse them. It is important for children to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are and that once a friend is added to an online account, you may be sharing your personal information with them. Regularly reviewing friends lists and removing unwanted contacts is a useful step. Privacy settings online may also allow you to customise the information that each friend is able to access. If you have concerns that your child is, or has been, the subject of inappropriate sexual contact or approach by another person, it's vital that you report it to the police via the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (www.ceop.police.uk). If your child is the victim of cyberbullying, this can also be reported online and offline. Reinforce with your child the importance of telling a trusted adult straight away if someone is bullying them or making them feel uncomfortable, or if one of their friends is being bullied online.

Commercialism: young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites. Young people's privacy and enjoyment online can sometimes be affected by advertising and marketing schemes, which can also mean inadvertently spending money online, for example within applications. Encourage your children to keep their personal information private, learn how to block both pop ups and spam emails, turn off in-app purchasing on devices where possible, and use a family email address when filling in online forms."



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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

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.

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](#)



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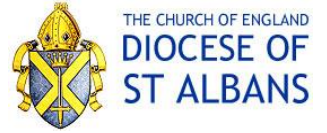
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21st December 2018	Break up for Christmas 2:00pm
22nd - 6th January 2019	Christmas Holidays
7th January 2019	Children back to school
21st January 2019	Class 2 Assembly 9:00am
5th February 2019	Safer internet day (eSafety day)
8th February 2019	Work 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



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12th July 2019	Work sharing 2.30pm
19th July 2019	Leaver's service in church – time TBC

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	