



Stapleford Primary School

(Church of England, Voluntary Aided)



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Wednesday 19th June

Hatfield House Countryside Learning Day

On Monday 17th June Years 1-6 had a wonderful time at the Countryside Learning Day in the grounds of Hatfield House. The day was broken into five activities which were designed to teach the children all about the kind of things a country estate needs to do in order to thrive in modern times.

1. Buildings: The property team explained to the pupils about the constant upkeep of various buildings on the estate and their purposes
2. Hatfield Park Farm: The children were given the chance to meet and learn about the animals on the Hatfield House farm.
3. The Elephant Dell: Pupils learned about the wildlife that could be found in the area of the park known as the Elephant Dell.
4. The Queen Elizabeth Oak: The gamekeepers talked to the children about their role in nature conservation and the importance of controlling the wild animals in the woodland.
5. The Showground: The pupils were allowed to explore the large farm machinery that is used for arable production and harvesting/processing of crops on the estate.

This really was a very special day. Thank you to all of the staff and governors who attended and made the trip possible. Hopefully your children have told you all about it.



CONGRATULATIONS

We would all like to take this opportunity to congratulate Reverend Jenny and Peter on their recent marriage held at Watton-at-Stone Church.

It was lovely to see you both looking so happy on your special day.



Stapleford Primary School - Governor Vacancy

Stapleford Primary School is recruiting for a Foundation Governor to represent the Waterford PCC.

Role of a school governor

To contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

If you are interested in this position please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Thank You

I would like to say a special thank you to Helen Melville and Lisa Cooper who have led the SSFA so successfully this year. The hard work you have both put in has generated excellent support from both those happy to donate their time to help out at events and also from those who have attended functions. The recent donation to the school will go a very long way to making the required computer upgrades that every child will benefit from.

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

Checklist

- Put yourself in control**
 Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.
- Search safely**
 Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.
- Agree boundaries**
 Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Over 65 % of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online*



- Explore together**
 The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.
- Check if it's suitable**
 The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

- ### Learn about it:
- Teach your child some simple rules
- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
 - Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin
 - Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
 - Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
 - Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
 - Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
 - Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content
 - Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use and judge the quality and reliability of online resources

- ### Talk about it:
- Tips for a meaningful conversation
- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
 - Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
 - Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
 - Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
 - If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
 - Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
 - Ask them about things online which might make them uncomfortable



Stay safe at secondary school

Exposure to some of these issues increases when children move up to secondary school so make sure your child is prepared - find out more with our pre-teens age guide at internetmatters.org/ageguide10-13

Deal with it

You can find out where to get help and advice on the Report it page of internetmatters.org, where we include information on how to report problems - and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child; such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.



Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

*Source: Children's online safety in 2016 report, Commissioned by Internet Matters by Opinion Leader

News From - The Stapleford School Friends Association (SSFA)



Your new SSFA Co-Chairs are: Mrs Rosie Seymour and Mrs Mandy Knight.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the SSFA for their amazing fundraising efforts this year. Your donation was very much appreciated and will go a long way towards funding essential equipment upgrades in the ICT suite.

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 staplefordfsa@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the SSFA events. You really are making a difference.



PLEASE PARK SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY.



Link to buy your tickets

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

Hertford, Ware & Villages Schools Partnership

Summer Holidays 2019

Parent/Carer Drop In Sessions and Advice Line

School holidays a challenge?

Come along to our Parent Support drop in session for coffee, cake and a chat
at Watton at Stone Primary & Nursery School
Rectory Lane, Watton at Stone, SG14 3SG
(Please park in the parents car park in Clappers Lane, SG14 3QA)

Thursday 1st August 10am till 12 noon

Thursday 8th August 10am till 12 noon

Thursday 15th August 10am till 12 noon

Thursday 22nd August 10am till 12 noon

Table top activities will be available for children

Alternatively ring our advice line Mondays 10am till 12 noon

Tel: 07495 243713

(Please leave a message at any other time and a member of the team will get back to you as soon as possible)

UNIFORM

Now that some pupils are wearing summer 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.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

To ensure we stay within our staff to pupil ratios **ALL** children must be booked into Breakfast Club and After School Club and paid for in advance through the school office.

REUSE 
REDUCE
RECYCLE



Please contact the school office if you can spare a morning or a Friday afternoon to help Mr Hart paint our blue fences. Thank you

We have been asked to politely remind parents not park in the grounds of Stapleford Church. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher

Parents/Carers are invited to meet their child's new class teacher on **Wednesday 11th September between 3.15pm – 4.15pm.** You will have the opportunity to ask questions about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Transition Day

On Thursday 11th July all year groups will move up and spend the day in their new year groups and with their new teachers.



Sunny Days

Now that the warmer weather has arrived ☺ it is essential that all children bring a water bottle and a named sun hat to school. On very hot days please apply sun cream before arriving at school. If your child does not have a sun hat they may be asked to play in the shade.



School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the School BBQ.

EVERYONE IS INVITED.

RNLI SAFETY INFORMATION



Did you know that each year the RNLI rescue more holiday makers, who don't normally live by the sea, than residents that live next to it all year round?

Take Care This Summer

28th June 2019	INSET DAY (School Closed)
3 rd July 2019	KS2 End of Year Performance – Evening performance starts at 6:30pm
4 th July 2019	KS2 Performance – Matinee Performance starts at 1:30pm
5 th July 2019	School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – 5pm
w/c 8 th July 2019	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Training

11th July 2019	Transition (Moving Up) Day
12th July 2019	Work sharing 2.30pm
19th July 2019	Leaver's service in church – 9:15am

Stapleford Primary School Term Dates

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

Stapleford Primary School Term Dates

For the academic year September 2019 to July 2020

We would like to remind parents and carers to ensure that holidays are booked **outside of term time** – Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term starts - Wednesday 4th September

Half term – Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2020

Term starts - Monday 6th January

Half term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 3rd April

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term starts - Monday 20th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May

Half term Monday 25th – 29th May

Term ends – 2:00pm Friday 17th July

INSET Days and Occasional Day (School closed)

INSET Day 1 - Monday 2nd September

INSET Day 2 - Tuesday 3rd September

INSET Day 3 - Friday 19th June

INSET Day 4 - Monday 22nd June

INSET Day 5 - Monday 20th July

Occasional Day - Tuesday 21st July