



Stapleford Primary School

(Church of England, Voluntary Aided)



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September Newsletter



Welcome to Class One

Teachers: Mrs Morgan & Mrs Hobbs

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Wilson & Mrs Colpitts

Welcome back everyone! We are really looking forward to another fantastic year at Stapleford. Firstly, we would just like to say a huge thank you for all of your lovely cards, letters and gifts – it was incredibly kind and thoughtful – thank you.

This term, we will be focusing on settling into upper Key Stage 2, learning new routines and responsibilities. Children are expected to read daily and need to bring their reading records, signed, into school each day. Homework will be handed out on Friday's and must be returned by Wednesday the following week. Our homework consists of maths, learning new spellings and topic work.

To help your child with the daily learning ask them to teach you some of the things they have learnt during the school day. They should already be able to tell you all about nouns, modal verbs and adverbials of time, place and number!

The children have already made a superb start to Class One and we are really excited the year ahead!



CAR SHARING

Sharing the morning drop off or afternoon collection is one way we could reduce traffic around the school. If you would be interested in car sharing with another family please leave your name in the school office and we will put you in touch with each other.

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY

Welcome to Class Two**Class teacher:** Mrs Mali**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Cant, Mrs Strong

Welcome back to another new term! We are all very excited and raring to go in Class 2. I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their kind and generous gifts that were received at the end of the summer term. Mrs Cant would also like to say a special thank you to the parents for her gifts. It was truly overwhelming! Thank you once again.

This term, we will be focusing on settling the children into the class and learning the routines of KS2. Children will be getting used to daily reading, weekly spellings and homework. In Literacy, we will be focusing on reading a variety of stories, poetry and also looking at writing sets of instructions. Maths will be focusing on developing key number skills involving all operations. I am particularly looking forward to our geography topic this term, where children will be learning about the United Kingdom. They will focus in particular on cities, counties, rivers, seas, hills and the geographical changes in London.

Welcome to Class Three**Class teacher:** Mrs Phillips**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Elmes & Ms Froud

Welcome back from our wonderful summer holiday. The children have settled in well and it feels great to be back. Thank you so much for all of your amazing gifts at the end of the summer term. They were very much appreciated.

Reading to your child is extremely beneficial to their learning and it's a nice activity to do with your child/ren too. Please read daily with your child and sign their reading record book. Reading books will be changed Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Daily reading is essential. Discussing the texts, your children have just read, really helps their understanding.

Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Homework will be given out 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.

Spellings will also be sent out each week and these will be tested on a Friday. Spelling books need to be handed in on Thursdays.

School uniform including PE kits, coats, outdoor shoes should all be labelled clearly.

Your child will need to bring in a water bottle for school each day.

We are particularly looking forward to learning all about the Great Fire of London this term. How exciting!

Class Four: Nursery and Reception Class**Class Teacher:** Miss Young**Early Years practitioners:** Mrs Adams, Mrs Wilson.

Welcome back to class 4!

Hello to all Nursery and Reception parents and welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing summer. Mrs Adams and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind gifts we received last term.

Our topic for this term is "This is Me." This will give the children lots of opportunities to get to know each other. We will be having class discussions about our interests and hobbies. We will also be looking at our physical appearance and talking about how we are not all the same. We will be learning to understand and appreciate that it is OK to be different.

THANK YOU



Thank you so much to the army of volunteers who gave up their time to spruce up the outside areas of the school during the summer holidays. You are all amazing.

Marrick Priory Residential Briefing For Class 1 Families

All Class 1 parents and children are invited to attend a briefing in the school hall regarding the residential trip to Marrick Priory 23rd - 27th September 2019. The briefing will take place at 3:15pm on Wednesday 18th September 2019.

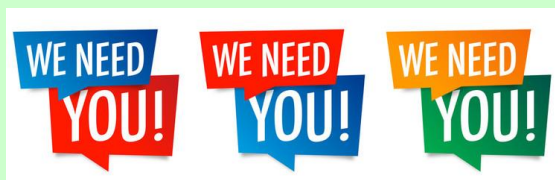
All families will have already received the final briefing letter containing all the information necessary for the trip. During the meeting we will go through the letter and take any questions you may have.

HEAD LICE

Please check your children's hair regularly for signs of head lice. Over the counter treatments and advice are available from chemists.

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.

PE Kits and lost property

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled so that we can return it. **Our lost property box is bulging.** Please do have a look through it and claim your lost items.

School Payments

Please pay for all school meals, breakfast club and after school clubs in advance.



All visitors please 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.

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.



**STAPLEFORD
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BBQ**

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

**BOUNCY CASTLE RAFFLE
STALLS GAMES BBQ
FACE ART LIVE MUSIC
BAR GLITTER TATTOOS**

**A SCHOOL TOUR WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 4PM.
IF YOU WISH TO LOOK AROUND OUR
WONDERFUL SCHOOL PLEASE CONTACT OUR
OFFICE ON 01992 583341 TO CONFIRM.**

20 SEPT | 4PM - 7PM ★
STAPLEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL ★
CHURCH LANE, STAPLEFORD, SG14 3NB ★

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HARVEST CHURCH SERVICE

You are all invited to join us in Church for our Harvest Festival Service on Wednesday 9th October at 9.15am.

We will be making a collection of non-perishable food items in the run up to the service. Any donations will be gratefully received. Donations can be brought in to classes by your children from today or placed directly in the Food Bank Box in the school main reception.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Library Books

Library sessions have commenced again. Every child should bring home a book from the school library and another book from the reading scheme. Please support them with their reading every day. It makes a huge difference to their learning. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance figures need to improve! Last year our high percentage of persistent absentees brought our whole school attendance figure down to 95.2% for the year. This was below our target and below the figure for Hertfordshire.

THIS YEARS TARGET IS 96%!!! Please help us achieve this.

Excellent attendance = Increased Learning time

Please note:

- If your attendance falls towards or below 90% the Attendance Improvement Officer may wish to speak to you.
- Arriving late for school causes anxiety for your children which has a negative impact on their learning.

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.



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.**

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 – Friday 8th May

Please note that the Business Secretary, Greg Clark announced on the 7th June 2019 that the Early May Bank Holiday in 2020 will be moved from Monday 4th May, to Friday 8th May 2020, marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day. VE Day will be celebrated from Friday 8th May and over a 3 day weekend.

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

Calendar - DATES FOR 2019/2020

18th September 2019	Class 1 Residential Trip – Meeting – 3:15pm
23rd - 27th September 2019	Class 1 Residential Trip to Marrick Priory
9th October 2019	Harvest Festival Church Service – 9:15am
18th October 2019	Work Sharing 2:30pm
6th November 2019	Remembrance Service in Church – 9:15am
19th November 2019	Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm
20th November 2019	Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm
29th November 2019	Decorations Day
12th December 2019	Work Sharing 2:30pm
20th December 2019	Christmas Church Service – 9:15am
21st - 5th January 2020	Christmas Holidays
7th February 2020	Work Sharing 2:30pm
11th February 2020	Safer internet day (eSafety day)
3rd March 2020	Parent consultations 3.30-5.30pm
4th March 2020	Parent consultations 4.30-7.30pm
27th March 2020	Work Sharing – 2:30pm
4th - 19th April 2020	Easter holidays
24th April 2020	Ice Cream Friday (run by the School Council) commences
11th May 2020	Mon-Thurs SATS week
3rd June 2020	Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm
8th June 2020	Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
19th June 2020	INSET DAY (School Closed)
22nd June 2020	INSET DAY (School Closed)
1st July 2020	KS2 Performance -Performance starts at 6:30pm
2nd July 2020	KS2 Performance -Matinee Performance starts at 1:30pm
9th July 2020	Transition (Moving Up) Day
10th July 2020	School BBQ and Year 6 Leavers' Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – 5pm
10th July 2020	Work sharing 2.30pm
17th July 2020	Leavers' service in church – 9:15am