



Stapleford Primary School

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Monday 14th December 2020

December Newsletter



After what has been a very difficult year we are nearly at our Christmas break and there is a small glimmer of light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel. Please help our whole community to stay safe so that we can have a wonderful Christmas, with our loved ones, by following the Government COVID-19 guidance.

If anyone at school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and be advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the symptoms above.





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COVID-19 Track and trace over Christmas holidays

As you may have seen in the news, the government have asked that schools monitor any cases of COVID-19 in the school community during the Christmas holidays.

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of finishing at school (i.e. between Friday 18th December and Sunday 20th December) then the school should be contacted so that close contacts can be made aware of the need to self-isolate.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, the school **should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends (i.e. until 24th December), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until Monday 4th January

Please alert the school of any **confirmed positive cases** of COVID-19 in the children or staff via the email address below **ONLY**. This is the only email address that will be monitored during the Christmas holidays:

alerts@stapleford.herts.sch.uk

If the school is alerted to a case of COVID-19, the close contacts of the case will be advised by letter to self-isolate for 10 days with either the first day of symptoms, or if asymptomatic, 48 hours before the test, as day 0.

School is open on Friday 18th December 2020

You may have read in the press that the DfE are giving schools the option to close for staff INSET on Friday 18th December so that our track and trace duties can end on the 23rd December 2020. In return, schools would need to move one of their training days from later in the year. We believe that:

- moving an INSET day at such short notice could cause our community difficulties in regards to childcare and that it would be unfair to ask.

Nativities

Class 3 and Class 4 are in the final stages of recording their Nativities. The link to these videos will be emailed to their parents/carers by the end of the week 😊

Walking to Lapland

The children are completing a daily mile to walk the 1,423 miles from Stapleford to Lapland before term ends. This is because the school cannot hold a Christmas Fete this year. You can sponsor the children here https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/staplefordprimaryschool?utm_id=1&utm_term=EqAkyEKNz
Please share the link with as many people as you can. Thank you and Happy Christmas



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The Class Christmas parties for Classes 1-4 will take place on Thursday 17th December. Pre-school will have their party on Wednesday 16th December. Pre-school and Class 4 will have their parties in the morning and all the other classes will have theirs in the afternoon.

Children may come to school in sensible party clothes that day. Please consider the weather when choosing your party outfit. The school field, which your children will use at lunchtime, is quite muddy at the moment. Please ensure that all clothing is named.

Lunch will be served as normal but the children are welcome to bring a few party food treats to enjoy. Due to COVID-19 the children will not share their party food. Please avoid bringing in snacks containing nuts or seeds.

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!!

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Wednesday 16th December to raise money for the Save the Children charity. You can make a donation here: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

NOTE: The children will still need to come to school dressed for PE on Wednesday. They can wear their Christmas jumpers over their kit and then remove it when they have their PE lesson.

Earrings and nail varnish

For their own safety children are only permitted to wear small stud earrings. Please do not allow your child to wear other types of earrings to school.

Please do not allow your child to come to school wearing nail varnish.



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Attendance:

Excellent attendance = more learning!

More learning time will help your children catch up

Aim for 96% attendance or more

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@outlook.co.uk

Thank you. You really can make a difference.



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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun activities every day of the week
Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 5:00pm





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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."

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



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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](#)



PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

**BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE**





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Stapleford Primary School Term Dates

For the academic year September 2020 to July 2021

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 2020

Term starts – Thursday 3rd September

Half term – Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2021

Term starts - Tuesday 5th January

Half term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 26th March

SUMMER TERM 2021

Term starts - Monday 12th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May

Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Term ends – 2:00pm Friday 16th July

READING

30 mins. a day

- 210 mins a week
- 840 mins a month
- 10,800 mins. a year

The Difference is Clear

5 mins. a day

- 35 mins. a week
- 140 mins. a month
- 1680 mins. a year

No one gets better at anything by not doing it.

INSET Days and Occasional Day (School closed)

INSET Day 1 – Wednesday 2nd September 2020

INSET Day 2 – Monday 4th January 2021

INSET Day 3 - Monday 19th July 2021

INSET Day 4 – Tuesday 20th July 2021

INSET Day 5 – Wednesday 21st July 2021

Occasional Day – Thursday 22nd July 2021