



# Stapleford Primary School

(Church of England, Voluntary Aided)



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## July 2021 Newsletter

**Dear Year 6 Leaver's,**

You are confident, happy well rounded individuals who are all ready to make that jump up to Key Stage 3 and move to your new schools. The contributions that you have made to school life are well embedded in our memories and you should be proud of your achievements. All of you – Ronnie, Alex, Liam, Pavlos, Lauren, Verity, Olive, Bella, Isaac, Barney and Annabelle – have grown as individuals, developed long lasting friendships and become exactly the type of children that Stapleford Primary School are happy to send out into the world. We shall all look forward to hearing about your secondary school successes in the future. They are lucky to have you.

Now is the time when you are preparing to move onto your new schools and this can be unsettling. However, I thought some of you may take comfort from the poem below.

"LIFE IS"

By Michael Sage

Life is like a river, constantly flowing,  
Life is like a tree, constantly growing.

Life is like the desert, constantly changing,  
Life is like the oceans, constantly re-arranging,

Life is accepting, both others and yourself,  
Life is understanding, and believing in oneself,

Life is committing, and doing the best you can,  
Life is believing, and being your own very best fan.

Life is for loving, and also for caring,  
Life is for helping, and giving and sharing.

Life is the seeds that you plant each day,  
Life is creating a better world in which to stay.

I particularly like "Life is committing, and doing the best you can, Life is believing, and being your own very best fan." Having a growth mind-set will help you enormously as you progress through life so remember if you ever think "I can't do it" the answer is always "YET!"

I wish you the very best in all that you do. Good luck and look after each other.

## Early Years

### Apply Now

Our excellent Early Years has spaces for September. If you know anyone with young children that are currently looking for a pre-school, please point them in our direction. Thank you.

# COVID-19

## Government Roadmap - Step 4 update: - what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges

### **Main messages**

*As the country moves to Step 4 of the Roadmap, the government will continue to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.*

*As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for two doses by mid-September*

*The key messages from the Government guidance are:*

- *nationally, education and childcare settings are open, and attendance is mandatory (for schools) and strongly encouraged (at childminders, nurseries and colleges)*
- *the [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only*
- *over the summer, staff, should continue to test regularly if they are attending settings that remain open*
- *there is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test over the summer period*
- *from Step 4 your nursery, school or college will no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace*
- *from Step 4, your child does not need to remain in a consistent group ('bubble')*
- *from Step 4, face coverings will no longer be advised for staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas*

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Assuming that the Government's Step 4 of their road map goes to plan we will return to school in September and no longer be restricted to working within class bubbles. This is something we are all very much looking forward to. It will be a real sign that the school will be returning to a little more normality. Next term we shall look forward to:

- running a selection of clubs
- class assemblies
- meet the teacher evening
- church services
- parent consultations
- carol concerts,
- nativities
- etc.

**We will also be able to return to a whole school start time of 8:40am with the end of the day being 3:00pm.**

**KS2 pupils will line up in the lower playground and KS1 pupils in the upper playground.**

**Pre-school will open at 8:45am**

**Dinner will be taken in the classroom, as they are now, for the first couple of weeks to allow for an easy transition for the younger children**

**See you on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 – Have a lovely summer break**

## Class Teachers

From the start of the autumn term 2021 the classes will be taught by the following teachers.

**Class 1:** Mrs Morgan (Mon-Wed), Mr Shillito (Thurs-Fri)

**Class 2:** Mrs Mali

**Class 3:** Mrs Phillips

**Class 4:** Miss Young

## School Dinners

Please be advised the Herts Catering Limited have increased the cost of school dinners, therefore, the price for a junior school meal will be £2.75 with effect from September.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM - Kids Connection

We are pleased to advise you that Kids Connection will be stocking our uniform from the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Their store is based in Hartham Lane in Hertford where you can be fitted out, or you can order on line to be delivered or collected in store. There is a change to our PE t-shirts but you do not have to replace any shirts that still fit or you have bought in advance. We still have book bags and PE bags in school, These will added to their website when our stock diminishes.

## Labelling Uniform

Please ensure every item your child wears to school is labelled. If you could check that old labels are still attached or written names are still legible. Kids Connection supply clothing and shoe labels which you may want to take advantage of.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

To ensure we stay within our staff to pupil ratios **ALL** children wanting to use wraparound care must be booked into Breakfast Club and After School Club by 3pm the day before. These sessions must be paid for in advance.

## 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**

## Staying safe online in the summer holidays

With the summer holidays fast approaching children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online.

For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games.

### Sit down together

For parents, the summer holidays are a great chance to sit down with your children. Together you can visit their favourite sites and play their favourite games, this is a great way to stay up to date with online lives and show them that you're interested in what they are doing.

The holidays are also a good opportunity to have positive conversations about the internet, so if something ever does upset your child online they would feel more confident in confiding in you.

### Social media and staying in touch

During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and check any age requirements as many social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old.

Encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life.

### Talking about their time online

The holidays are also a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships, the sites they use and encourage best practices online.

### Sharing holiday pictures

Some children may want to share photos and videos of what they are getting up to in their summer holidays online. Talk to your children about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with. Photos can hold clues that give away personal information. For example, if you share a selfie of you and friends, are there any landmarks or street signs that give away your location?

### Make a family agreement

A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house. The agreement involves generating promises, these are positive statements about how your family want to look after each other online and how you should treat others online. The summer can be one of the best times to sit down as a family and agree these promises together.

## Bikeability

Well done to our year six pupils who successfully completed the Bikeability Level 1 & 2 training this month. The feedback from your trainers was very positive. They were particularly impressed with the level of control you all had over your bikes.

## Communication

The school office will be open again from September from 8:30 – 3:00. There is a great deal of information on the school website [www.stapleford.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stapleford.herts.sch.uk)

## News From - The Stapleford School Friends Association (SSFA)

### Did you know that Stapleford School Friends Association is a registered charity?

As such they can receive donations from Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile so every time you order something online the chances are you will be able to add to the SSFA's coffers.

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

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 [staplefordfsfa@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordfsfa@gmail.com) or [admin@stapleford.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stapleford.herts.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding at Stapleford Primary School

- The safety and wellbeing of your child/children is a priority for every member of our team. Your key contacts if ever you have a concern are listed below. However, you can always pass on information to any member of staff.
- The team can be contacted by telephone (01992) 583341
- Alternatively, you may wish to contact Children's Services: 0300 123 4043 Option 1

### Key Safeguarding Contacts

<p><b>James Shillito</b> Head Teacher &amp; Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Child Protection</p>	<p><b>Seema Mali</b> Deputy Designated Senior Lead (DDSL) for Child Protection</p>
<p><b>Reverend Jenny Gray</b> Safeguarding Governor</p>	<p><b>Alun Broadwood-White</b> Chair of Governors</p>

Please report any concerns or worries you have to any member of staff in the school you feel comfortable speaking to. We all have a role to play in looking after each other.

# Stapleford Primary School Term Dates

## For the academic year September 2021 to July 2022

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 2021**

Term starts – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Half term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

### **SPRING TERM 2022**

Term starts – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Half term - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### **SUMMER TERM 2022**

Term starts – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

*May Day Bank Holiday* - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Term ends – 2:00pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **INSET Days and Occasional Day (School closed)**

*INSET Day 1* – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

*INSET Day 2* – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

*INSET Day 3* – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

*INSET Day 4* – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*INSET Day 5* – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

*Occasional Day* – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022