

Weekly update - W/C 07/02

This week:

Class Two Assembly: Well done Class Two! Your assembly was fantastic and it was a lovely way to welcome parents back in to see what you've been learning; it really has been too long.

Football/Netball: Both teams won their matches last week, their behaviour and teamwork both on and off the pitch was impeccable. We are very proud of you all. There are no matches this week, we will notify you asap for the week after half term.

Fry up Wednesday: Tomorrow is Fry up day in Breakfast Club, please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

Clubs: There are some spaces in clubs, please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

School uniform: Please note that if your child is participating in an after school sports club they should come to school in their school uniform and change into their kit at the end of the day. The whole school should continue wear their PE kit to school on Wednesdays..

Wet/cold weather clothes: Please ensure your child has a coat and outdoor shoes in school each day.

Covid-19:

- This link explains when to self-isolate <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
- The image below explains the new five day isolation rules which have come in to force today.

The latest information from Hertfordshire County Council is:

For all pupils who live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, reception age or above, it is recommended they should take an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school. Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms should isolate immediately and book a PCR test. If pupils or staff are feeling unwell with other symptoms, they should stay off school until well enough to return.

Attendance: At Stapleford Primary we set ourselves the target of achieving 96% attendance. Whilst this is a challenging target, we feel that it is essential to maximise the children's learning time, especially after the COVID-19 related disruption we have faced over the past 2 years. To put your child's attendance percentage into perspective please consider whether you would think of 80% attendance as high or low? If you attained 80% in an exam you may well be pleased with the result. However, if a child had attendance of 80% year on year that would equate to them missing one whole year of school by the time they completed Year 5!!! That is obviously going to have a major impact on their education.

Please note that the current attendance guidance related to COVID-19 is that all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months (pupils) identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Although close contacts are strongly advised to get a test, they should continue to attend school unless they are symptomatic. Schools should follow up with families if they are not satisfied with the reason as to why the pupil is not in school. Schools can request supporting evidence from the family. Where the school is not satisfied with the reason given for absence, they may record this using one of the unauthorised absence codes, in line with the school attendance: guidance for schools:

Holidays during term time: Unfortunately, the school is unable to authorise any holidays that are requested during term times. These absences will be recorded in the register as unauthorised absence.

Stapleford Primary School Lottery: We have recently spent over £1500 of the money generated by the sale of our school lottery tickets on new books for our reading scheme. These are linked to the synthetics phonics scheme of work that we have adopted. Thank you for continuing to buy tickets. Spread the word - anyone can play - Tickets cost £1 and 40p from every ticket sale comes directly to the school. Click on the link to buy tickets <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stapleford-church-of-england-va-primary-school>

Emergency Closure procedure: Please ensure you are registered on the Everbridge system to ensure you are notified if the school closes due to extreme weather.

- <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

Facebook/Instagram: Find us @staplefordprimaryschool on both - Updates and information can be found there. Please like and share our lovely school.

Dates for the Diary - February/March

14th - 18th February: Half Term

21st February: - No Choir Club - A replacement has been arranged for Thursday 24th February, 3-4pm.

2nd March: Ash Wednesday Church Service - Whole school

3rd March: World Book Day

4th March: SSFA - Book Sale

Extra INSET day: Due to the Jubilee Bank holiday taking place during the May half term, we have been permitted to add another INSET day to our calendar. This will be taking place on the Monday 13th June. Details of our Jubilee celebration plans will follow.

Final Note - Well done KS2!

We received this lovely message from a customer at Stevenage Swimming Centre, definitely worth a read.

I just wanted to praise the children and teachers that visit the Stevenage Swimming Centre on a Friday morning, for swimming lessons.

I am so impressed of how the whole class are so well behaved and respectful to others and each other, appreciating they are in a public place.

There has been exceptional occasions where the children have been so thoughtful of others.

Last week, I was trying to get to the bench to put my shoes on and this young boy, who I have been told is called Sam, immediately stepped out my way, with no promptly from anyone.

I am told, after speaking to James, the Headteacher, he was awarded a pupil award, which i am very pleased about, as i was meaning to write in last week about the good manners he demonstrated.

Also today Sam, said good morning to me and remembered me from last week, whilst another pupil was talking to another customer, responding in a polite manner, while being asked questions.

I think its really important that children and adults! are praised when they clearly understand the importance of manners and general courtesy.

You must be very pride of the children and well done to you.

Kind regards
A very happy Customer at Stevenage Swimming Centre

Have a lovely week.