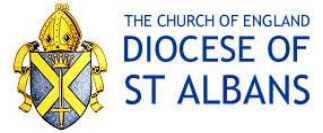




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September Newsletter



Mr Hart Needs Your Help

Mr Hart is our wonderful site manager. He has so many excellent ideas to help develop our school environment. What he doesn't have is enough time in his day so he has asked me to round up some support. If you can help please contact the school office.

Operation TRAIN

Mr Hart is refurbishing the train in the playground. He will be replacing rotten timber and painting it in lovely bright colours. If you can help please let the office know.

Operation GARDEN

Mr Hart is creating a peaceful garden space near the front entrance. This will include a water feature, some raised beds and maybe even a gnome or two. If you can help please let the office know.

Operation Paint Fencing

Mr Hart will be painting the blue fencing. This is a huge job for one person, so little and often will be the way forward. If you can help please contact the school office.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Mr Hart is always promoting new ways of how to keep our planet healthy. If you are throwing anything away e.g. chairs, toys, please think of Mr Hart and contact the school office. He may be able to upcycle them for you.

Welcome to Class One

Teachers: Mrs Morgan & Mrs Fitzgerald

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Wilson

CLASS INFORMATION

Just like last term, homework will be given 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.

Daily reading is essential. It is still beneficial to listen to children read at this age, and discussion of texts once children have read really helps their understanding. Reading to your child is also extremely beneficial to their learning even in Years 5 and 6.

Spellings will be sent home each week ready to be learnt for a test the following week.

Mental Arithmetic Maths homework will be sent home weekly. Please complete one page each week.

Times tables – we will play the Golden 100 Times Tables game each week so don't forget to work on them at home. "Hit the button" is a great web based game that will help you learn them.

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. No earrings and suitable footwear please. All PE kit and uniform should be labelled. Please provide your child with a water bottle.

Please ensure your child has an art shirt/apron in their bag.

Your help in ensuring children have the right resources each day is brilliant. However, as children reach the top of the school a sense of responsibility and independence is even better! It will prove invaluable once they reach secondary school.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools

AUTUMN TERM

Welcome back Class One. I hope you had a calm and peaceful summer holiday and you are feeling relaxed and refreshed. It feels great to be back and we have had a fantastic first week. Thank you to all of the children for making us feel so welcome and for working so hard. Their behaviour and work ethic has been brilliant. Keep it up Class One!

We have a busy term coming up, full of lots of exciting learning which I'm sure the children will love!

Literacy

In literacy we will be exploring new texts in detail and using them to form the basis of our writing.

Maths

In Maths we are looking at place value of whole and decimal numbers. Maths will continue to focus on key skills and problem solving. Times tables knowledge is key so please help your child to become as fluent and confident as possible.

RE

Our RE lessons will be focused on religious leaders.

Science

In Science we are going to be learning about materials.

Geography

In Geography we will be exploring mountains and using resources such as an atlas to support our learning.



PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY

The school received a letter this week from a concerned Clusterbolts parent whose child is collected by a bus every day and taken to their school. The bus has been unable to get through to the house, on several occasions, due to inconsiderate parking. This has caused the child a great deal of distress and has resulted in them being late for school. Please park considerately.

Welcome to Class Two

Class teacher: Mrs Mali

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cant, Mrs Kolpitts

CLASS INFORMATION

Just like last term, homework will be given on a Friday and returned the following Wednesday. This should be children's own homework and they should spend roughly about 30 minutes on each piece. Children should ensure that homework is completed to the best of their ability.

Daily reading is essential. Please could you ensure reading records are in school daily, so that reading books can be changed, if required.

Spelling will be sent home weekly. Children will be tested every Friday and they will also have opportunities to learn their spellings at school.

Mental Arithmetic Maths homework will be sent home weekly. Please complete only one page, each week.

Times tables – we will play the Golden 100 Times Tables game each week, so don't forget to top up your times table learning at home. A fantastic website that children can access at home is 'Hit the Button'.

PE lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday. Suitable footwear please. All PE kit and uniform should be labelled. Please can you provide a water bottle, which can be kept in the classroom and taken home daily.

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AUTUMN TERM

Welcome back to an exciting new term and a brand new academic year! Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful gifts, presents and wishes that were gifted to me at the end of last term. It was truly overwhelming, I am very grateful!

The children and I are very excited to be part of Year 3 and 4 and are ready to learn in our new classroom! The children have had a fantastic first week back. Thank you to the children for making the classroom a calm, focused learning environment. Their behaviour has been brilliant. Keep it up, Class two.

Literacy

In literacy, we will be looking at stories from other cultures, information texts and writing some descriptive poetry.

Maths

Maths will continue to focus on developing key skills, such as ordering and comparing numbers, addition and subtraction, problem solving involving multiplication and division. We will also focus on geometry and measurement.

RE:

Our RE lessons will focus on the stories of key religious leaders and learning about belonging in Christianity and Hinduism.

History

The children will have the opportunity to learn about the changes that took place in Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age.

Science

In Science the children will learn about the digestive system and teeth in animals and humans.

Welcome to Class Three

Class teacher: Mrs Phillips

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Strong

CLASS INFORMATION

Welcome back from our wonderful summer holiday. The children and I have settled in well and it feels great to be back. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. Homework is handed out on a Friday and must be returned to school the following Wednesday. 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. Please read daily with your child and sign their reading record book. Reading books will be changed Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our PE days are Wednesdays and 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.

Autumn term:

Literacy:

Poetry – learning rhymes by heart, exploring rhyming patterns, learning and preparing poems for performances.

Labels, lists, signs and posters – children will learning how to punctuate correctly, leaving spaces between words, using capital letters for the names of people, places, days of the week etc.

Stories involving fantasy – explore fantasy narratives, write new scenes for stories, to plan and write a fantasy story.

Non-fiction – children will collect information to write a report.

Maths:

Number and place value – Count to and across 100, forwards & backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number. Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of twos, fives and tens. Given a number, identify one more and one less. Identify & represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.

Addition and subtraction – Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (–) equals (=) signs. Solve problems with addition and subtraction: using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures; applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods. Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100.

Science:

Living things and their habitats – know about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival. Describe the importance of exercise, balanced diet and hygiene for humans. Describe the main changes as young animals, including humans, grow into adults.

Use of everyday materials – Understand how everyday materials can be used for more than one thing. Understand how different everyday materials can be used for the same thing. Understand why the properties of materials make them suitable or unsuitable for particular purposes. Recognise that squashing, bending, twisting and stretching can change the shapes of solid objects made from some everyday materials.

Computing:

Let's create – children will learn how to use technology purposefully to manipulate and retrieve digital content. To launch an application and manipulate windows and how to save and open files in their folders and then to use the skills learnt.

e-safety – children will learn how to stay safe online and how to report any issues that may arise and sticking to our school online rules too.

PE: Football skills and multi-skills.

Design and technology:

How to design, make and evaluate with technical knowledge – we will learn how to build models of aeroplanes and link this to our History topic.

History:

The lives of The Wright brothers and their inventions – The children will also be learning about significant individuals and identifying the similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

RE:

Thanking God for nature, Signs and symbols and Christmas.

Geography:

Human and physical – children will learn how to identify seasonal & daily weather patterns, understand seasonal changes across the year and make comparisons. To identify the location of hot & cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator, the North & South Pole.

Art:

Great artists – The children will learn about architects and designers in history.

PSHE:

Health and well-being and new beginnings – Children will be able to recognise different feelings, name them and progressively react/respond positively.

Class Four: Nursery and Reception Class

Class Teacher: Miss Young

Early Years practitioners: Mrs Adams, Mrs Wilson.

CLASS INFORMATION

Class 4 is a mix of Nursery and Reception children. The Nursery children go home at 11.45am or they can go to the lunch club until 12.45pm. Reception Class finishes at 2.55 pm.

We passionately follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Much of the teaching and learning is completed through Play Based and Child Initiated activities. Taking the children's interests as a starting point, teachers and practitioners will plan a variety of activities designed to develop and extend children's learning and understanding.

Children's learning is recorded in individual Learning Journals, which include photographs, observations, and samples of work, both independent and teacher led. Parents are encouraged to contribute and share in these Journals and do this, through sending in 'News from Home'. The children love to stand up and confidently talk about what they have learned from home with their peers.

At Stapleford Primary School we acknowledge the expertise of parents in relation to their children and strive to work closely with them. For some children, Nursery or Reception will be their first experience of school and being away from home. With this in mind, our aim is to make this as pleasurable and stress free as possible, for both the children and the parents. We provide a warm, inviting environment for learning and activities are planned carefully to provide a positive context for learning and teaching, both indoors and outdoors. Staff are available to talk to parents at the start and end of the day.

Other information and reminders:

Reception children will change their library book on a Tuesday.

Reception children will receive a reading book and a homework pack every Friday. Please bring this into school by the following Wednesday.

PE is on Wednesday: please ensure your child has a clean, named PE kit in school.

Please provide your child with outdoor shoes (old trainers, wellies) and a water bottle.

Please ensure your child has their book bag in school every day to put in letters, drawings and anything they have made, etc., to take home.

Please ensure your child brings weather appropriate clothing, hats, coats etc.

Autumn TERM

Hello to all Nursery and Reception parents and welcome to the Autumn Term. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

We extend a warm welcome to the new children who have joined Nursery and Reception and hope you all settle in quickly.

Our topic for this half term is 'Me and My World'.

Children will be learning:

To look at and describe their appearance

To talk about their families and homes

To name different body parts

About the 5 senses

To talk about their hobbies, likes and dislikes

About their feelings and what makes them happy and sad

To understand and appreciate that everyone is different.

Things to do at home:

Talk with your child about what makes them unique

Talk about family and look at family photos together

Encourage your child to talk about their feelings

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

[Phonics Play](#)

[CBeebies](#)

[ICT Games – teaching resources for Numeracy and Literacy with children's activities linked to objectives](#)

www.bbc.co.uk/schools

If you have any questions or would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Meet the Teacher

Parents/Carers are invited to meet their child's new class teacher on **Wednesday 19th September between 3.15pm – 4.00pm**. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Isle of Wight 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 the Isle of Wight 1st-5th October.

The briefing will take place at 4.00pm on Wednesday 19th September 2018 immediately after the meet the teacher session.

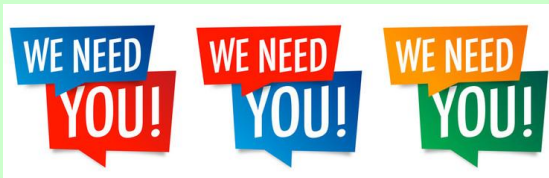
We hope to see you all there.

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.

eSafety

S Be Safe
Keep your personal information safe and secret. Think carefully before you share a photo of yourself or your friends.

M Don't Meet Up
Never arrange to meet an online friend because it can be dangerous. No matter how well you think you know people, they might be pretending.

A Accepting Emails can be Dangerous
If you receive junk mail (called Spam) or messages which make you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult that you trust and delete them. Don't reply to them!

R Reliable?
The Internet is full of friendly people and amazing information. However, sometimes people might say or write things which are untrue, so you should always think carefully before trusting what you see or hear.

T Tell Someone!
Most of the time that you are online, you will have lots of fun. However, if you see something that makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, make sure that you tell an adult who you trust.

Teaching Ideas
www.teachingideas.co.uk

HARVEST CHURCH SERVICE

You are all invited to join us in Church for our Harvest Festival Service on Wednesday 26th September 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

Well done everyone for your excellent attendance last year. We achieved a whole school average attendance of 96% which is well above both Hertfordshire and National figures.

THIS YEARS TARGET IS 96.5%!!!

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.

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.**

Calendar

DATES FOR 2018/2019

19th September 2018	Meet the Teacher 3:00pm-4:00pm
19th September 2018	Class 1 Residential Trip – Meeting – 4:00pm
26th September 2018	Harvest Festival Church Service 9:15am
1st - 5th October 2018	Class 1 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight
19th October 2018	Work Sharing 2:30pm

7th November 2018	Remembrance Service in Church – tbc
12th November 2018	Class 1 Assembly 9:00am
20th November 2018	Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm
21st November 2018	Parent Consultations 4:30-7:00pm
30th November 2018	Decorations Day
7th December 2018	Nativity in Church – time tbc
12th December 2018	KS2 Christmas Carol Service + carols around the school tree afterwards
14th December 2018	Work Sharing 2:30pm
19th December 2018	Christmas Church Service – tbc
21st December 2018	Break up for Christmas 2:00pm
22nd - 6th January 2019	Christmas Holidays
7th January 2019	Children back to school
21st January 2019	Class 2 Assembly 9:00am
5th February 2019	Safer internet day (eSafety day)
8th February 2019	Work Sharing 2.30pm
11th February 2019	Class 1 Assembly 9:00am
15th February 2019	Break up for half term holiday 3pm
18th - 22nd February 2019	HALF TERM
28th February 2019	World Book Day
5th March 2019	Parent consultations 3.30-5.00pm
6th March 2019	Parent consultations 4.30-7.00pm
29th March 2019	Work Sharing 2:30pm
5th April 2019	Break up for the Easter holidays 2.00pm
6th - 22nd April 2019	April Easter holidays
23rd April 2019	Children back to school
26th April 2019	Ice Cream Friday (run by the School Council) commences – Proceeds go towards the school library
13th May 2019	Mon-Thurs SATS week
24th May 2019	Break up for half term 3pm
27th - 31st May 2019	Half Term
5th June 2019	Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm

10th June 2019	Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
28th June 2019	INSET DAY (School Closed)
5th July 2019	School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – Date and time TBC
10th July 2019	KS2 Performance -Performance starts at 1:30pm
11th July 2019	Transition (Moving Up) Day
12th July 2019	Work sharing 2.30pm
19th July 2019	KS2 Performance -Performance starts at 6:30pm
19th July 2019	Leaver's service in church – time TBC

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	
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