



# Stapleford Primary School

(Church of England, Voluntary Aided)



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## May Newsletter

### Class 2 Residential Trip to Hudnall Park



Just before we broke up for the Easter holidays Class 2 went on their three day residential trip to Hudnall Park. For some of the children this was their first time away without their families. They coped remarkably well and demonstrated excellent organisation, problem solving and nurturing skills. Activities included den building, orienteering, pond dipping, climbing wall, woodland art in the style of Andrew Goldsworthy and problem solving. It was delightful to observe friendships strengthening and the children's confidence growing. Thank you to all of the staff who helped make it happen and to parents for allowing your children to attend. It was a hugely successful three days.

### Hertford and Ware Music Festival

The Hertford and Ware Music Festival takes place, over three nights every year, during the Spring Term at the Drill Hall in Ware. This is a large venue to fill and on each night many schools join together to make a 100+ pupil choir. They each perform a song of their choice and then take part in the Cantata performance which tells a story through music and narration. Overall it is a huge undertaking. Coming such a short time after our own school choir performance at the London 02, in February, the children do incredibly well to prepare. Mrs Wilson, our choir master, is the key to their success so I just wanted to say a huge thank you to her for making sure everyone was ready for the performance.

## **PUNCTUATLITY: 20% OF PUPILS ARRIVED LATE YESTERDAY**

**School starts at 8:40am every day.** Children need to be in their class line at 8:40am so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. It is essential that you ensure your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your own child's learning and that of others.

#### Class 4 Chicks

As part of our science week Class 4 took on the responsibility of raising six chicks. As you can imagine everyone was extremely excited to watch the eggs hatch. For the first 24 hours after hatching the chicks had to stay in the incubator under close observation of our nursery and reception children. The chicks were then moved to a brooder box which was heated with a warm light. The children had to ensure the chicks were fed, watered and that their box was kept clean and tidy. Obviously all of the chicks had to be given a name. My personal favourite was "Elizabeth Sparkle" ☺. Throughout the two week experience I think every child, member of staff and many parents managed to manufacture a reason to visit class 4 and the chicks. It was a delightful learning experience that brought everyone together. We shall look forward to the next time.



**The chicks are now in happy in their new home.**

#### Recycling

Mr Hart is our Site Manager and this is his new favourite photograph. A year ago we only had two recycling bins!!! Mr Hart would like to thank the SSFA and volunteers for their PERFECT recycling at the recent Quiz Night. Well done to Mr Hart and thank you to everyone for buying into this project. As well as being great for the environment we have reduced our waste collection charges by half!!!!



**REUSE**   
**REDUCE**  
**RECYCLE**



### Woodland Walk

As part of our Science Week the whole school went on a Sponsored Woodland Walk within the grounds of the Woodhall Estate. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who made it happen and especially Nick Fox for creating the route and keeping us all safe. The children, parents/carers, staff and governors that attended had a fantastic time learning about our local environment and exploring areas which, although on our doorstep, many of us hadn't visited before. I would also like to thank everyone who sponsored the children. I was amazed to hear about the amount of sponsorship you all raised. A magnificent effort 😊.



### Maypole Dancing

On Bank Holiday Monday Stapleford Primary School pupils performed several Maypole Dances on the lawn outside of the church in Stapleford as part of the Stapleford Flower Festival. The children handed down their knowledge of the dances to the younger children and demonstrated how tenacious they all are during the rehearsals. Our youngest children from our Reception and Nursery class took an interest in proceedings and as a result we introduced a new dance where they were able to join in as well. Thank you, as always, to Mr Bomber for playing his accordion on the day. It really helps to make the occasion special.



### KS2 KNEX Challenge

The KNEX Challenge has visited the school again and this year the KS2 pupils had to design and build aeroplanes. The children thoroughly enjoyed this task and learnt a great deal. Watching them work well together in small groups is always a pleasure.



Please contact the school office if you can spare a morning or a Friday afternoon to help Mr Hart paint our blue fences. Thank you

## eSafety

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### TOP TECHNOLOGY TIPS FOR PARENTS



#### CONVERSATION

Talk together about the time you spend online. Is it productive, fun, and good for the mind?



#### TIME

Agree to a routine and an appropriate length of time children can be online. Stick with the schedule.



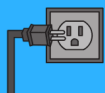
#### BOUNDARIES

Put in place a family agreement to set the boundaries – don't break them! Kids need to know where the boundaries are for this to work.



#### MANAGEMENT

Use technology to manage screen time and Wi-Fi access, especially at bedtimes



#### UNPLUG

Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen-free zones'. Everyone needs to be onboard including adults.



#### SET AN EXAMPLE

Set a good example with your own device use. Children learn a lot from emulating adults so practice what you preach.

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## UNIFORM

Now that some pupils are wearing summer uniform please ensure all items of clothing are named so we can return them to you when lost.



#### 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](http://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.



Link to buy your tickets

[Click here to buy your £1 school lottery ticket](#)

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## Make 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 [staplefordsa@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordsa@gmail.com)

**Thank you. You really can make a difference.**

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

To ensure we stay within our staff to pupil ratios **ALL** children must be booked into Breakfast Club and After School Club and paid for in advance through the school office.



<b>13th May 2019</b>	Mon-Thurs KS2 SATS week
<b>24th May 2019</b>	Break up for half term 3pm
<b>27th - 31st May 2019</b>	Half Term
<b>5th June 2019</b>	Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm
<b>10th June 2019</b>	Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	Countryside Learning Day at Hatfield House for Years 1-6
<b>28th June 2019</b>	INSET DAY (School Closed)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019</b>	KS2 End of Year Performance – Evening performance starts at 6:30pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	KS2 Performance – Matinee Performance starts at 1:30pm
<b>5th July 2019</b>	School BBQ and Year 6 Leaver's Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – Date and time TBC
<b>w/c 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Training
<b>11th July 2019</b>	Transition (Moving Up) Day
<b>12th July 2019</b>	Work sharing 2.30pm
<b>19th July 2019</b>	Leaver's service in church – time TBC

### Stapleford Primary School Term Dates

2018/2019	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Monday 3rd September –  Friday 21st December		Monday 7th January –  Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 23rd April –  Wednesday 24th July
October Half Term  Monday 29th October – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		February Half Term  Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February	May Half Term  Monday 27th May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
INSET Days (School Closed to Pupils)  Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  Tuesday 4th September			INSET Days (School Closed to Pupils)  Friday 28th June  Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July  Occasional Day (School Closed)  Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> September

Half term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### **SPRING TERM 2020**

Term starts - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Half term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

#### **SUMMER TERM 2020**

Term starts - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

*May Day Bank Holiday* - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

Term ends – 2:00pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

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

*INSET Day 1* - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

*INSET Day 2* - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

*INSET Day 3* - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

*INSET Day 4* - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

*INSET Day 5* - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

*Occasional Day* - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July