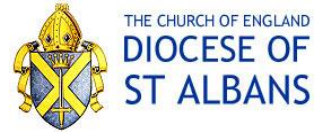




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January Newsletter

News from classes

Class 1

Welcome back and a huge happy new year to you all. We would all like to say a huge thank you for all of our cards and presents we received over the festive period. We've had a great start to the year and children are already working super hard in their lessons. We have been impressed by the positive attitudes and work ethics of the children. There is lots to look forward to this term; in and out of the classroom. From O2 performances, dances shows, exploring the wider world, stories, poetry, pie charts, electricity and more! Again, thank you for your continued support.

Class 2

Welcome back to another exciting new term! We are all very excited and raring to go in Class 2. I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their kind and generous gifts that were received at the end of the term. Mrs Cant would also like to say a special thank you to the parents for her gifts. It was truly overwhelming! Thank you once again.

This term, we will be focusing on reading a variety of stories, poetry and also writing a non-chronological report, linked to our science topic. Maths will be focusing on developing key number skills involving all operations. I am extremely excited about our History topic this term, where children will be learning about the Vikings and Anglo Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England. Children will be learning key facts about the most influential Anglo Saxon kings and will be organising information about the Vikings and Anglo Saxon kings onto a timeline. They will also have the opportunity to describe some aspects of everyday Viking life.

Class 3

Welcome back. We would like to thank you all for your generous Christmas gifts. They were very much appreciated. The children are back into their daily routines and have enjoyed sharing all of their festive holiday news with the adults and their peers. They are eager to learn and are becoming much more independent with their learning which is great to see. Well done parents and carers for hearing your children read at home at every day.

It all counts – Research shows that reading and attainment go hand-in-hand. So let them read what they enjoy. It doesn't have to be a novel. It doesn't have to be fiction. Cereal packets, joke books and Top Trumps all count for beginners. For more advanced readers, consider non-fiction, comics and graphic novels. Books that seem too young can be comforting; conversely, books that seem too old are fine, too. The novelty factor of an e-reader could jump-start an interest in reading, and some might enjoy story-telling apps too. (ParentKind website)

Class 4

Welcome back to school and a warm welcome to our new classmates in Class 4. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of myself and Ms Adams for the generous Christmas gifts we received.

Our topic for this term is 'Under the Sea'. We will be learning about different animals that live in the sea and in rock pools. We will be tying this in with recycling and will be learning about the importance of caring for our planet.

Information and reminders:

- We will be having our PE lessons on Wednesday, please ensure your child has a clean, named PE kit in school.

Please provide your child with outdoor shoes (old trainers, etc.) and a named water bottle. Please ensure your child brings **water** to school - no juice.

Early Years

Welcome back everyone and we'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and their families. We are looking forward to getting to know you all. We have a fun filled term planned including celebrating Chinese New Year. Despite the weather we hope to continue playing outside during the sessions, so would appreciate a change of footwear for the children (wellies would be ideal) along with a warm coat. A little reminder for those children still in nappies, please can parents ensure they have provided us with spare nappies and wipes, thank you.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for all the wonderful Christmas gifts, they were very much appreciated.

Make A Difference

Volunteer

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

Thank you. You really can make a difference.

DAILY READING

Help your child to understand what they have read by asking them questions about the story.

Reading is more than just saying the words.



Always in a rush? stressed? Join us for a time of MINDFULNESS - 40 minutes in calm and quiet in Watton Rectory (Church Lane SG14 3RD) 7:30pm 22nd January and 19th February. For more info ring Rev Jenny on 01920830035 or email jennygrayrectory@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Starting a conversation about online safety – NSPCC ADVICE

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to. But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. It can help to:

- reassure them that you're interested in their life, offline and online. Recognise that they'll be using the internet to research homework as well talking to their friends.
- ask your child to show you what they enjoy doing online or apps they're using so you can understand them.
- be positive but also open about anything you're worried about. You could say "I think this site's really good" or "I'm a little worried about things I've seen here."
- ask them if they're worried about anything, and let them know they can come to you.
- ask them about their friends online and how they know they are who they say they are.
- listen for the reasons why your child wants to use apps or site you don't think are suitable, so you can talk about these together.
- ask your child what they think's okay for children of different ages so they feel involved in the decision making.

Guidance Notes for Parents and Guardians

School Uniform

The school has an attractive uniform. It consists of:-

For GIRLS	For BOYS
<p><u>Winter Uniform (September – April)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School navy blue sweatshirts <i>or</i> cardigan with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Grey or black (any shade) trousers, skirt or dress• White Blouses and Shirts• White polo-shirts• Navy/White/Grey Socks• Navy Tights• Navy P.E. Shorts• School white P.E. T-shirt with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Black leather school shoes• Trainers (for P.E.)• Long hair is to be tied back with a blue or black hair band• Small stud earrings are the only form of jewellery permitted (these are to be removed for P.E.)• No nail varnish <p><u>Summer Uniform (April – July)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pale blue Gingham or Striped Dress• School navy blue sweatshirts <i>or</i> cardigan with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Grey or black (any shade) shorts/culottes, trousers, skirt or dress• White Blouses and Shirts• White polo-shirts• Navy/White/Grey Socks• Navy P.E. Shorts• School white P.E. T-shirt with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Black leather school shoes• Trainers (for P.E.)• Sun Hat• Long hair is to be tied back with a blue or black hair band• Small stud earrings are the only form of jewellery permitted (these are to be removed for P.E.)• No nail varnish	<p><u>Winter Uniform (September – April)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School navy blue sweatshirts <i>or</i> cardigan with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Grey or black (any shade) trousers or shorts• White Shirts• White polo-shirts• Navy/White/Grey Socks• Navy P.E. Shorts• School white P.E. T-shirt with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Black leather school shoes• Trainers (for P.E.)• Long hair is to be tied back with a blue or black hair band• Small stud earrings are the only form of jewellery permitted (these are to be removed for P.E.) <p><u>Summer Uniform (April – July)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School navy blue sweatshirts <i>or</i> cardigan with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Grey or black (any shade) trousers or shorts• White Shirts• White polo-shirts• Navy/White/Grey Socks• Navy P.E. Shorts• School white P.E. T-shirt with logo (available from School Trends Website)• Black leather school shoes• Trainers (for P.E.)• Sun Hat• Long hair is to be tied back with a blue or black hair band• Small stud earrings are the only form of jewellery permitted (these are to be removed for P.E.)

You will also need:

- Apron/Art shirt
- P.E. bag (available from the school office)
- Book bag – Reception and above only (available from the school office)
- Socks for PE if tights are being worn
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PE KIT

In a recent check it became clear that many children did not have a PE Kit at school. Many thought that their outdoor kit they had brought in to enable them to use the muddy field at lunchtime was indeed their PE Kit. This is not the case and children will not be permitted to wear this muddy clothing for PE. To clarify any confusion regarding shoes:

- Children are to wear black leather school shoes to school.
- Children need a clean pair of trainers for PE.
- OPTIONAL – Children are permitted to change into outdoor kit at lunch time so they can use the field. This kit is likely to get very muddy so don't plan on using these trainers for PE.

We will be checking that all children have a NAMED PE Kit at school.

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.



Church Services

Christingle Service
Wednesday 22nd January 9:15am

Ash Wednesday service
26th February 9:15am

Mothering Sunday service
18th March 9:15am

Easter Service
1st April 9:15am

Parents & carers are invited to join us for this church service.

SCHOOL MONEY

Please remember to register for our new online booking and payment system called School Money.

All bookings for Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club should be made through this system please.

Please contact the school office if you require further information.

CAR SHARING

In an attempt to reduce the number of cars arounds the school at drop off and pick up times please let the school office know if you would be interested in Car Sharing with another driver/family. They will then try to put you in touch.



BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Dance Festival – Hertford Theatre

8:00pm Wednesday 26th February



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

WEATHER WARNING

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.

Please send your children to school in suitable clothing for the cold weather conditions so that we can take advantage of the excellent learning opportunities that snow can provide

Environmental matters

In the last newsletter we asked if anyone could make use of our dropped leaf litter. Mr Hart is pleased to announce that Nick Fox, from the Woodhall Park Estate, has a use for them. The Able-Smith Estate are very committed to helping flora, fauna and wild animals on their land. The leaves will be distributed within the woodland to help the native hedgehog community build their nests. Thank you Nick for taking a great deal of our recycling away. This saves the school money by reducing the number of bin lifts we pay for. Much appreciated.

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 4th September

Half term – Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2020

Term starts - Monday 6th January

Half term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 3rd April

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term starts - Monday 20th April

May Day Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May

Please note that the Business Secretary, Greg Clark announced on the 7th June 2019 that the Early May Bank Holiday in 2020 will be moved from Monday 4th May, to Friday 8th May 2020, marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day. VE Day will be celebrated from Friday 8th May and over a 3 day weekend –
(URGENT! PLEASE NOTE THAT KS2 SATS START ON THE 11th MAY 2020)

Half term Monday 25th – 29th May

Term ends – 2:00pm Friday 17th July

INSET Days and Occasional Day (School closed)

INSET Day 1 - Monday 2nd September

INSET Day 2 - Tuesday 3rd September

INSET Day 3 - Friday 19th June

INSET Day 4 - Monday 22nd June

INSET Day 5 - Monday 20th July

Occasional Day - Tuesday 21st July

Calendar - DATES FOR 2019/2020

7th February 2020	Work Sharing 2:30pm
11th February 2020	Safer internet day (eSafety day)
3rd March 2020	Parent consultations 3.30-5.30pm
4th March 2020	Parent consultations 4.30-7.30pm
27th March 2020	Work Sharing – 2:30pm
4th - 19th April 2020	Easter holidays
24th April 2020	Ice Cream Friday (run by the School Council) commences
11th May 2020	Mon-Thurs SATS week
3rd June 2020	Sex Education talk for Year 6 Parents – 3.15pm
8th June 2020	Mon-Fri Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
19th June 2020	INSET DAY (School Closed)
22nd June 2020	INSET DAY (School Closed)
1st July 2020	KS2 Performance -Performance starts at 6:30pm
2nd July 2020	KS2 Performance -Matinee Performance starts at 1:30pm
9th July 2020	Transition (Moving Up) Day
10th July 2020	School BBQ and Year 6 Leavers' Party (FAMILIES OF ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME) – 5pm
10th July 2020	Work sharing 2.30pm
17th July 2020	Leavers' service in church – 9:15am