



# Stapleford Primary School

(Church of England, Voluntary Aided)



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## November Newsletter



### PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY

Once again the school has been contacted by a number of local residents and parents regarding unsafe parking.

1. Recently there was what can only be described as a near miss when a parent/carer drove along the pavement and off the curb whilst children were close by. This disregard for the safety of others cannot continue. Please park safely and considerately.
2. Just before half term another vehicle was parked so badly that the bin lorry was unable to reach the far end of Clusterbolts and as a result the bins were not emptied. Please think of others when you are parking.

#### Class 4 and Early Years Bubble

The Class 4 and Pre-School Bubble will reopen to all staff and pupils that are well enough to return, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020. This will enable all staff and pupils, from within the bubble, to have completed a full 14 days of self-isolation. Arrival times: Please do not arrive early for your sessions. The staff cannot open the doors until the set time because they have other duties within the school.

#### Hit the button

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Click the link to find great maths games.

## **COVID-19**

We will continue to put our risk assessments into action and ensure that the recommended control measures are in place across the setting. We will continue to:

- Work, eat and play in bubbles
- Wash our hands and sanitise regularly
- Ventilate spaces around the school
- Clean thoroughly every day - deep clean areas where people have been who have symptoms
- Send home anyone who is symptomatic (please inform the school office of any changes to your contact details)
- Inform you if anyone in the bubble is symptomatic or has people in their bubble who are.
- Inform you if a positive test result is received
- Continue to update you and communicate regularly
- Prioritise our limited breakfast/after school club places for key worker families
- Provide remote learning if your child has to self-isolate

As the infection rate is higher amongst adults than children, the area that we must tighten up on is with the way that adults conduct themselves on site. It is important that we all work together to limit the risk for our community. Please endeavour to:

- Notify the school if somebody within your household tests positive for COVID-19 so that we can decide if it is necessary to close a bubble
- Notify the school if somebody within your household comes into close proximity with somebody who has tested positive for COVID-19 so that we can decide if it is necessary to close a bubble
- Be kind and respectful – nobody chooses to contract COVID-19
- We will be insisting that parents, carers and visitors **MUST** wear a face covering when they enter the school site, unless exempt for medical reasons
- We will be insisting that parents and carers **MUST NOT** gather to chat at the start and end of the day on the school site or outside the gates. This blocks access and stops people being able to socially distance
- We will be insisting that all staff wear a visor or face covering when interacting with parents on the gate or door
- We will be insisting that staff wear a face covering or visor when they leave their bubble and move around the internal school site
- We will not be allowing any external visitors into the main building without a separate risk assessment whilst staff and children are on site
- We will be insisting that only one adult accompanies children onto site at drop off and collection in order to reduce the numbers on site

If anyone at school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and be advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the symptoms above.



## Routines

We have noticed since the full reopening of the school in September that some children are not reading every day and that homework is not always completed. After missing so much learning time due to the first national lockdown it is essential that we all get back into our school routines as quickly as possible

Some of the bullet points may not apply to all year groups but please support your children with the following:

- Phonics (learning the sounds within words) – these are often sent home as flashcards
- Key words (simple words on flashcards that once learnt are used regularly when reading)
- Daily reading (enjoy a book together with your child. Help them decode unknown words and ask them questions to check their comprehension)
- Read to your child to model fluent reading and the enjoyment that is contained within books or simply just to share a moment which has huge mental health benefits for you both.
- Learn your times tables – Play games like hit the button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Learn your spellings and write the words in a sentence to help you understand how to use them in context.
- Complete your Mental Arithmetic homework. Top tip: Break this into sections over the week rather than trying to complete it all in one go.
- Remind your child to hold their pencil properly and to form letters and numbers correctly so that they can join their writing.
- Remind your child to read through their homework to check it for silly mistakes.

**Thank you for all of the support you provide at home. It really does make a huge difference to your child.**

## ATTENDANCE

**THIS YEARS ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%!!!**

**After so much time away from school please help your children  
catch up by making sure they have a high attendance**


**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.
- Arriving late for school causes anxiety for your children which has a negative impact on their learning.

### **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.

### **School Payments**

Please pay for all school meals, breakfast club and after school clubs in advance.



## 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@outlook.co.uk](mailto:ssfacommittee@outlook.co.uk)

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



## 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!!

## **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](http://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.

# Stapleford Primary School Term Dates

## For the academic year September 2020 to July 2021

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 2020

Term starts – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Half term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### SPRING TERM 2021

Term starts - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Half term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Term ends - 2:00pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

### SUMMER TERM 2021

Term starts - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

*May Day Bank Holiday* - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Half term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Term ends – 2:00pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

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

*INSET Day 1* – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

*INSET Day 2* – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020

*INSET Day 3* - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*INSET Day 4* – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*INSET Day 5* – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

*Occasional Day* – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

