

**HRH Queen Elizabeth II**



Staff and pupils at Stapleford Primary School send their sincere condolences to the Royal Family on the passing of Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II.

The Nation are greatly saddened and moved by the news of Her Majesty's death. The Queen reigned with unwavering dedication for 70 years, and her service to the UK and the Commonwealth will always be remembered.

It has officially been announced that the Queen's funeral will take place at Westminster Abbey on Monday, September 19th at 11am. Schools will be closed on the day of the Queen's funeral. This will allow children to watch the televised service and pay their respects.

An assembly was held for the Stapleford Primary School pupils last Friday. The life of HRH Queen Elizabeth II was reflected upon and in particular her sense of duty and commitment to the service of others was highlighted.

**Welcome back to school**

Welcome back to you all and a very special welcome to all of our new pupils. I hope you will all be very happy at Stapleford Primary School and achieve great things. Welcome too, to Miss Wenlock who has joined our team as Class 4 Teacher and Miss Ward who is our new Senco. I wish them every happiness and success.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my thanks, and those of all of the staff, for the extremely generous gifts that we all received at the end of the summer term. They were very much appreciated by us all. Thank you.

We are only at the end of our first week of the new term and already the school is alive and buzzing. The summer holidays seem a distant memory and everyone is looking forward to the year ahead. The autumn term is always a busy one and the festivals and events at this time of year make it a very special one for many of us.

This year we will continue to follow our programme of values. As a whole school community we will reflect on one core Christian value each half term and where appropriate incorporate it across the whole curriculum, collective worships and throughout the life of the school. Our value for this half term is "Generosity" and we have been talking about this in collective worship this week. Please do take any opportunity to discuss the value with your children and to help them to put it into context in regards to the forms it may take within modern society.

As always I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school. It is very much appreciated by us all.

Kindest regards

Mr Shillito

**Headteacher**

## **Celebration Assembly**

In assembly today 'Star of the Week' certificates were awarded to William, Imogen, Sofia, Tor, Freddy, Tristan, Benjamin and Tommy. The Headteachers award was presented to Amelia. Well done Everyone!

## **Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September between 3:15pm-4:15pm**

At 3:15pm the Headteacher and Chair of Governors will welcome parents and carers and make a short presentation in the school hall. The English Subject Leader will then explain our new approach to how we are teaching reading. Parents and carers will then have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet their children's class teachers and ask questions about how they can support their child's learning at home.

## **KS2 SATS**

A huge well done to our Year 6 2022 leaver's who performed so well in their KS2 SATS ☺

**The school was in line with or exceeded National KS2 SATS figures in all areas.** Notable points:

- Reading, Writing and Maths (RWM): 12% higher than National figure
- Maths: 15% higher than National figure
- Reading: 12% higher than National figure
- Greater Depth: 43% Maths, 43% Reading, 43% Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

Thank you to all staff, volunteers, parents and carers who have worked with these children during their time at Stapleford Primary. You have all helped make this happen.

## **ADMISSIONS**

Stapleford Primary School is a wonderful school in a great location so please do spread the word. We would love to attract even more pupils. <https://stapleford.herts.sch.uk/parents/admissions/>

## **Uniform**

The children look so smart in their school uniform. Thank you. **Please make sure everything is named.**

## **Secondary School Admissions**

For the families of our year 6 pupils please be aware that the window of opportunity for visiting secondary schools and making your applications for year 7 is now open.

## **Overview of Safeguarding Pupils at Stapleford**

To ensure the safeguarding of pupils and staff in school we would like to share with you our procedures, training and policies in place at Stapleford Primary School

### Safeguarding Healthcheck

- Safeguarding Healthcheck completed – Outcome: Effective

### eSafety

- Policy in place
- Pupils and staff sign safe use contract
- Discussions with pupils in lessons
- Workshops for pupils as reminders
- Reminder posters for all pupils near all computers
- Fire wall applied by Local Authority
- Reminders in monthly newsletters
- Termly eSafety Newsletter circulated to staff and parents
- Reminders to parents before performances

### Media

- Permission for photography sought from all families
- Only Christian names used on website

### DBS and prohibition checks

- For all staff, governors and volunteers

### Safer Recruitment

- 3 members of SLT and governing body trained

#### Child Protection Induction

- Induction sessions with Designated Senior Lead (JS) for all new staff
- Induction sessions for all volunteers

#### Child Protection staff training

- Completed every three years

#### Building security

- Buzzer entry system
- All visitors sign in and out
- All visitors wear name badge
- Strangers challenged
- Parents only allowed through the front entrance

#### Behaviour and Anti Bullying

- Policy in place

#### Asthma

- Emergency asthma procedures in place
- Two emergency asthma kits available in school

#### First Aid staff training

- Completed every three years

#### Site security

- Designated Health and Safety governor
- Annual Health and Safety audit
- Site Manager employed all year round
- Traffic and parking monitored
- Asbestos survey and management plan in place
- Playground gates locked

#### **Harvest Service**

Our Harvest Service will take place, in church, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am. All parents/carers and members of the local community are invited.

#### **Remembrance Service**

Our Remembrance Service will take place, in church, on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am.** All parents/carers and members of the local community are invited.

#### **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.**

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 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 Pupil Premium. To gain the extra Pupil Premium funding for your child you must register by using the above URL or link.** Thank you.

#### **Medication**

Please ensure that your children's medicines that are stored at school are within the best before date.

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.

#### **Attendance**

There is clear evidence of a link between persistent lateness/poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Please help us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 96%, allowing them to achieve their potential.

### **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.

### **Wet/cold weather clothes**

Please ensure your child has a coat and outdoor shoes in school each day.

### **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 synthetic 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>

### **Facebook/Instagram**

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

### **Parking**

Please park safely and considerately when visiting the school. Have you considered park and stride or a car share?