

Stapleford Community Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Congratulations: Several children took part in a recent Christmas card design competition for MP Antony Browne. Whilst we had no overall winner at SCPS, Mr Browne did invite Kersli and Y5 to visit him and have a tour of the Houses of Parliament in 2022! Well done Kersli.

Front Playground changes: As many of you will have seen, the front playground has received a makeover costing over £30,000. The uneven and worn safety surface has been replaced, as has the climbing equipment. Thank you to Josh and Henry (pictured with Paul Dunn from Anglian Learning) for helping to select the new design, to Anglian Learning for arranging and paying for most of the work, and the PTA for their help in securing a grant to go towards the new climbing apparatus.



Anti-bullying Week: Monday 15th November is Odd Socks Day; this is not for money, just to mark the day, thinking about what makes us unique. We welcome Ashleigh Dyer from Cambridge United Football Club who will take assembly. On Wednesday, Y2 will have a workshop with Premier about the topic, and Y3-Y6 will each have a workshop using virtual headsets to explore the topic. If you are able to contribute to the cost of the VR headsets, you can do this by parentpay.

Applications for school places 2021 - 2022: The Local Authority handles our admissions. See below for the important dates. If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, and you live in Cambridgeshire you need to apply for Reception for September 2022. Further information can be found here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/primary-reception-junior-or-middle-school>

Squid Games: A few children have been talking about and playing versions of squid games, which given the gory content is rather alarming. Please see the National Online Website for more details.



Children in Need Bake Sale: This year as we are closed on Friday 19th, we shall mark 'Children in Need' with a bake sale on Thursday 18th November. Donations most welcome, please remember we are a 'nut free' school.

Lost Property: We have accumulated quite a number of jumpers, coats etc., so will display them this Thursday afternoon on the back playground also.

Friday Choir: Sarah Sparrow has volunteered to restart a Friday morning choir for children from Y2 to Y6. The first one will be Friday 26th November, starting at 8am (no earlier). Please complete the google form here, if you would like to apply to join the choir.

<https://forms.gle/Qt5wkZGnr85GDZ99>

HAF Funding: For families in receipt of FSM, see the attached letter with details of the Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme 2021

Road Safety: Please see attached the Supporting Safer Sustainable Travel item called Way 2 Be.

Feedback: We continue to receive such great feedback from parents about the school, trips, curriculum, the staff etc., please do record your comments on the parentview site.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

Dates:

November

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| 15th-19th | Anti bullying week |
| 15th | Odd Socks Day/Cambridge United Anti Bullying assembly |
| 17th | Y3/4/5/6 VR anti bullying workshops |
| 18 th | Flu Immunisations- whole school |
| 18th | Children in Need bake sale |
| 19th | School closed for training day |
| 29th | Reception and Nursery Class trip |

December

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| 13th | Pantomime at Cambridge Arts Theatre |
| 15 th | PTA event |
| 16 th | Christmas Lunch |
| 17th | Last day of term |

January 2022

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| 4th | Staff training day |
| 5th | First day of spring term |
| 11th | Y5 trip to Dept. of Engineering for afternoon |