

Stapleford Community Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the brilliant blue skies each morning and those few extra minutes of daylight we have each day is noticeable. As you may know we have numerous cases of C19 across the school, affecting pupils and staffing. If your child is isolating at home, work can be accessed on Google classrooms. If teachers are absent, it may not be possible to have live lessons, especially if they are ill, but we aim to upload the lessons for children to access learning remotely. Absences do impact learning and progress in school, and writing is one area that appears more affected than others. We are working hard to address this at school, and I would urge all parents to continue to promote reading whatever age your child, as if you cannot read it, it makes writing much harder.

Values at Stapleford: Each week we focus on a value, explore why it is important and the ways we can show it in class and around the school, and we celebrate these in our Friday assemblies. So far this term we have celebrated **curiosity, love of beauty** and this week after learning more about the Chinese New Year celebrations, **respect**.

Swimming Pool Update: In order to open the swimming pool this summer we are planning the improvements to the pool area ourselves with the help of the PTA. One major piece of work that needs doing is the renovation to the changing rooms, a working party will be arranged, if you can help in the coming few weeks that would be fantastic. We have to order a new cover and the filters need replacing in addition to the re-laying of paving slabs around the pool, so lots of work needs doing this spring.

We also need to ask 1, 2 or more parents to train to become pool carers, a position that Mrs Pugh held when her children were at Stapleford, along with Mr Sparrow and others. This is a 2 day course, which enables the pool to be carefully monitored over the summer break, when Mr Brown is unavailable to open the pool. Without this commitment from some parents, summer use of the pool will be restricted. We are hoping this 2 day course will run at our school on 4th & 5th May 2022. Details to follow.

Rainbow Flag Award : Here at Stapleford we aim to be as inclusive as possible so this year we are embarking on the Rainbow Flag Award. This focuses on our school being LGBT+ inclusive and demonstrating a commitment to improving the lives of all young people and their families. Please see further details attached from Miss Mason and Ms Harvey, and on the website.



Start of the Day Reminder: A reminder for parents and carers that children should not be arriving at school before 08.45, unless at breakfast club.

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World Book Day: World Book day is on Thursday 3rd March this year, which will be a dressing up day. It is always great to see the children sharing their love of books and reading, so do start thinking about characters they can come as. We shall celebrate our love of reading with numerous activities that week.

Matched Funding: In the past some companies or businesses have helped us at school, through a scheme that allows 'matched funding'. Through this scheme a PTA event's total can be doubled. Please do check in case your company or business allows for this, as it helps our fundraising efforts.

Parent's Evenings: Given we have so many staff off we shall put these back until mid March.

Wandlebury Tree Planting: If you and your children would like to get involved in tree planting, Wandlebury have a fantastic scheme open to all of you, this coming Saturday 5th February between 10.30-1pm. Cambridge Nature Network is planting a new 0.81 hectare woodland, and the children of Stapleford are invited to be part of this, to plant a sapling which in years to come will be part of a beautiful woodland for all to enjoy. Please see more here: <https://www.cambridgeppf.org/Event/plant-a-tree-at-wandlebury5feb22>



Term Dates: Please be aware that it is a statutory requirement for children to attend school and not take term time holidays, so please use these dates when booking holidays, sent out on parentmail and on the new website.

Half Term Club with Premier Sport: There are still spaces available should you wish to book a place. premier-education.com/holiday-camps

Headlice: Please can you check and treat as necessary. It appears to be a problem in Y4 at present.



Finally it is Children's mental health week next week, and in addition to some activities in the week, the children can wear non uniform on Friday 11th with something green-reflecting the theme 'Growing Together'. *It is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow.*

Yours sincerely,

C Spain

Headteacher

Dates: Spring 2022

Saturday 5th February Plant a Tree at Wandlebury 10.30-1pm

Monday 7th – Friday 11th February Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 11th Wear something green for 'growing together'

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February **Half Term**

Monday 21st- Children back in school

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day- dress as a book character

Mon 14th-Fri 18th March Scholastic Book Fair in school