

Stapleford Community Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since my last newsletter talking about losing a tree in the storms, we are now enjoying a beautiful spring! Since half term, numbers of known Covid cases have dropped to zero- but we remain vigilant, as some local schools have seen further outbreaks- so it remains close by.

We constantly strive to have improved attendance, which is currently looking poor across the school due to our recent outbreaks of Covid. Given the amount of lost learning time, we need to work together to improve attendance across the school, which is currently below the national average. The DfE class any attendance under 90% as 'persistent absenteeism'. I am preparing letters to send out where that is the case so that you are aware.

Comic Relief Bake Sale This made an amazing £100 for comic relief- thank you everyone who contributed by baking, donating and buying.



Scholastic Book Fair- This is now open after school until 4pm Thursday 17th March. There are QR codes so you can pay at home, or cash is acceptable.

Music in assembly: We are delighted to offer children who have music lessons the opportunity to play their instrument in assembly as each class arrives/leaves the hall. This could be on a Monday morning or Friday afternoon. If your child has an exam coming up, and would like to perform to gain some experience, do encourage them. So far, we have had both Elin and Hugh on the piano and Sioned on the cello. The performing arts counsellors in Y6 have a 'sign up' list by the hall.



Anti-bullying ambassadors: This week the Key Stage 2 children have found out about an exciting new opportunity to become one of the first "Princess Diana Award" anti-bullying Ambassadors at our school. Please talk to your child about this opportunity. The application form and more information can be found on Google Classroom.

Spellathon: We shall be testing the children next week as part of assessment week. Thank you for helping prepare the children.

Head lice: From time to time, we get outbreaks in various classes- please could all parents check and treat as necessary over the weekend. Conditioner/combing is a useful and cheap remedy, or ask at the pharmacist. Perhaps a coordinated focus could help eliminate the immediate problem.

Sporting Success: The Y6 football team gained valuable experience playing at the regional finals in Milton Keynes on 7th March. Whilst they have not progressed further this time, we were very impressed at the spirit in which they played- great determination, skill and energy and learning all the time. This week the netball team came third in the 'B' team festival at Netherhall School- well done to both these teams for representing our school so impressively.

Year 4 Trip: Birch class enjoyed a great day at West Stow in Suffolk investigating the reconstructed Anglo-Saxon village first occupied from AD 420-650. It was wonderful to hear some children report back that it was their best day ever.



Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

Dates: Spring 2022

Mon 14th-Fri 18th March	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Monday 28th March-Thursday 31st March	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 31st March	Y3 Trip: Classical Archaeology and A&A museum visit
Friday 1st April	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 19th April	Parent consultation meetings via 'Schoolcloud'
Wednesday 20 th April	First day of the summer term
Friday 22 nd April	Y5 Special trip to London!