

Stapleford Community Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you and your families enjoyed a good half term. It was a shame the weather was so poor with storms at the end of the week. We had a tree fall in the moat, but fortunately there was no damage to people or property and the tree trunk when cut will give a range of logs that can be used within the area.

Vision and Values at Stapleford: This week, we are focussing again on caring, ambition and excellence and the children have certainly demonstrated plentiful examples of this already both in and out of lessons. It was a privilege to show Mrs Rayner around the school on Wednesday, where we sat in lessons, looked at children's work and spoke to the children about their learning. They demonstrated very good learning behaviours and were so engaged in the lessons, it was a delight to see.



Elm Class Visitor: As part of Elm class' topic on 'Off on a Journey' the children were learning about how bicycles have changed over time. They compared different bicycles they had used in their own lives, and how they differed from those in the past. Martin Zelle, a bike enthusiast brought 10 cycles with him including the penny farthing which he rode round the playground, and a 150 year old police bicycle. The children had some brilliant questions to ask Martin and they loved his visit.

Staff news: We shall be saying goodbye to Mr Sparrow whose final day at Stapleford is Friday 25th February. He has been working at the school for 11 years, we wish him well on his next venture.

Swimming Pool Update: Thank you to all those parents who have shown an interest in being a pool carer. We shall send further details out about the course when they become available.

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 next week.

Parents Evenings: Unfortunately we still have some staff unwell, we have therefore arranged for the parents meetings to take place throughout the afternoon and early evening of the non pupil day on Tuesday 19th April. We shall use our virtual system 'SchoolCloud' to arrange the appointments and this should be live from w/c 7th March.



Term Dates/Holidays: 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. We constantly strive to have improved attendance which is currently looking poor across the school due to our recent outbreaks of Covid. Alongside all Anglian Learning schools fines will be issued to parents who book holidays in term time.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

Dates: Spring 2022

Monday 28th February	National Child Measurement Day YR and Y6
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day- dress as a book character
Friday 4th March	Y3 Roman Day
Monday 7th March	Y6 Boys Football team at Milton Keynes for Regional finals
Wednesday 9th March	Y4 trip to West Stow
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'