

# Stapleford Community Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Spring term comes to an end, we are sad to say goodbye to Miss Dickerson the Y1 teacher. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new teacher in addition to a teaching assistant and lunchtime helpers. Please see the website for further details.

**Covid Cases increasing:** Unfortunately the numbers of cases of Covid 19 increased to 20 this week, fingers crossed the Easter break should help stem this recent surge. The largest outbreak has been in Year 2, but there are cases in several other classes too. Please note that whilst the teachers are preparing work for those in school, they will of course post that work for those children at home with covid too, if they are not poorly. Teachers have been getting more and more requests for work from children at home ill, or even on holiday- which is not the purpose of remote learning. The teachers have been working extremely hard on this dual platform during the pandemic, please remember they do not have the capacity to supply work, and to respond constantly throughout the day to those off school for other reasons. The DfE has announced that the requirement to provide remote learning has now come to an end. We shall review this ourselves in the summer term.

Updated DfE Covid guidance will advise that from Friday 1st April:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

**Attendance:** School attendance continues to be affected by covid, and our whole school figure currently stands at 92.3% very similar to the national average 92.5%. Anyone with an attendance of 90% and below is deemed to be a 'persistent absentee' and we are required to follow that up.

**Ukraine Donations/Bake Sale** Thank you so much everyone. The children and adults looked striking in their blue/yellow, and a fantastic £435 was raised for the disaster emergency fund.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Over £900 was spent on books at the fair, which means the school receives over £500 to spend on new books across the school. Many of you commented that you had not been into the school for 2 years and felt quite emotional doing so. I am pleased that the QR reader codes worked so well.

**Sporting news:** A team of Y6 children represented the school at a Tag Rugby festival yesterday and came third, well done to everyone who took part.

**Parent Consultations:** We use the system called School Cloud for online parent meetings. Please use this URL and then sign in with your details. <https://staplefordcommunity.schoolcloud.co.uk/> There are still some parents who have not booked a meeting.

**Music in assembly:** Another five children have played in assembly, congratulations to Sioned, Sami, Ellie, Kiara and Talia. It is so great seeing them overcome their nerves, and the children watching and listening have been very impressed by the skills shown. We currently have a waiting list until May which is fantastic!



**Spellathon:** The children had their spelling tests last week, and already an impressive sum of money has been raised. Thank you everyone for sponsoring the children.

#### Anti Bullying Award:



On Tuesday 29th March, 20 pupils took part in an anti-bullying training session run by The Diana Award. The children in Year 3 and above, worked together and acquired vital skills to enable them to change the attitudes and behaviours of bullying in our school by building on their expertise and confidence to address different situations, both off and online long after the

training has finished. The Diana Award's anti-bullying work is recognised as world-class thanks to this sustainable approach. At the end of the session, pupils made an action plan of how to approach bullying issues in school. Commenting on the training Alice said, "I learnt what to do if someone is left out, how to include them and make them happy. It is great that anti-bullying ambassadors will be able to set an example to everyone else."

**Bikeability:** Year 5 are currently completing their level 1 and /or Level 2 bikeability training. They have been very sensible, listening brilliantly to the instructors. We all know how important it is to be a good cyclist in Cambridge- and we look forward to seeing how the group gets on this week.

**Vacancy in Kitchen:** Caterlink have a vacancy kitchen. Please see further information attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

## Dates: Spring/Summer 2022

Mon 28th March-Thurs 31st March	Y5 Bikeability
Thurs 31st March	Y3 Trip: Classical Archaeology and A&A museum visit
Thurs 31st March	Y6 Cake sale n the back playground
Fri 1st April	Last day of Spring Term
Tues 19th April	Parent consultation meetings via 'Schoolcloud'
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of the summer term
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Y5 Trip to UK Parliament
Saturday 23rd April	PTA quiz in the hall
Sunday 24th April	Working party redecorating the pool changing rooms
Tues 26th April	Elm class History Off the Page day
Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday- school closed
Tues 3rd May	Resuscitation training for Pool (6pm)
Wed 4th May	Y1 class trip to Botanic Gardens
Wed/Thurs 4th/5th May	Pool Carer course day 1 & day 2
Mon 9th-Thurs 12th May	Key Stage 2 SATS
Saturday 14th May	8am/9am/10am Resuscitation course for pool
Wed 18th May	Elm Class visit to South Angle Farm
Mon 23rd-25th May	Y6 residential trip to Grafham
Wed 25th May	Y4 History off the Page Day
Fri 27th May	Diversity Day
30th May-3rd June	Bank Holiday week- School closed.
Mon 6th June	School Closed- staff training day
6th- 10th June	Phonic Screening for Y1
6th- 24th June	Y4 multiplication tests
Wed 29th June	Y6 transition Induction day at SVC
Thurs 30th June	SVC Induction evening for parents and Y6
Fri 1st July	Sports day (timings to follow)
27th-1st July	Worlds Wellbeing week
Friday 8th July	Reports out to parents
Wed 13th July	Reserve Sports day
19th-20th July	Y5 residential visit to Burwell
Mon 18th July	Celebration assembly in hall
Thurs 21st July	Last Day of Term (Platinum Jubilee extra bank Holiday) Y6 leavers assembly (time TBC)