

Message from Headteacher

It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils back from their Easter break to begin our exciting Summer term plans. As a staff team we began the term with a Training Day where we focused on STEPs, our school commitment to therapeutic management of behaviour. We have also been reflecting on progress that pupils made in Spring term and our next steps to support learning. Pupils have settled back into routines and we are fortunate that our committed staff team plan enrichment opportunities to enhance our curriculum. Just this week we have seen Bikeability for Year 5, the Year 2 trip to Pizza Express, the Year 4 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum and Year 1 visited Scotsdales and enjoyed their Stapleford Granary 'Small Grains' experience.

Forest School Launch!

Forest School launched with the weather being kind to us for the initial class visits. Pupils who experienced their first taster sessions had opportunities to develop resilience, confidence, independence and be creative learners. Mrs Bonham, Forest School Lead was delighted by the enthusiasm demonstrated by pupils. We are also excited by additional resources which the PTA are supporting us with that will supplement our Forest School offer, for example, a Fire Pit to be used with KS2 pupils later this term.



Mrs Bonham with her Forest School Lead accreditation certificate.

KEY DATES COMING UP:

May 2nd (NEU Strike Day)

We intend to remain open but there will be changes to staffing for the day and we request the following to support our plans:

Y2, Y3, Y5 to wear PE kit

Friday 19th May
3.30-4.15pm

Open Classroom & Cake Sale

(Please note time until 4.15pm)

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Open Classrooms

With a very busy term, it has been challenging to find an opportunity in the School Calendar for an 'Open Classroom' event but we would like to offer this opportunity to parents/carers on Friday 19th May (3.30- 4.15pm). We will also be holding a cake sale to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind on this date. This is a charity that Mrs Ede who works in the school office is championing. We hope that a Guide Dog in training will also attend our Open Classrooms afternoon.

Stapleford Granary 'Small Grains'

This week our first visit to Stapleford Granary took place. Year 1 experienced 'Small Grains', a new pilot education programme developed by Stapleford Granary for pupils at Stapleford Primary School. I had the privilege of joining Year 1 for part of their morning and glimpse the experience the children were getting. I saw the class mesmerised and particularly enjoyed watching one of the children captivated by the violin playing which was part of the show. Pupils watched a shadow puppet show of Peter & the Wolf by Prokofiev and experienced the music. In addition, they heard Prokofiev's Symphony number 1 in D major and Prokofiev's Piano Sonata number 8 in B flat major as part of the performance.

Pupils returned to school full of their experiences, talking animatedly to other pupils and staff about what they had heard, seen and done! Mrs Bonham, class teacher reported it was a 'magical experience' for the class.

We are delighted to have this opportunity to work with Stapleford Granary and thankful to Kate Romano, Chief Executive and Artistic Director of Stapleford Granary who has made 'Small Grains' possible. Year 2 are looking forward to their trip next week.

**KEY DATES
COMING UP:**

**Summer Term
Stapleford Granary
visits**

**2nd May Year 2
9th May Year 3
17th May Year 4
23rd May Year 5
6th June Reception
13th June Year 6**



Year 1 ‘Small Grains’ Visit, a new pilot education programme developed by Stapleford Granary for pupils at Stapleford Primary School.



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Stapleford Coronation Celebration Day - Thursday 4th May

Next Thursday, we intend to acknowledge the King’s Coronation with activities across the morning framed by key questions: *What is a coronation? What is it for and who is involved? Who is King Charles III? Why does the coronation matter? What special events are happening locally to celebrate the coronation?* We then intend to come together as a school with an assembly in the afternoon. Our intention is to then capture this history as part of our school archive with pupils capturing diary entries of their experiences.

We are encouraging the children to come to school dressed in either red, white and blue or coronation themed clothes (*noting school uniform is blue!*)



**KEY DATES
COMING UP:**

May
Year 2 SATs

May 9th - 12th Y6
Year 6 SATs Week

May 12th Y 5 & 6

Fenland Adventure
Opportunity

*(PE Kit/Parental Consent
Form Needed)*

Fenland Adventure - Years 5 & 6 Following the primary Careers Fair, we secured a free opportunity for 'Fenland Adventure' to visit our school. On Friday 12th May our pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in outdoor adventure activities delivered by Fenland Adventure in our school grounds. 'Fenland Adventure' is an outdoor activity centre based near Rutland Water and they will be bringing their climbing wall and giant go-karts to us! Year 5 will be taking part in these activities in the morning and Year 6 in the afternoon. An exciting end to SATs week! Children will need to come dressed in their PE kit on that day and please ensure you have returned the signed consent in order for your child to take part.

Fond farewell to Mrs Cameron This Friday we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Cameron who will be leaving us to pursue a career outside of Education. She has an exciting opportunity with the NHS in a role very different to her current school-based role (as a Health and Well-being Practitioner). Mrs Cameron is an integral member of our school team and will be sorely missed.

Important Reminder - Online Food Ordering (Action: All Parents)

From Monday 15th May, parents and carers will be required to pre-order and pay for their child's meals for the week ahead using the online portal from our caterer, Innovate.

Thank you to parents who have signed up for the new system. If you have not yet done so, please login to the Portal as **all pupils** (*including those on receipt of Free School Meals*) need to be registered.

Once you have registered, do not forget to place your food orders online. If school meals are not ordered, a packed lunch will be required.

Please note there will be a 'Horrible Histories' theme lunch on 18th May - see menu.



Thank you for your support of safety on our school site
We have appreciated your help with our plans to trial the large gates to the playground being closed at the beginning and end of the day and our request for all pedestrians to enter the playground via the side alleyway and side gate. The use of the pathway **is** providing a safer entry point rather than pupils and parents entering via the car park when cars are parking or Taxis dropping children into school. Please continue to support us with this. Thank you!

Respecting our neighbours

Please can we remind everyone to not park across residential driveways when dropping children at school. Thank you!



Miss Street and Esme visited!

Year 6 were delighted to have the opportunity to meet Miss Street's daughter, Esme on Tuesday!



Class Assembly
Dates, 0915 start
19th May:
Year 1

9th June:
Year 4

30th June:
Nursery

7th July:
Reception

End of Year Production

Wednesday 12th July
Matinee Performance

Thursday 13th July
Evening Performance

In this Monday's assembly, pupils heard about exciting plans for the Sawston Fun Run & Walk, learning about the 2 routes that are part of this large community event and Charity Fundraiser.

Two Routes:

- Short 3.8k / 2.4 miles
- Normal 7.4k / 4.6 miles

Online Registration Only This Year

Children in School Years 1 to 11 - £6.00

Adults (17 years and over on 7th May 2023) - £14.00



Sawston Fun Run & Walk
7th May 2023

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