



Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School

This term has been fantastic we have really enjoyed being back with the children. Thank you to all our parents who have helped to follow the Covid rules we have not had any cases and all our children have been kept safe by the regular hand washing. The general issues this term have been with a nasty cold virus going around. That may be as a result of us all being back together and children not being exposed to as many viruses this year. I hope everyone manages to feel better over the half term break ready for a fantastic healthy summer term!

Lots of exciting experiences happening next term!

KS1 Therapy day

As part of our commitment to well-being we have arranged for our EYFS and KS1 to have the opportunity to be part of a horse therapy session. This will include children grooming and reading to a miniature horse during a morning session.

Creative Arts week 21st June 2021

We continue to work towards our Arts award and during this week we will be giving children lots of opportunities to explore the different arts. Children will get the chance to be creative and be designers for the week. We are hoping to use this time to prepare children for a festival day, later in July, where we will be able to share the things that they make, role play and hopefully do some singing. Again closer to the time information will be shared with parents as to what resources children will need and what they may need to wear. During this week children will also have a Dinosaur experience which will help unlock their understanding of robotics and animation.

PE and well-being week 28th June 2021

As we continue to follow the government guidelines it would be premature to make major changes to what is proving to be working. Therefore, we have decided that our sports events this year will be held 'in house' and we will be making some changes to our usual event. With this in mind, we will be holding a **PE and well-being week**, where all children will have the opportunity to try a new sport and gain points towards the team colours.

For week commencing 28th June, children will be able to come to school each day in sports gear. The week will end with a local ramble on the Friday afternoon.

Festival Day 16th July 2021

This will be a day off timetable where children will be able to share their experiences from the arts week to each other. Children will be invited to come in non-uniform. They will experience music from a range of different eras and to gain a flavour of how music has progressed over the years.

The lunch planned for this day by the kitchen is a seaside special. We will update you closer to the time in relation to what children need to wear and we can only hope for some great weather!

Year 6 leavers

We have consulted with our year 6 children and they have decided that, this year, they want to have a movie night with pizza, a picnic, a visit to the local park to play and have a sports session. We are still unsure about what the year 6 leavers service will be, but will continue to update parents as soon as new guidelines are issued and restrictions relaxed.

Maternity Cover

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Crabb will be taking on Mrs Gresswell's maternity cover. This will mean that from September Mrs Crabb will be our Reception/ Year 1 teacher, working with Mrs Fryer in Robin class. This is wonderful, as Mrs Crabb already knows our children and will be working next term to help support the catch up programme and have the opportunity to meet parents.

Illness

Mrs Rowles is still unwell and we continue to hold her in our school prayers and thoughts. I am having weekly phone conversations with Mrs Rowles and she continues to ask about our children and families. We hope that she will be well enough to return next term. In the meantime, Mrs Crabb will continue to cover Kingfishers class to ensure consistency.

Internet Usage and Online Gaming

It has come to our attention that some children are playing games online that are not suitable for their age. Please can parents ensure that children are playing age appropriate games and that they are supervised. There have been a number of fallings out, online, which has crept into school and caused some issues between children that could have been avoided if children had been supervised appropriately.

We have worked really hard with our children about being careful about what they put on line in terms of appropriate images and ensuring they have parental consent before sending or posting things.

Again, we are reminding parents that all devices should have the correct filters on to keep your child safe. In addition to this please remember that your IP address can be used by anyone who visits your house and this needs to be closely monitored to ensure that it is password protected.

The school has a safeguarding email address, which is monitored on a daily basis. If you have any safeguarding concerns these need to be reported at this address:

Safeguarding@st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

This email is only to be used if you have either experienced a police or social care visit at your home address or the address in which your children have been staying. It is paramount that if your children have been witness to domestic violence, been subject to a police investigation or have been exposed to something which you believe may have a detrimental effect on their wellbeing, that we are informed.

This email is not to be used to report absences, sickness or any other enquiries. If you have major concerns about the welfare of a child and you live in Derbyshire, please contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** or if you live in Derby please contact **Derby City 01332 641172**

We continue to update our school website with relevant safeguarding information, please use this resource to help support your decision making, especially in relation to online usage.

Reminders about Reporting COVID-19 Cases

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have one or more coronavirus symptoms;

1. high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back;
 2. a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;
 3. a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal;
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus or coronavirus symptoms;
 - they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area;
 - they have had a positive test. They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:
 - the start of their symptoms;
 - the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).



If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

[Get a test](#) and stay at home

If any of the above apply, parents must contact school immediately, using the school email address: info@st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

This will help us to contact trace/isolate bubbles, if necessary.

This also applies for the first six days of the Easter holiday.

Microsoft TEAMS

We are continuing to use TEAMS to have parent discussions, which many parents are reporting to be useful. Please may I remind you that staff monitor their class emails each day and will respond to you if you have a query. This may be done first thing in the morning, during lunchtime or after school. If you have a teaching and learning question, please email the class rather than the office or my email as this just slows down the process of getting the information out to you.

We now have a new phone line in school and we hope this will make things easier as the line clarity has improved and we are able to make and receive more than one call at a time.

ECO garden

The ECO garden is looking beautiful and the money raised on the recent Eco Day will go towards plants, bird feeders and seeds to make it even better!

We will continue to take photographs so that you can see how much the area is developing.

Thank you to the parents who have generously donated items for this area, we are hoping the weather will change and all children will be able to use this as a learning space next term.

Update on life in India

Our linked school in India remains closed due to their recent lockdown. The children are not receiving any form of education from the staff in school due to the lack of internet connection and many families not having Wi-Fi connection at home.

I am able to speak or text Rani each week and she is working really hard to get some resources out to the children in the village, but many of the families are scared to leave their homes.

Currently the local markets are open for a short period each day for people to go and buy their fresh produce; how long this will remain in place is unknown.

In our time of need, there was never any doubt that we would have food, warmth and some access to education; as we try to get back to some sense of 'normal' let us take this time to think about how fortunate we really have been.

We continue to talk to our children about Dum Dum and we hold these children, parents and their teachers in our prayers and thoughts.

Can you Help?

We desperately need a couple of parents/grandparents to take on the following roles for our FOSS (Friends of Stanley School) PTA:

Chair and Treasurer. These two roles are vital in terms of meeting the requirements to run a school PTA. Currently the roles this year have been carried out by Liz Jackson and Ruth Stals however long term, they are unable to continue.

It would be wonderful if we could have new people ready to take over these roles in the autumn term.

Please email the school office if you are able to help out. FoSS runs fundraising events to help school purchase extra special treats for our children. Without these roles being filled, FoSS will not be able to continue.

School Uniform

We have noticed a number of children not in the correct uniform. Please can you ensure over the half term holiday that you check your child's school shoes and trainers fit correctly. Also that they have school uniform that fits. All children will need a rain coat, just in case the summer months bring rain showers, also a sun hat and sun cream applied before they come to school.

Reminders

- **No toys should be brought to school due to covid restrictions.**
- **We are a nut free school please remember this when making your child's packed lunch.**
- **All children are aware that we have a child in school with a severe milk, soya and egg allergy. Therefore, we are not able to distribute birthday treats in school.**

Thank you to all parents and staff who contributed to Mrs Adshead leaving donation. This money was collected and sent off to a local charity to support a young girl with a brain tumour. We raised a great £126. In addition to this, George in year 5 also did a 47KM ride for the same charity. He was able to raise £100. We are very proud of you George, living out our school value of dedication. Even when the going got tough, you carried on. Well Done!



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Dates for your diary

Half Term - Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Inset Day - Monday 7th June

Summer Term 2 – Tuesday 8th June - Thursday 22nd July

Next Academic year 2021 – 2022

Inset days – Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September

Autumn Term 1 - Monday 6th September – Friday 22nd October

Half Term - Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Autumn Term 2 – Monday 1st November – Wednesday 22nd December

Inset Day - Thursday 23rd December

Christmas Holidays - Friday 24th December – Friday 7th January

Spring Term 1 – Monday 10th January 2022 – Friday 18th February 2022

Half Term - Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022

Inset Day - Monday 28th February 2022

Spring Term 2 – Tuesday 1st March 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022

Easter Holidays – Monday 11th April 2022 - Friday 22nd April 2022

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Summer Term 1 – Monday 25th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term - Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022 (Bank Holiday)

Inset Day - Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Term 2 - Tuesday 7th June 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022