

Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School



2020 is now well underway and the spring flowers are starting to show their heads ready for an optimistic new decade.

Cold Weather Clothing Reminder

The weather is still very unpredictable and cold, please ensure that all children have a waterproof coat in school at all times and that their clothing and footwear is named and appropriate for the weather. Children should also have a warm hat and gloves. Please also check their PE kits to make sure they have joggers and jumpers to wear when doing PE outside.

If we do get enough snow to make travelling dangerous we will make the decision to close the school asap and inform you all via the ParentHub app. Please make sure you are able to receive messages in this way. Any issues, please see the office.

Our school improvement priorities are

1. To develop subject Leadership roles
2. To increase outcomes in writing to be above the national
3. To develop a Creative curriculum
4. To improve mental wellbeing for staff and pupils

Writing – To aid improvement in writing, children need to be exposed to quality text. So we have focused on improving the books we have in school by purchasing lots of new literature.

- We have spent £1,700 on new reading scheme books
- £200 on intervention – Code X Books
- £500 on general reading books from the book fair

As well as having great materials in school we need to encourage the children to read them. With this in mind, the new 'Reading for Meaning and Reading for Fun' section is now on the **Parents** section of the school website:

<https://www.st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk/reading-for-meaning-reading-for-fun/>

Challenges will be set for children to participate in so please encourage your children to join in! Also if you can spare a few hours once a week to come into school and listen to children read, it would be a great boost to the staff to have extra reading support.

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 3rd March** Fire Safety Talk for Year 2 & Year 6
- Makory Bus visit to Stanley Village Hall for Robins and Kingfishers
- Music lessons start for Kingfisher class
- **Wednesday 4th March** Utilita energy workshop for years 5 & 6
- **Thursday 5th March** World Book Day – All welcome to wear book character costumes to school.
- **Friday 6th March** Author Chris White in school for workshops
- **9th – 13th March** Catering colour food bingo week – taste lots of foods of different colours to fill your bingo card.
- **Wednesday 11th March** Makory Bus visit to Stanley Village Hall for Puffins and Golden Eagles
- **Tuesday 17th March** NSPCC assembly in school
- **Tuesday 24th March** Kingfishers trip to TRIBE outdoor experience
- **30th March – 3rd April** RE WOW Week
- **30th & 31st March** Puffins Parents Evenings
- **Tuesday 31st March** KS2 swimming Gala @ Victoria Park Ilkeston 9.30am

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Defibrillator update

We have now purchased a shiny new Defibrillator and cabinet to house it in which we hope will be fitted to the wall outside school soon. This will then be accessible to the whole community if it is needed in an emergency. Thank you so much for all your support in fundraising for this vital equipment.

To have lifesaving information at your fingertips, download the first aid app to assist you in all emergency situations

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/first-aid/first-aid-apps>



Breakfast and After School Club

We have welcomed Mrs Fraga to our after school club who will be working alongside Miss Barnes. Mrs Fraga is an experienced TA who will be a real asset to the school.

Congratulations to Miss Cook who is now our permanent Breakfast club leader. Miss Cook has lots of fresh ideas to ensure that everyone attending will have a healthy start to their day.

Coronavirus – COVID-19 update

We are continuing to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low. For the latest update, please see www.gov.uk/coronavirus

School have purchased lots of boxes of tissues to encourage children to catch it, bin it, kill it. Please encourage them to do this and then **WASH THEIR HANDS!**

Attendance Figures for Spring half term:

Robins	98 %	Puffins	99 %
Kingfishers	98 %	Golden Eagles	96 %

Term Time Holidays

Regular attendance is really important for all pupils and we hope parents will have read the policy on the website and understand our position on this.

Governors

The school Governors are a group of parents and community representatives who give up their time to be in school on a regular basis to monitor, challenge and support the school to be the best it can be for your children. We thank them for their dedication and commitment. Most Governors are in school daily and are available if you have any questions

Our current Governors are:

Chair of Governors – Liz Jackson		Vice chair – Nikki Wood
Pete Howell	Andrea Sealy	Jenny Kihara-Boyd
Gill Lynam	Sarah Lewis	

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- **Wednesday 1st April** Open Centre trip Robins and Puffins
- **Wednesday 1st April** Eagles Parents Evening from 1pm
- **Thursday 2nd April** Open Centre trip Kingfishers and Eagles
- **Thursday 2nd April** Year 1 Parents Evening from 1pm
- **Friday 3rd April** Easter church service, bake off and easter bonnet parade... more info to follow, **Break up for easter**
- **Monday 20th April** Back to school 8.45am
- **Tuesday 21st April** Kingfishers Parents Evening from 1pm
- **Thursday 23rd April** Kingfishers Parents Evening from 3.30pm
- **FRIDAY 8th May – BANK HOLIDAY (please note it is NOT on a Monday this year!)**
- **11th – 15th May** Year 6 SATs week
- **Year 2 SATs will also take place during May**
- **25th – 29th May – Half Term**
- **Thursday 4th June** Year 5's day trip to Lea Green
- **8th – 12th June** Year 1 Phonics screening
- **Friday 19th June** FoSS Summer Fair 3.15 – 5.30pm
- **24th – 26th June** Year 6 residential trip to Lea Green
- **Friday 3rd July** Sports Day
- **Friday 17th July** Stanleys Got Talent day
- Year 6 Leavers evening
- **Monday 20th July** Last day in school
- **Tuesday 21st July – INSET DAY**
- **SUMMER HOLIDAYS!!**
- **Wed 2nd Sept – INSET DAY**
- **Thursday 3rd Sept** Back to school

Hair Bands

Hair bands need to be small and in keeping with school colours. The function is to keep hair away from children's faces and tied back to reduce the risk of head lice or getting hair caught. Children will be asked to remove anything which does not meet these criteria.

Arts Mark Programme

As a school we have signed up to the Arts Mark Programme. It is a creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. By completing the award, it shows that we give value to the Arts. Working as part of a collaboration, which includes Stanley Common, Mapperley, Morley, Breadsall, Lons Infants, Kilburn Infants, Street lane, Denby and Horsley collectively known as the Skylark small school cluster. The arts ambassadors, Ollie and Ruby, will be working with Mrs Adshead and children from these schools to develop a range of activities to support us achieving the Arts Mark.



Parking

Thank you to everyone for continuing to park considerately outside school. The white Hart Pub has now closed for 6 weeks for refurbishment and we may not be able to use their car park once it reopens unless we are a customer of the pub.

It is crucial to park safely and consider our neighbours. Please do not park on pavements for zig zag lines, or obstruct driveways. Please also ensure that children are exiting cars on the pavement side of the vehicle.

We need to work together to keep all our children safe.

We are aware that people have not been reading the eNewsletters published each season on our website, so to keep you all informed we have gone back to Paper newsletters for a trial period.



Reading

Please continue to listen to your children read as often as possible as it helps to promote their understanding of the world.

They can read anything out loud to you... even this newsletter!

NSPCC

For more information on the NSPCC and how to keep your child safe online please have a look at the following link.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Please see the back page for information about the NSPCC visit to school this month.

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme on **17th March 2020**. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. Which is why I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event, and I would really value your support and encouragement. More information on how you can support their work will follow their visit to our school.

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"I wanted to thank you for your presentations and workshops in Carrick Primary School, Warrenpoint. They were really good and pitched just at the right level for the different age groups of children"- *Principal, Anne Cassidy*

"This service provides important information in a child-friendly way – it should be made mandatory in all schools. A brilliant service!" *Teacher, Wistaston Primary, Crewe*

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools or please come into speak to me and I can provide more information.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/