

Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School



May I start by saying a huge **THANK YOU** to all the Children, Staff, FOSS, Governors and volunteers for their hard work in 2019.

Severe Weather Clothing Reminder

Now that the weather is significantly colder, 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.

Parking

Thank you to everyone for continuing to park considerately outside of school. We maintain a good relationship with the White Hart Pub and can utilise the car park for normal drop off and pick-ups until 3.30pm. Please may I ask that we respect this privilege. We need to ensure that the car park is available to customers of the pub.

The pub is scheduled to be undergoing a refit starting on 17th February, for 6 weeks, when the car park will be unavailable. There will be no parking available when the Pub reopens, unless you are in a designated space – more information on this to follow. **The White Hart are running a Santa's Grotto on Sunday 22nd December from 2-4pm. I hope many of you will be able to support this event.**

Breakfast and After School Club

Unfortunately, Meghan who was running our Breakfast club and assisting in our After school club, has left. She will be greatly missed by the staff and Children.

If you are interested in applying for the position of Breakfast club lead or helping in our after school club, please see further details on the website.

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 6th January 2020** School reopens for Spring term 8.45am
- **Thursday 16th January** whole school Chinese new year celebration – Wear Red
- **Monday 20th January** new term governors meeting
- **Monday 20th January 10am** Kingfishers sports hall athletics @ Rutland on Bus
- **Monday 20th January 1pm** Golden Eagles sports hall athletics @ Rutland on Bus
- **Wednesday 22nd January 10am** Puffins sports hall athletics @ Rutland on Bus
- **Wednesday 29th January 10am** Puffins ball skills festival @ Rutland on Bus
- **Thursday 30th January** whole school workshop on internet and online safety
- **Monday 10th February** Trip to Lees Brook school to see 'Grease' for years 4,5 & 6
- **Wednesday 12th February** Robins balance bike festival @ Rutland 10am
- **Friday 14th February** break up for half term holiday
- **Monday 24th February** INSET Day

Christmas Performances

The children put on wonderful shows again this year which we all thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to say thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication in making each show a success and an extra Thank you to The Richardsons for Transporting the stage to and from its storage for us and setting it all up in school and also to the Lynams for providing that storage all year for us.

This year the ticket money for each performance has gone towards purchasing and installing a community defibrillator which will be available for the whole village in the event of an emergency.

So thank you all for making this possible.



Attendance Figures for Autumn Term:

Robins	96 %	Puffins	97 %
Kingfishers	97 %	Golden Eagles	98 %

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.

Sickness Reminder

We have had a lot of children off sick in the last 2 weeks. If your child vomits or has diarrhea, they must stay off school for 48 hours. This is to prevent the sickness from spreading to other children and staff.

Whilst the same rule does not apply to coughs and colds, please consider if your child is infectious before you send them into school. If you have had to administer paracetamol to help control a temperature, they may not be well enough to attend school.

FOSS Christmas Fair success

Thank you once again to our amazing FOSS team who created a magical Christmas fair evening in November and raised another huge amount of money for school. This term we have been fortunate enough to purchase a lot of new books for every class FOSS have helped to pay for. Thank you for all your support to make events like the Christmas fair a success.

Getting new tech gifts for Christmas?

Please ensure that appropriate filters are set to keep our children safe from harm online. The NSPCC has a great online safety resource which can help you to keep your children safe.

NSPCC

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

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- **Thursday 27th February** Golden Eagles Boccia & Hurling festival at Rutland 10am
- **Tuesday 3rd March** Fire Safety Talk for Year 2 & Year 6
- **Thursday 5th March** Golden Eagles Netball festival 16:00 @ Kirk Hallam
- **Tuesday 31st March** KS2 swimming Gala @ Victoria Park Ilkeston 9.30am
- **Friday 3rd April** Easter Bonnet Parade in school
- **Friday 3rd April** Break up for Easter
- **Monday 20th April** Back to school 8.45am
- **Lea Green 2020** - This academic year, the Lea Green will be taking place slightly later in the year from Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th June 2020.



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, Breadsal, 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.



School Improvement plan

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 encouraging 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.

Shoe Box Appeal

In November, we sent 15 shoe boxes off to the Rotary club for their Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. In total they collected 2,207 shoeboxes from the Derby area which were then sent to deprived communities in Eastern Europe.

Thank you to all the families who participated, your box of Christmas joy will bring a smile to a face this Holiday.



Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy start to 2020 to all!



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!

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 in 2019