

# Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School

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We are all looking forward to arrival of Spring and the lead up to Easter. It is a packed term again with lots of lovely events for our children.

It has been a busy start to a new year with many wonderful things planned. Staff have been working really hard to contribute to the **School Improvement Plan** which has an impact upon all children. Just a reminder that our focus for this academic year.

## Priority Areas 2018/19

1. Further raise standards of attainment throughout school so that a greater proportion of pupils are working at least in within age related and more achieve at greater depth in all subjects.
2. Improve the quality of assessment to ensure that pupils attainment in writing is least in line with the national both at age related and greater depth.
3. Strengthen distributed leadership at all levels to ensure leaders have an impact on pupil outcomes through improvement work across school.
4. Improve outcomes for disadvantage and SEND pupils.
5. Promote mental well-being for children and staff.

All staff are given time within the term to complete their action plans, monitor their curriculum area and to have some professional development through training. All this is planned within the school year and a budget is set for it.

As we come towards the year end, we have just had our budget meeting which, in the current climate of schools struggling to maintain a balanced budget, I can happily announce that we are really pleased with our balance. This is down to good management of the budget (thank you Katy) and making some changes such as reducing the amount of paper being sent out to parents, like these newsletters and to changing the way we purchase stock. We are consistently monitoring our use of fuel through reducing the temperature in school, switching lights off and not powering computers up if they are not being used. Along with moving away from paying for a text messaging service to using a free system, although I am aware of some teething problems, again this has been a huge saving.



## Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
STEM wow week
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April** -  
Wellbeing wow week
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Whole  
School Ramble
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter wow week
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
April** – Parents evenings – Have  
you booked an appointment?
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter bonnet  
parade and Bake off.
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** break up for  
Easter holidays
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – school  
reopens at 8.45am for the  
Summer Term
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank  
holiday
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – break up for  
Half term
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – INSET Day
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – School  
reopens at 8.45am for term 6
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – First Aid  
Training day for KS2
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day
- **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – INSET Day

As we continue through the year we are constantly looking for ways of saving money and not wasting what we have. I am very grateful to parents who have offered to purchase items for school, donate stock items for children and staff to access and of course for supporting events within school to raise money.

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## FOSS

As you are all aware FOSS is a vital part of helping to raise funds for your children we have been very fortunate to have a core group of parents that have taken on this challenge. I am very grateful to this team of parents who continue to work very hard to give your children lots of extra treats.

Look on the FOSS notice board on the wall outside Robins class room for upcoming events and information on how to get involved.

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## First Aid

All staff in school have been trained as paediatric first aiders rather than general first aiders. This training gives us all the knowledge and skills to perform first aid from babies up to adults.

This year I have decided that it would be useful for our **children** to be able to perform first aid in the event of them being in a situation either at home, out playing or on holiday. With that in mind I have arranged for all Junior children to be trained as first aiders this will happen on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The trainers will be in school for the full day and all junior children will receive a certificate, school will cover the cost of this training. From this event, we are hoping to fundraise to purchase a Defibrillator for our school. Most of you will be aware that all public buildings are expected to have a working defibrillator. As a school we feel it would be a valuable resource for us to have as we have a range of people coming into school and it would be good to know that if anyone became ill within the building that we would have the ability to potentially save a life. More information will be sent out to parents closer to the time.

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**Website - [www.st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk)**

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My thanks go to Mrs and Mr Hodson for being amazing sponsors for this fantastic resource. The school website continues to be updated and all classes take the responsibility of putting their class news on weekly. We will continue to add new content, policies and class updates this should be your first port of call if you require information.

This year we are using the website booking system for parents evening appointments for the first time. Let us know what you think.

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## Easyfundraising

Don't forget if you have shopping to do join **easyfundraising**. It is a really easy app to download and will help to raise money for the school. Currently we have raised £683.73 from 58 parents signing up. Just imagine how much more we could raise if all parents took part.



## Parking

We still have a few issues with parking. There are a number of parents who are still parking at the top of the drive for breakfast club. This is really frustrating for the residents who have to listen to car engines running and radios. We have worked hard to liaise with the pub for parking please use the facility.



## Reading

Continue to hear children read on a daily basis as it helps to promote their understanding of the world. Regardless of your child's reading ability it is essential that an adult signs the reading record so that we are able to monitor how often they read.

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## E-Safety (TIPS/ HINTS and ADVICE)

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A useful website for parents to assess if apps are suitable for your child can be accessed at <http://www.net-aware.org.uk> Here you can find lots of advice and search for information about a site, a game or an app.

If your child starts talking about an app or game and you are not sure what it is, you can enter the name of it on this site's search facility and it will give you all the detail you need to enable you to make safe choices about its use.

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## After School Clubs - Change to prices

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As you know, we try to run many different after school activities throughout the year for our children, including sports clubs, PACE and our choir. These clubs run alongside our after school club, which many parents now use.

When we return after the Easter break, the cost of all after school activities will be going up to £3 per session to reflect the cost of running the club and also the provision of childcare, which these activities offer. Parents will be required to pay up front for the whole term for their child to attend a club as places on these activities are limited.

If your child cannot attend an activity due to illness or other reasons, we will not be able to refund the payment. If however the club is cancelled due to staff sickness or other unavoidable reasons, you will be refunded for that session.

One further change for the Easter term is that we are asking for all club payments by cheque to be made to Derbyshire County Council. We will remind you of this on any booking forms.

If you do want your child to attend a particular after school activity, but are worried that you cannot afford to pay, please come and talk to me. We would never stop a child from doing something they wanted to do because of financial reasons and we will always do our best to assist you.



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## Payments

Thank you to everyone using the silver tin in the office for payments to school. Please ensure you fill in your child's name and details on the money envelopes. Reminder that school dinners are £2.10 per day.

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## WOW Weeks

**STEM** – Science Technology, Engineering and Maths  
25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Well Being** – looking after our mental health  
1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter** – All about the Easter story  
8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April

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## Help needed

We still need volunteers to help clean up our eco garden on 3<sup>rd</sup> April to get it ready for planting. If you can help, **please** contact the school.

