

Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School



Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary

March 2018

16th – School Disco

19th – Visit to Magna

19th – 23rd – STEM Wow Week

21st & 22nd - Parents Evening

23rd - Mrs. Page's Leaving Service/Easter Service at 9:30 followed by refreshments in school.

Easter bonnet parade at 11:00

23rd March - Break Up

9th April – Summer term starts

Water

All children need a water bottle in school. Please could parents support us with this. If you require a water bottle these can be purchased from the school.

Please ensure your child has water not juice in their water bottles.

Parenthub

Thank you to all the parents who have downloaded the Parenthub App. We currently have 99% of parents using it. By switching to Parenthub, we have saved £600 which will have a massive impact on the school budget. If you do have any difficulties with the App, please pop into the office to see Katy or Julie and they can help you out.

Snow Closures

Thank you to all parents for understanding our decision to close the school on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd March. It is always a tough decision whether or not to close, but we always make these decisions based on the safety of our children, parents and staff. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Kay and Eric for clearing the snow from the school site. Hopefully we won't see any more snow this side of Summer, but you never can tell!

Changes in the office from Easter

Following some recent health issues, Katy has made the decision to reduce her hours in order to concentrate on getting herself back to full health. Therefore, when we return from the Easter break, Julie Fowler will be in the office on a Monday and Tuesday and Katy will be in on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Julie has been our Clerk to Governors for a number of years and has helped us out in the office before, so she should be a familiar face to many of you.

As well as a change to staffing in the school office, we will also be having a change of furniture! Over the Easter break, the large shelving unit which currently dominates the room will be removed to hopefully make way for a small rest area for any pupils who may have hurt themselves or are feeling poorly.

Improving our Playground

On Friday 23 March work will start on our playground. DCC will be coming on site to remove the old playground base, ready to resurface over the Easter holidays. During the last week of the holidays, we may be asking for some help from parents to move the heavier items from the wooden sheds. We are all looking forward to coming back to a lovely new playground, ready for the markings to be applied later in the Summer term.

STEM Wow Week

Kingfisher Class will be launching our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Wow Week on Friday 16 March with the help of staff from Lees Brook School. Our visit to Magna on Monday 19 March will help the children to formulate big questions, ready to start a range of activities during the week, which will help support our Maths focus. Miss Middleton will be leading the Maths aspect and Mrs. Knifton will lead on Science. Please encourage your children to take part and to ask really big questions.

Payments

To help things run smoothly in the office, please can all parents ensure that payments for after school/breakfast club are returned in a separate envelope to dinner money. We do have a supply of envelopes in the office which are available for parents to use. Please ensure that all envelopes are clearly labelled. If you are making a payment for breakfast club and/or after school club bookings, please state the date that you are paying for and also, for after school care, the number of hours. All cheques for both breakfast/after school club and dinner money should be made payable to Derbyshire County Council. Any communication regarding breakfast and after school club should be done through the school office either by phone call or via the silver post box in the office.

India

January seems such a long time ago, when Zoe and myself were in temperatures of 28 degrees. It was another wonderful trip, to go back to Dum Dum and see how much the children have grown and how the teachers have used our training to enhance their teaching. Mrs. Davies and I would love to share our adventures with parents and we would like to invite you to view our photos, on 20th June at 3:15pm, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Reminder – Open Door Policy

Please remember that if you are unsure about anything which is happening in school or you have any concerns about your child, you can come and talk to either the class teacher, myself or Katy/Julie in the school office. If you can't get in to school, then you can always give us a call.

Please do not report your child as being ill, late or having a medical appointment via email as most mornings are busy and it can be late in the day before our emails are checked. Also, if our emails are not working we could potentially miss your communication.

The office opens from 8am and our first task is to check the answer machine to see if there are any absences which need to be recorded. If we haven't heard from you by close of register at 9.05am, this is the procedure which will be followed: text and phone call to priority contact. If we receive no answer, we will then go through the list of contacts that we hold for your child. If we are still unable to contact someone to ascertain why your child is not in school, we will need to call social care to make them aware of a child missing education.

So please, if your child is not going to be in school, it is vital that you let us know by 9.05am that same day. It is also really important to make sure that if your contact number changes, or any of the contact numbers we hold for your child changes, you inform the school as soon as possible.

School Improvement

Our focus this year for School Improvement is outcomes in Maths for all children and so it is really important that all of our parents support their children with the homework that is set for them. You can also help your child by practising their times tables with them and by giving them the experience of handling money. You can also support your child with Environmental Maths, for example, how far away a place is, as well as simple everyday tasks such as telling the time. All of these basic activities will support our children's learning and help achieve our School Improvement priorities.

Reading Raffle

After the Easter break we will be running a weekly reading raffle. If your child's reading record shows that they have read to a parent at least three times in that week, they will be entered into our raffle to win one of a range of fabulous prizes. Please help your child by listening to them read at home.



Happy Easter from Rev Gill

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. Proverbs 18:15
