

Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School

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Proverbs 18:15

Well, it only seems like two minutes since we started back after Christmas and already we are breaking up for half term! I hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 21st February, ready for the run up to Easter.

India

Well where do I start? It has been an adventure of a life time: from leaving the UK in the first flurry of snow, through to arriving in Kolkata with temperatures of 26 degrees. Interestingly our guide arrived wearing a huge winter coat, scarf and hat apologising for the cold weather.

Our link school Dum Dum is a Cathedral school, set in the slums of Kolkata and has children from pre-school ages up to year 2. I had a fantastic welcome from the children and they were delighted by the Penguins supplied by Claire, it was great seeing their faces.

I spent time teaching phonics and basic number to the infant class. The class size was incredibly small, 14 but the levels of English varied. I was fortunate enough to have Ranu, the class teacher, she spoke excellent English. Even though lessons appear to take longer due to the translation, I could really see the progress made in a short space of time. We then took part in training the teachers from the Cathedral schools, some having teaching qualifications and others that didn't, so the audience varied.

My focus was learning through modelling; we were able to give teachers good quality examples of why modelling is essential for all children, despite their age. The UK teachers were able to share practical ideas to enhance teaching in the India schools. It was heartwarming to return to our school and find the children **not** sitting in rows and learning with practical activities.

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INSET DAY

Monday 20th February is an inset day. School will re-open after the half term break on Tuesday 21st February.

Relief Midday Supervisors

We are currently looking to appoint relief midday supervisors, if you would like more information or know someone that would be interested in learning more, please come in and speak to me.

PE in school

As we enter the Spring term PE will commence on site once again, as the weather is still changeable, please can you make sure that ALL children have a full PE kit in school with a jumper and jogging bottoms/leggings as there may still be cooler days ahead.

New member of staff

I hope you will all join me in welcoming Mr. Wainwright who is covering Mrs. Rowles whilst she is on Maternity leave in Golden Eagles on Friday's.

Thankyou

A Big thankyou to all our Helpers on this terms Ramble, much fun had by all.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Our Breakfast and After School Club have been hugely successful and well attended since their launch in 2013 and we thank you all for supporting these clubs, which so many parents now rely on.

We have however become aware of a number of issues which we feel need clarification, in order to make these services fair and equal to all who use them. With this in mind, we've put together a short set of rules for breakfast and after school club bookings:

- If you wish your child to attend either breakfast or after school club, please can you ensure that payment is made prior to your child attending.
- Breakfast club starts at 8:00 am, we are not insured to take children on the premises before this time, the gate will not be opened until 8:00am.
- When making your payment, please can you clearly note down your child/children's name(s), how much you are paying, what date the payment is for and, for after school club bookings, how long your child is stopping for.
- If you wish to collect your child earlier than planned, you may do so, but you will still be charged for the full session that was requested at the time of booking.
- **We do not offer half hour sessions**, only 1 hour, 2 hours or until 6pm.
- If you are late collecting your child, you will be charged for the extra time which will be rounded up to a full hour.
- Non-payment may result in these services being withdrawn.

Current Charges: Please note that a pricing review will take place in April 2017.

The current charges for our breakfast/after school club are as follows:

Breakfast Club:

£3.00 for first child, £2.00 for each sibling

After School Club:

1 hour - £3.50 per child

2 hours - £7.00 for first child, £4 for each sibling

Until 6pm - £10.00 for first child, £6.50 for each sibling

Please make cheques payable to Stanley St Andrew's.



Attendance for Spring Term 1

Golden Eagles achieved 97.09%

Kingfishers achieved 98.46%

Puffin's achieved 98.08%

Robins achieved 97.72%

Dinner money

Please ensure that dinner money comes into school on a Monday morning, in a named envelope. Cheques should be made payable to Derbyshire County Council.

Sainsbury's vouchers

We are collecting the Active Kids vouchers, please put them in the box in the office.

Key dates for the diary

Mother's Day service Friday 24th of March 9:30am

Easter Church Service & Easter Bonnet Parade Friday 7th of April

Break up for the Easter holiday Friday 7th April, return back to school on Monday 24th April.

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