



Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School

It's been a fantastic term in school, and it has been wonderful to see so many things starting to return to normal. The children have all worked really hard in school and are really starting to shine and to show us what they know. Our staff have fully embraced the priority actions from our Ofsted inspection and are putting their all into every aspect of school life. It has been really great to observe lessons with local authority advisors and governors and to hear them confirm what I already knew, that our staff make lessons fun and interactive and are effective in helping children develop that 'sticky knowledge' that they need to retain their learning. We look forward to continuing with our amazing whole school effort in the new term.



Head Bumps & First Aid in School

Having received feedback from parents on the number of head bump notices that are issued by school, we wanted to clarify our procedure for head bumps and first aid. Any incident occurring in school which involves a child bumping their head or injuring any part of their face will be reported back to parents via a head bump notice on ParentHub. Sometimes staff may not have seen exactly what happened and so we will report any injury to the head or face as a possible head bump to ensure that you keep an eye on your child for any possible symptoms of concussion. This is purely a precautionary message and not intended to cause alarm. Please be reassured that if we felt any injury was more serious we would call home and ask you to take your child to be checked over.

Parents of Robin's children may feel at times that their child is always bumping their head and we do issue more head bump notices to our Robins parents than any other class. This is because our Robins class participate in free flow activities throughout the day meaning they are moving around more and reaching for resources, perhaps at the same time as another child. This does lead to more head bumps than we would see in other classes who spend more lesson time seated at their desks.

If your child has an accident in school that is not classed as a head bump, we will make contact with parents if we think you need to be aware of this accident, and we will always contact parents if we feel a child may need further treatment. We do record all accidents and injuries that happen in school so if you do have any concerns, or any feedback or suggestions, please let us know.

Attendance

We still have a number of children who are unwell, and it is really important that any emails relating to absence are sent directly to the school office as these emails are monitored throughout the day by our admin team. The email address to use to report absence is schooladmin@st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk.

We appreciate that it is difficult to get doctors, dentist, hospital and opticians appointments at the moment, but we do ask that you make every effort to arrange these for outside of school hours. If you do need to take your child out of school for any appointment, then we do require you to provide an appointment card or other confirmation when advising the school of any absence.

Can I also remind our parents that holidays in term time are not permitted and if you do take your child out of school during term time without prior authorisation from the school this may result in the local authority issuing a penalty notice to each parent for each child that is absent. We also ask that you consider the impact of your child's absence not only on your child, but also their classmates, as it takes time for our teaching staff to help a child catch up on what they may have missed and this is time which is taken away from teaching others.

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, then you will need to complete a leave of absence request form. In certain exceptional circumstances your request may be authorised, but this is at the discretion of the headteacher and the governing body.

For further information please see the attendance & term time absence section of our school website. You can also download a leave of absence request form here, or these can be obtained from the school office.

Our current attendance figure in school for this academic year are as follows:

Robins 93.7%
Puffins 91.5%
Kingfishers 94.7%
Eagles 94.6%

Children left unsupervised

We have a number of children who are being left unsupervised outside the school gates in the morning sometimes for over half an hour before the time when our gates open. This is simply not safe. If your child was to be taken or wandered off it could be up to an hour before the register is completed and we realise they are not in school. If you do need to get to work or elsewhere early, then please use our breakfast club or consider car sharing so we can ensure your child is safe.



Parents evening will be taking place on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April 2022. We will be offering face to face appointments in school as well as virtual appointments and telephone appointments. Information about booking these will be sent out after half term.

Parent's evening appointments are an opportunity for parents to be updated by their child's teaching team about their progress and what parents can do to support them further. If you have any concerns about your child, either in terms of their wellbeing, their progress or anything else, please don't wait until parents evening to raise these. Please contact your child's teacher or the headteacher to discuss these concerns as soon as they arise so that we can make time to properly consider these concerns and how best we can address them.

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School Uniform

We have quite a few donations of used school uniform and all of these items have plenty of life left in them. If there are any items that you need, please let the school office know and we will arrange to get these sent home to you.



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March



World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 3rd March. Miss Middleton will carefully craft this day to help our children continue their love for reading. Children and staff will have the chance to get dressed up and share their favourite books with their friends. We will also provide the opportunity for children to take part in a book exchange where they can bring in a book which they want to swap.

Our aim for all children is to have a great range of books at home that they can enjoy reading. If you have any books you would like to donate for the exchange, please send them in on World Book Day. Please don't send them earlier as we don't have the room to store these.

School Developments

We are hoping to expand the school space to create an additional learning area for our children but due to the pandemic this process is taking longer than we would have hoped. We are currently awaiting advice from the local authority on what might be possible for us to do, and we will keep you updated if there are any exciting developments.

ECO Garden



The Eco Garden is starting to look fabulous, and it is a real sign that the weather is changing and spring is on its way. The class planters we had installed at the start of the academic year are starting to bloom but we still need plants and are always grateful for any donations.

We are looking to plant up a range of herbs and if any parents or grandparents have any cuttings or plants, they would like to we would be very grateful to receive these in school. Any herbs and lavender would be most welcome as we are hoping to develop a sensory garden for our children to enjoy. At the moment our Robin children are working really hard to ensure all the planters have bulbs in and our older children will keep on top of the weeds for us.



Half Term Task!

Over the half term holiday, it would be wonderful if each child could paint a pebble with their first name on for us to display in the Eco area. Please also try to varnish your pebble so that it withstands the weather. Pebbles can be brought into classes during the first week of next term.

School Vicar

Many of you will recall that Rev Gill left the village in January and so we do not currently have a regular vicar. While the Diocese will be in the process of appointing a new member of clergy, we are maintaining our links with Rev Jan who offers support to us when we need this.

India Update

I recently had the pleasure of having a Teams meeting with Rig and the Bishop of Calcutta. It was great to see and hear about how our school is doing in DumDum. We do still maintain strong links with Rani the school teacher and she shares photos and information with us as to how the children



are doing. As you can imagine, the effects of Covid on the school community have been significant on the school community and the staff and children are very grateful for the funds that they have received from us. These funds will help ensure that our children in Calcutta receive a snack in school and are able to be part of the nutrition programme. We continue to update our website with new images and news items as they come in and our children continue to say prayers for our DumDum families.

Dates for your diary

Inset Day - Monday 28th February

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

Parent Consultations Wed 6th & Thurs 7th April

Easter Holidays - Saturday 9th – Sunday 24th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May

Lea Green residential trip – Wed 18th – Fri 20th May

KS1 day trip – Tues 24th May (more info after half term)

KS2 day trip – Wed 25th May (more info after half term)

Half Term - Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Inset Day - Monday 6th June

Festival Day – Friday 17th June

Sports Day – Friday 15th July



Next Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Inset days – Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Inset Day – Monday 31st October

Inset Day – Friday 22nd July

Inset Day - Monday 27th February 2023

Inset Day - Monday 5th June 2023