



Stathern Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our Summer Term newsletter.

Happy Bank Holiday Weekend!

We are so very lucky to be looking forward to further relaxations of the restrictions placed on society and we cannot thank you enough for doing this sensitively and cautiously. With your help outside of school, at school we still follow guidance that means we have had very few suspected cases, and no confirmed cases of COVID...I do look forward to a newsletter soon with no mention of this...but it's exciting to think we have had no bubble closures, and apart for a few sore throats and colds, all are well and attendance is at 96%, which is just above the national average.

The Summer term isn't quite as obviously full of visits and sporting events as it has been in previous years, although many events still happen in school with virtual inter school competitions and days out in our wonderful local area. Plans are however, starting to begin for these activities in the coming academic year.

Our focus on our nurture curriculum is supporting children, and the staff are working hard to make the learning fun whilst ensuring good progress is made whilst considering the strangeness of the World. We are prioritising the learning curriculum to focus on skills, as previously mentioned, ensuring at this stage of the year that the children are ready for their next steps in learning. We are hoping to make some changes to our curriculum and organisation, to support all children who have faced at least 6 months out of school in the last 12 months, some even more with isolation and bubble closures earlier in the year. The focus on phonics, reading and early maths skills is of paramount importance to us, and through all years the focus on these basic skills is equally important.

This term, we begin to think about welcoming new children into the Stathern School Family, and saying goodbye to our Year 6 children. I have written to both new parents and Year 6 parents as we begin to consider the events of the summer term. We are awaiting the June 21st date as a turning point for the nation and will keep you posted as to any changes that will affect you and the protocols at school.

There is much to be excited about, including the improvement of our website, and I will shortly be sending out Summer Term parent surveys and a website survey, to enable you to tell us what you would like to see! I very much welcome your thoughts and opinions.

Mrs Lambert

Maintaining communication with us via Email:

General Enquiry Email: theoffice@stathern.leics.sch.uk

Safeguarding email: safeguarding@stathern.leics.sch.uk

Note: Please title any safe-guarding related e-mails 'safeguarding' and they will be handled by a trained DSL (Designated Safe-guarding Lead)

Woodland Walks – Class 1

Class 1 looked like intrepid explorers as they ventured out of the school grounds on their first Woodland Walk of the year.



Coming- up this term

Birthday Celebration days – 28th May & 9th July

Work it weekly Club – Class 3 & 4

Rounders Club – Class 3 & 4

Mixed Skills Club – Class 2

Change for Life Fitness Club – Class 3

Dance competition 'Sky Dance' – Class 4

Visits from Secondary Schools

Visits for our new EYFS children

Reports for all children and parents' meetings

Year 6 Sleepover

Transition days for all children

Woodland walks for Class 1

School Lunches

School lunches are currently single option only.

Please can you look on the website for details of the lunch daily, as a number of children are not eating all of the lunch. Check that your child would enjoy the meal, if not please feel free to provide a packed lunch

Polite notice - Please ensure your School Dinner account is up to date.

Please find the Menu [here](#).



Governors Corner

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school and watch the careful planning by the staff come to fruition with the children adapting and settling back in so quickly. It is starting to feel very positive as the weather warms up and the restrictions slowly ease and, from a governor's perspective, for us to be able to focus on longer term support of the school in our work as opposed to crisis management. Although special educational needs and safeguarding visits have continued virtually throughout the pandemic, we are starting to return to our more usual activity to support the school in terms of visits around subjects and curriculum and to look to the future and how we can work to support the staff to ensure that each pupil is supported and afforded the opportunities to read their full potential, despite the disruptions that have been a necessary response to the pandemic. The governors are working to support the staff to minimise the impact of the interruptions and provide a safe, secure and steady environment for the children. We have also started looking at the impact on the school of the increased housing due to be built in the village; the priority being to maintain and improve the quality of the experience of pupils in the school. It has been a difficult period but the school values of nurture, inspire, discover and create have been evident in the way the school, staff and pupils have responded in such a positive way and we look forward to an increasing return to 'normality' as we progress through the remainder of the summer term.

Lisa Leathborough

Parent Governor

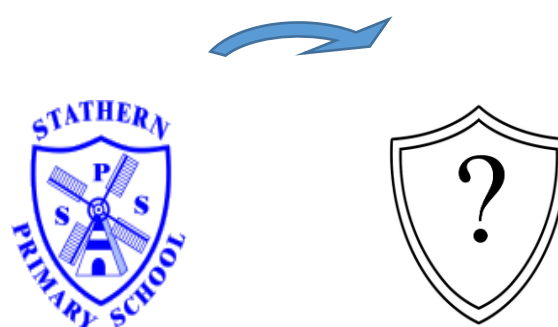
School Uniform

Many thanks to families for ensuring that children look as smart as possible, whilst applying the flexibility of wearing PE kits and alternative shoes, as shops have been closed. Please ensure children are wearing plain sports tops, white or blue t-shirts, and black or navy hoodies/jumpers.

We look forward to implementing our usual school uniform guidance in the Autumn Term and also re-igniting the redesign of the school logo, which was started pre-COVID.

Staff, parents, governors and children spent much time considering our new motto and beginning the process of a new school Logo, and I am very excited to pick that project up in the coming year, allowing you lots of time to see the new design and the new branding. I intend to implement any changes in the academic year 2022-23.

Please contact me if you have any experience of graphic design, Logo design and rebranding, parental support would be greatly appreciated.



Before and After School Club

We are happy to report that Club is running to near full capacity. The club is open from 7:45am and closes at 5:30pm. This enables staff to prepare and clean the classroom.

Please contact Mrs Swain or the school office, should you need regular or ad hoc wraparound care.

Many thanks,



Our Children celebrate a wonderful life...

One of the things that never ceases to amaze me is the kindness of the children at Stathern, upon news the Prince Philip had died, every single child in school created a picture to celebrate his life and loves. We made that into a giant card and posted it to HM The Queen. Such compassion from all children is a wonderful trait...



School Term Dates:

School opens after the Bank Holiday on Tuesday, 4th May

Half Term – break up at 3:15 on Friday 28th May – school opens at 8:50am on Monday 7th June

Break up for the **Summer Holiday** at 3:15pm on Friday, 9th July

Please remember, no term time holidays will be authorised, in line with Local Authority guidance, and due to the significant time children were remote learning. Many thanks.