



Stathern Primary School

Newsletter

Summer Term 1- 2021



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

Welcome back...and what a glorious half term break it has been. I do hope you and the children have managed to recharge your 'batteries' and spend some quality time with loved ones. There are so many things to look forward to this term, and so many things to celebrate from the last half term. Whilst we are still not able to invite you all into school, there are many things going on; including some wonderful learning, a huge focus on mental health and well-being, outdoor learning and physical activities. In school, we celebrate amazing progress in reading writing and maths, whilst also focusing on the subjects we know children love too, including science, topic work and art and technology. The staff have a full and rich curriculum offer this coming term, and I look forward to emailing topic maps later in the week. Please do feel free to email class teachers either via the office or the class email addresses, they are more than happy to email you back.

As I highlighted last term, there are a number of key dates coming up, and I have attached the dates again towards the end of this newsletter. Progress reports and optional parents' evenings are at the end of this month, and we are hopeful still that we can invite parents to the Sports Day planned, and the Year 6 leavers assembly, please look out for the latest emails, as they will give details on how these will happen.

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children over four transition sessions, and the Year 6 have information about their transition events. Within school time, this is the term that the children have their own transition to their next class, if applicable. A number of Reception, Year 1, 3 and 5 children will remain with their current teachers. Current Local Authority and Government guidance suggests that any transitions must not cross bubbles, so we are thinking creatively about how this will look. The sessions will all take place in school time and will certainly be a huge improvement on last year's non-existent preparations.

As we look forward to this term, there are some exciting potential developments for the school, based on the village growth. Mrs Clare Allen, our Chair of Governors, has written a section further in the newsletter.

I do look forward to meeting more of you over this next 5 weeks, and celebrating with children further success across the school.

My warmest wishes,

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)

Reception Science and learning

The children have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the butterflies that they have been watching from caterpillar – to cocoon – butterfly...and last week was the release, as the butterflies outgrew their classroom habitat. What a wonderful experience...thank you to Mrs Bailey, Mrs Hatherley and Mrs Jones for looking after the butterflies at all stages!



Many thanks to the parents who have been helping the children and staff in Class 1, as they venture out on their Woodland Walks. We hope to continue these next year for the EYFS and Key Stage 1 children. We couldn't do it without your help.

Birthday Celebrations - April and May 2021

Thank you to all the birthday children, and families, for a splendid bounty of sweets, biscuits, crisps and cake, there were many birthdays to celebrate and so many lovely traditional activities to celebrate the special days.



Happy Birthday everyone!

Our final celebration day is on the 9th July

Thank you for donating to our Pyjamarama Reading Day –

We raised over £100 towards the Book Trust Charity...and had some fun in our PJ's!

I was also blown away, having heard dozens of children read to me throughout the day – what a privilege!



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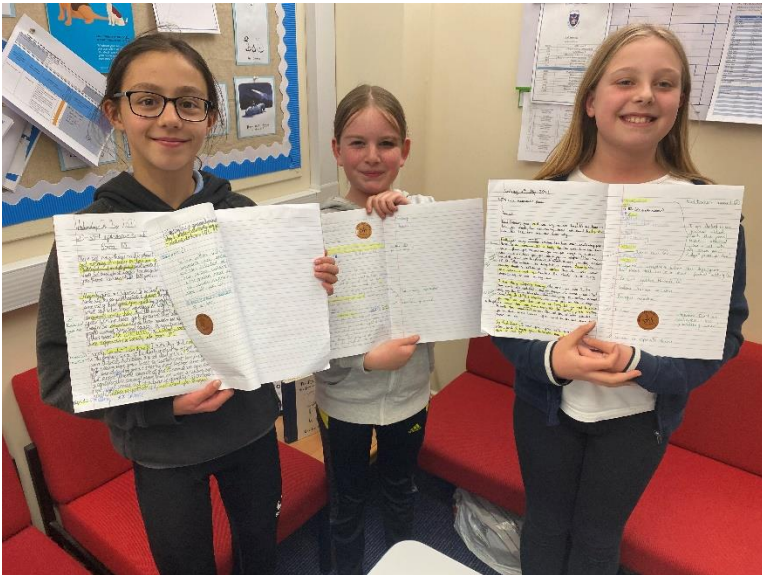
Many thanks to Clare and the team from the Melton and Belvoir Sports partnership who came in to run a football session for the girls in Key stage 2... it was warm but great fun!



Super Star workers

What amazes me daily, is the number of children who pop to my door to celebrate that they have done the best work they have ever done, the most work, or improved work.

Sometimes I see children because they have showed great improvement in attitude, sometimes it is to say, this is the best you have ever done. The work isn't always perfect, but it is always better than before, and the children love to talk about this! We speak each time about how proud I am but most importantly how proud they are and how proud you, their parents, would be...every single Headteachers Award is something special and worthy of celebration – well done to just a few who visited me this term...



Village Growth and Stathern School

You may be aware that the village of Stathern is going to grow considerably over the next few years as new houses are planned and already popping up right, left and centre!

This means that, as a school, we need to be thinking about how we will also grow over the next few years.

So, you will be pleased to know that the governing board are keeping fully involved and informed about the implications upon the school, including any money that we will receive, as a result of the housing development. We will ensure that we are strategically best placed to secure the best outcome for the school's future.

We have already fully engaged with the local authority to consider our options for school growth in terms of the physical space that we have available and its suitability to continue to provide a first-class experience for our children.

Shortly, we will be liaising with our parents and also the wider community about our vision for the school so that we can listen to your views and opinions about what the future holds. So, please do watch this space as we begin to work together to extend, develop and improve our fantastic 'small' school to address the needs of our 'big' global citizens of the future.

If you would like to discuss any of these developments, please do get in touch.

Clare Allen

Chair of Governors

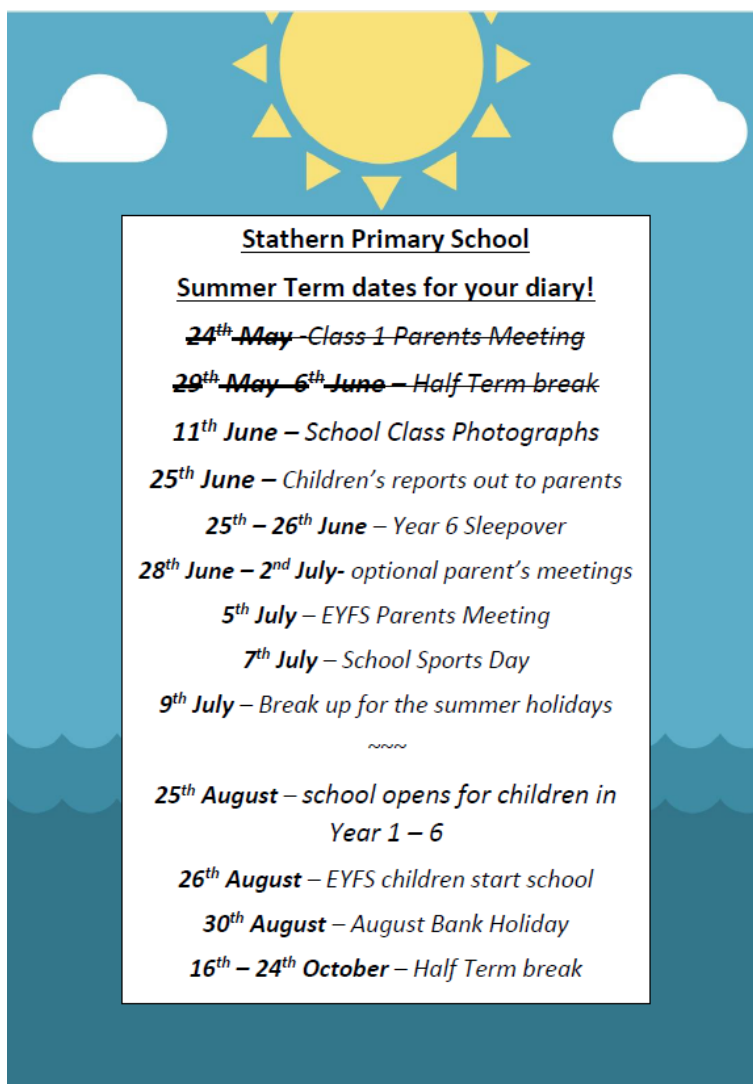
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Our wonderful Year 6
In their Leavers Hoodies!



Important Dates this term, and into next year...



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Summer Term dates for your diary!

~~24th May~~ – Class 1 Parents Meeting

~~29th May~~ – ~~6th June~~ – Half Term break

11th June – School Class Photographs

25th June – Children's reports out to parents

25th – 26th June – Year 6 Sleepover

28th June – 2nd July- optional parent's meetings

5th July – EYFS Parents Meeting

7th July – School Sports Day

9th July – Break up for the summer holidays

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25<sup>th</sup> August – school opens for children in Year 1 – 6

26<sup>th</sup> August – EYFS children start school

30<sup>th</sup> August – August Bank Holiday

16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term break

### Stathern Primary School Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Autumn Term

School opens: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

August Bank holiday: Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Half term break: 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

School closes: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

#### Spring Term

New Year Bank holiday: Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

School opens: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Half term break: 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

School closes: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Summer Term

School opens: Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

May Bank Holiday: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Half term break: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

School closes: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022