

'Nurture Inspire Discover Create'



Stathern Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our September newsletter.

We hope your child has settled in well and is enjoying the start to the new academic year. It has been brilliant to welcome all 101 children back to school and they have made a superb start to the year. This year we are looking forward to really inspiring pupils through a curriculum that 'makes a difference' to the local and global community. We hope that children will really invest in the learning on offer as they find enterprising solutions to problems linked to the world they live in. Developing depth of character will also be of particular importance as we look to prepare children for a future world that may look very different to the one we live in now! It'll also be really important to ensure that our children's physical and mental health is in the best possible shape. Our newly shaped ethos linked to our motto 'Nurture, Inspire, Discover, Create' will really help us on this journey and will soon be accompanied by a newly designed badge developed by the children. On another note, I'd like to offer congratulations to Miss Hannah Rowe who had a baby boy, Charlie, over the summer! We hope you have time to read through our newsletter for more information on key areas such as Reading and STEM and also have chance to go on to our website where we will be sharing experiences through our 'news' and 'class page' tabs. You'll also find a calendar here with lots of important dates. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch and if you are able to support Stathern Duathlon we'd love to hear from you! *Mr Lee*

Stathern Duathlon – 29th Sept – Supporting Physical Activity in School – Marshalls and Cake Bakers Needed!



Dates and Things to Remember:

- Stathern Show – Sat 7th Sept – 12-4pm*
- Individual School Photos – Fri 13th Sept – 8:30am
- NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops – Mon 16th Sept
- Class 2 @ Nene Valley – Wed 25th Sept
- Stathern Duathlon – Sun 29th Sept*
- Prospective Parents Evening – Wed 2nd Oct - 6pm*
- Y5/6 Football Tournament – Thurs 3rd Oct*
- Harvest Festival – Fri 4th October – 9:15am @ St Guthlac's Church *
- Parents Evening – Wed 9th & Thurs 10th Oct – 3:15-6pm*
- Y3/4 Football Tournament – Thurs 10th Oct*
- Last day of Term – Fri 11th Oct

**Parents welcome*

STEM – Science, Tech, Engineering, Maths - Links

We are already making strong links with Rutland Water, Screveton Eco Farm, Travel and Tourism Experts, The Royal Academy of Engineering and several Universities. As the lead school in a 2 year project designed to inspire children in STEM subjects through context, purpose and careers, we are looking to make further links. If you work for or know of an organisation that may be interested in connecting with teachers to develop inspirational learning opportunities, please get in touch so we can arrange an initial meeting.

Safeguarding – Parents Accessing School

Whilst we try to maintain very open channels of communication, could we kindly remind parents of the following restrictions that are in place to safeguard our children and staff:

- No entry to the school via the back gate/door unless a request is made to the staff on duty.
- No entry to the school via the front of the school unless greeted by the office or before/after school club staff.
- It will not be possible for you to speak with your child's teacher when dropping off in a morning from 8:50am as they are teaching – please do not attempt to go down to classrooms.
- All messages should be given to the staff member on the back gate or at the office (only to be accessed by the front door).
- Your child's teacher should be available to speak to you at the end of the day or an appointment can be made if you require a longer conversation.

Sports, Health and Well Being Update

Over the summer we had the fantastic news that our school has been awarded with the Gold PE and Sports Mark for the 4th year running. This means we are one of the few schools in the county that is eligible for the Platinum Award this year. We have just put out our clubs list and we are finalising the competition calendar so look out for more information next month along with an introduction to our new Sports Crew.

FOSS – Friends of Stathern School

We hope you will consider joining the team of parents who have helped raise money for so many of the great things in school that support our children's learning such as, trips, ICT, play equipment and more.

We are in real need of growing the group this year so please come forward if you are able to offer any time, whether it be for single events or as a full member of the committee.

Reading

This year, we are really trying to develop a love of reading as we hope you share our view that reading unlocks a world of opportunity and joy for children. With this in mind we would like you to support us where possible with the following:

- All children to read 4+ times a week, this is especially key in Reception where we would encourage reading everyday

Y3-6 x2 independently, x2 with an adult

Y1-2 x4 with an adult - Read the book/section twice, once using their phonic skills, then for comprehension

- Where homework involves a reading comprehension focus, this counts as one of the sessions
- If you only have time to read through the book than that is great but where possible:

Discuss the story

Ask questions to check understanding

Establish the meaning of any tricky words

These recommendations will make a huge difference for your child's ability to access all areas of learning and achieve their potential. Further guidance will follow - thank you for your support.