

# Staplegrove C of E Primary school

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year!! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday with your children and that they have all settled back into their new classes. If you, or they, have any worries about anything to do with school, please do not hesitate to come in and see me or catch me on the playground. It is far easier to put things right before they become a real issue.

Here's to another fantastic year!

Kind regards

Kirsti Nelson

### Open Evening

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September the teachers will be running an information evening for the new parents in their classes. They will share with you information on what will be taught throughout the year, general information, homework and routines. Obviously there are new things that happen in each class and it is a good opportunity to hear what will be happening.

Beech and Rowan classes will meet in Miss Potter's classroom at 5.30pm

Cherry and Oak classes will meet in Miss Triggol's classroom at 6.15pm

and Cedar and Willow will meet in Miss Bolton's classroom at 7.00pm.

We have staggered the times to enable parents with children in more than one group to attend. We hope you will find the evening useful.

### Home-School Agreements

The home-school agreement has been sent home earlier this week. It is an essential document that sets down the role of the school and parent in your child's education. Please read it carefully, sign it and return it to school for myself to sign on behalf of the school. It will then come back for you to keep.

### Christmas Cards

Sorry to mention the "C" word so early in the term, but we are participating in the Christmas card project again this year. Children will design their own Christmas cards in class and you will have the opportunity to order these in time for Christmas. The orders will be sent off before half-term and will be delivered back the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We hope this will help with your Christmas shopping!

### Permission for Photographs

If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used in any publications / newspapers or displayed on the school website please inform us in writing, letters to be handed into the school office. If we do not have any notification we will assume your permission has been given. Thank you.

### Tesco's Sports Vouchers

We are collecting Tesco's vouchers again this year. There is a collection box outside the office and we would like to get as many as possible so get collecting for us! It will provide us with some new sports equipment!! Last year we were able to purchase lots of new net and wall game resources.

### Naming of Clothes / Lost Property

Please ensure that all your child's clothes and school items such as PE kit, water bottles and lunchboxes is clearly marked. Lost property is located in the School Office.

We do hold some lost property from last term, this will be put out on a table at the FOSS Barbecue this Friday. Any items not claimed will be passed to FOSS to sell as second-hand uniform or be taken to a Charity Shop.

### School Website

The school website continues to be updated regularly and over the holidays, some new photos have been added and the school profile. There is now an awards section under the heading "information" that will let you know the children who have been awarded "Star of the week" in each class, class team point winner and Head and Deputy-Head award winners.

### Medication / Sickness

Please inform the School Office if your child requires medication such as inhalers or epi-pens. We require written instructions as to the dose required and when to be taken / administered, the medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. A register of inhalers is kept and reviewed to ensure all medication is in date. Any medication held is administered by a trained first aider.

Please note that we cannot administer eye drops / ear drops / pain relief or other medication. Where a child is on a course of antibiotics, they must have completed 3 days of the course before returning to school. Only then can a dose of measured antibiotics be administered during the school day, this must be clearly labelled with the child's name, class and time to be taken.

A reminder please that no child is allowed in school until a minimum of 24 hours after the last diarrhoea or vomiting episode.

### School Church Service

There is a special church service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September for the start of the new term. The prefects will be awarded their badges in front of the congregation and new staff will be welcomed formally. Everybody is very welcome to attend. The service starts at 10.30a.m.

### After School Activities

There are lots of opportunities for after school activities. Here are the ones available at the moment. More clubs will be confirmed as the term progresses.

Monday French 3.30-4.30 year 4,5 and 6  
Recorders

Tuesday Team theme football year 1, 2, 3 and 4 (not all year)

Wednesday SASP multi-sports year 1 and 2 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday Dance Aerobics year 3,4, 5 and 6  
Football 3.30-4.30 year 4,5 and 6

Friday SASP multi-sports 3.30-4.30 year 3,4, 5 and 6

Grovers, the after school club, offers a range of activities for the children. Booking forms are available from the School Office, sessions cost £2.50 for 3.15-4.30pm and £2.00 for 4.30- 5.00pm. A rota of the activities on offer will be displayed on the door outside Oak classroom. Please note the new location of the club – now run in the resource area which includes the new ICT suite. Please pick up your child from the door next to Oak classroom (Miss Triggol's classroom) at the back of the hall.

### Rainbows and Brownies

We are pleased to welcome Staplegrove Rainbows back to our school. A group is going to run in the school hall from 4.45-5.45pm. For further information please contact Bee Barrington or Sue Hunt in the playground or see the poster displayed on the notice board for more information.

Brownies runs in our school hall on Tuesday nights between 6 and 7.30. It is aimed at girls aged between 7 and 10 and there are lots of exciting activities to do. If you would like your daughter to start, please ring Alison Cottey on Taunton 253847.

### Skipping Workshop

On Wednesday 12 September the whole school will be having skipping workshops. This will encourage children to participate in fun and fitness activities and will link with our Healthy School Week on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We are lucky to be receiving these free workshops – which were won by Mrs Claire Law (Office) in the summer term, well done Mrs Law!

### Tour of Britain Cycle Race – 11 September

Please note that on Tuesday 11 September the town centre will be closed to through traffic and access will be restricted in Staplegrove Road during the day due to this cycle race. You may need to make alternative arrangements to ensure your child is collected from school on time.