

# 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.

Kind regards

Kirsti Nelson

### New Staff

We have had several new staff starting at our school this term and this is a good opportunity to formally welcome them to Staplegrove!! In Elm Class we have Mrs Liz Sanderson who is job sharing with Miss Moneagle, working Thursday and Friday. Also in Elm Class, Mrs Anne Parker has joined the team as a Teaching Assistant. Miss Meghan Sides and Mrs Linda Melville have also joined our staff as Teaching Assistants.

In Willow, we have Mrs Sue Withers teaching alongside Miss Bolton as she completes her Graduate Teaching Programme (GTP) year.

And of course we also have a member of staff with a new name!! Miss Triggol is now Mrs Hill as of the Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August!! Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hill on their marriage in the holidays!!

### New Building work

Over the holidays there has been lots of work going on around the school as I am sure you have noticed! One of the alterations is that we have had an extension to the staff room to create more space and additional toilets. This means that the path going around that area has had to be diverted. This way now is only to be used by people using Grovers Club and all other parents are kindly asked to use the side gate into the school playground when dropping off and picking up their children at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can children and adults not walk through the school car park for safety reasons, thank you.

### FOSS

FOSS play a really important part in the opportunities provided by our school. All children benefit from the events organised and the items that are bought for the school. The children love to have school discos and the Barbeque, the Easter and Christmas bingo events have been very popular!

Unfortunately FOSS is very much under threat at the moment due to lack of support. The work is being left to a very small dedicated team that have made things happen this term. Some of this team are standing down this year and we

desperately need new volunteers. It is essential that we have at least one representative from each class on the committee. We need more people to support FOSS this year otherwise it will not be able to continue.

You are needed at the AGM of FOSS on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in Oak Classroom. Please support the school in this way.

If any parents still need water bottles – FOSS sell them at £1.50 each, they are available to buy at FOSS events and from the School Office.

#### Home-School Agreements and Data forms

The home-school agreement will be coming home shortly. 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.

Also coming home will be the school pupil data sheet for you to check and return. This ensures we have got the most up to date information for your children on our records. It is very important that these are returned with any amendments.

#### School Trip / Visits permission and Photograph / Film Publication permission

To save on paper work, you are asked to sign the permission form for local trips and sports festivals.

If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used in any publications / newspapers or displayed on the school website please indicate this on the form. If we do not have any notification we will assume your permission has been given. Thank you.

#### Money for nothing!

If you are an internet shopper please can I ask you to use this "skill" to make money for our school. There is website called [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) which will make donations to schools if people access other sites through them. There is no additional cost to your purchases and all of the main companies are supporting this including Next, M and S, Comet, Amazon, Direct Line to name but a few. There are hundreds of companies registered. All you need to do is type in the site above, search for the cause which is "Staplegrove Primary School" and then access your usual shopping site. For each purchase completed like this, they will send a cash donation to the school!!

### Christmas Calendars

This year we have decided that we will not be doing the Christmas card project but that we will have a change and get the children to design calendars. Your child will complete a piece of artwork and this will be professionally produced as a calendar for you to order. They will make fantastic Christmas presents! If you want to use a piece of artwork that your child has completed at home, this could also be used. The order form and picture will come home to you Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and will need to be back in school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### Harvest Festival

This year we are again supporting Open Door and the theme this year is cereal! When homeless people come into Open Door, breakfast cereal is a good quick meal and this year we ask that you send a box of unopened cereal for our harvest collection. The Harvest Service will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10.10am. This will take place in the school and be led by Kate Taylor.

We will be running a Harvest workshop on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, more details about this will follow (likely to be morning rather than afternoon to tie in with Harvest theme.

### Tea Group

Mrs Taylor runs an afternoon tea group in school that will take place once a month. The first one will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00pm and then on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Come and have a cup of tea and a chat!!

### Music Lessons in School

Adrian Brain offers Piano, Guitar and now Saxophone lessons in School time on a Tuesday. Lessons are 20 minutes (one to one) and cost £5 a lesson (average termly cost is £60) If your child is interested please contact Adrian on 01823 332688 for more information. The children should have a suitable instrument to practise on.

### Flute lessons

Mrs Bradley is going to offer flute lessons from after half term. These will be on Thursday afternoons during school time. There are limited places available so please let the office know if you are interested in your child having one of them. The costs are as above.

### Christmas cards

Each year the Gazette and Jeremy Browne run a Christmas card competition to design their annual corporate cards. One of our pupils, Harry Bond, won the Gazette competition several years ago. If your child is feeling creative, why not encourage them to put an entry in! The deadline for the Jeremy Browne card is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. For more details, please ask at the office!!

### School Profile

This is now available for the last academic year. It gives a summary of the school performance and key information. There will be a link published on the school website, alternatively log on to [www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk) and follow school profile link. Also on the school website are other policies and documents that you might find useful.

### Playground rules!

Just a quick reminder that children should not be cycling or scooting on the school site. This includes younger children as well as there have been several incidents when people have been run into. A polite reminder that all children cycling to school need to be wearing a cycle helmet.

Children are also not allowed to play on the play equipment before or after school so please ensure your children are supervised to keep them safe.

### Picking up of children

We have very clear procedures about the collection of children at the end of the day to ensure children are kept safe. All children in Elm, Beech and Rowan class will only be allowed to go home with their parents or somebody that we have been notified about. Junior children should be collected from the main playground. We feel that this is very important and will not allow children to be picked up by older siblings unless they are at least Year 9 age. If something was to happen we then feel that the Staplegrave pupils are with somebody who can keep them safe.

### Tokens

We are again collecting Nestle Box Top "Books for Schools" tokens, last year we received £60!

Flora tokens for cooking – ends 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009, please register your tokens online or hand them into the School Office.

Morrisons Lets Grow – we are collecting tokens for Eco-Committee and garden equipment, please note that this year points are also being awarded on the till receipts as "LG1" etc for certain items purchased.

Collection boxes are located in the main reception area.



# SOMERSET SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - 2009/2010 ACADEMIC YEAR



SOMERSET  
County Council

| SEPTEMBER 2009 |   |    |    |    | OCTOBER 2009 |   |    |    |    | NOVEMBER 2009 |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|---|----|----|----|--------------|---|----|----|----|---------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| S              | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | S            | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | S             | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |    |
| M              | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | M            | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | M             | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |    |
| T              | 1 | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29           | T | 6  | 13 | 20 | 27            | T | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |    |
| W              | 2 | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30           | W | 7  | 14 | 21 | 28            | W | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |    |
| T              | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | T            | 1 | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29            | T | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |    |
| F              | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | F            | 2 | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30            | F | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |    |
| S              | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | S            | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31            | S | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |    |
| DECEMBER 2009  |   |    |    |    | JANUARY 2010 |   |    |    |    | FEBRUARY 2010 |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| S              | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | S            | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31            | S | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |    |
| M              | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | M            | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | M             | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |    |    |
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| MARCH 2010     |   |    |    |    | APRIL 2010   |   |    |    |    | MAY 2010      |   |   |    |    |    |    |
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| S              | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | S            | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | S             | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |    |
| JUNE 2010      |   |    |    |    | JULY 2010    |   |    |    |    | AUGUST 2010   |   |   |    |    |    |    |
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## Key:

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|  | School holiday |
|  | Bank holiday   |
|  | Term time      |
|  | Inset day      |

## Term date summary:

Term 1: 1 September - 23 October 2009 (39 days)  
 Term 2: 4 November - 18 December 2009 (33 days)  
 Term 3: 4 January - 12 February 2010 (30 days)  
 Term 4: 22 February - 1 April 2010 (29 days)  
 Term 5: 19 April - 28 May 2010 (29 days)  
 Term 6: 7 June - 23 July 2010 (35 days) **TOTAL =**

### **Bank and Public holidays 2009/2010**

|               |                  |                     |                |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Christmas Day | 25 December 2009 | Easter Monday       | 5 April 2010   |
| Bank Holiday  | 28 December 2009 | May Day Holiday     | 3 May 2010     |
| New Years Day | 1 January 2010   | Spring Bank Holiday | 31 May 2010    |
| Good Friday   | 2 April 2010     | Summer Bank Holiday | 30 August 2010 |

**Agreed start date for the 2010/2011 academic year: Wednesday 1 September 2010**