

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 even when the weather here hasn't been too kind. I'm sure they will settle straight back into the school routine but 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

The new bell !!

As lots of you heard this morning, we have a new bell system to signify the start and end of each day!! This should enable us to make a crisp start to the day and finish all at the same time. The morning bell will ring at 8.55am and the children will stop and wait to be told to walk to their lines. Elm, Beech and Rowan classes will be allowed to stay in their classrooms from when the doors open at 8.45am.

The end of school bell will ring at 3.15pm and the teachers will do their best to release the class as close to this time as possible, taking into account exceptional circumstances.

You will also be pleased to know that all the clocks in the school are now wireless and will tell the same time!! These changes are a direct result of parental suggestions.

New staff

Today is the first day for our new year 5 teacher, Mr Jason Pook and for our Graduate Teacher trainee, Mrs Olivia Swarbrick who will be in year 1 this term. We wish them well as they settle into life at Staplegrove and hope they will be very happy.

Agreement 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.

Acceptable Use Policy and parental permission form

Being safe on the internet is very important for all of our children. All schools need to have a set of rules that need to be "stuck to" to keep them safe when using the computers at school and at home. Children will very soon be able to access school work on a virtual Learning Environment called Fronter. For your children to be able to do this, we need to have your written permission. Please read the Acceptable Use policy, share key points and return the back page signed.

Each teacher will talk about the main points in class as well.

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 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 "Staplegrave Primary School" and then access your usual shopping site. For each purchase completed like this, they will send a cash donation to the school!! We have just received a cheque for £35 for the summer term.

Harvest Festival

This will take place on Monday 27th September in the school hall and everybody is welcome to join us. There will be a harvest workshop on Saturday 2nd October led by myself and Mrs Taylor.

More information about both of these will follow.

Tea Group

Mrs Taylor runs an afternoon tea group in the school staffroom that will take place once a month. The first one will take place on Tuesday 7th September at 2.00pm and then on Tuesday 5th October, Tuesday 2nd November and Tuesday 7th December.

“Tea with the Head”

If you would like to pop in and have a cup of tea with me on Tuesday 14th September, Tuesday 12th October or Tuesday 16th November you are welcome too!

I will be in the staff room from 2.15pm for an informal chat if you would to join me. It is a good opportunity to ask any of those questions that have always niggled and to hear the plans we have for this year.

Come and have a cup of tea and a chat.

Music Lessons in School

Adrian Brain offers Piano, Guitar and Saxophone lessons in School time on a Tuesday and Wednesday. 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.

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 feel that the Staplegrove pupils are in safe hands.

Please remember that if you need to collect or drop off your child during school time, after the start of the school day, that you please go to the School Office so your child can be signed in / out, this ensures their safety as we have a record of who is on site at all times.

Exciting News

There must be something in the water at Staplegrove as we are very pleased to announce that Miss Meghan Sides is expecting a baby in the New Year, we will keep you posted and wish Miss Sides all the best in her pregnancy.