



# Stafford Leys Primary School Newsletter

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## School Council Update

### Plastic Free Schools Update:

We are well on our way to becoming a plastic-free school and have recently challenged the government and industry to ask them what they are doing to eliminate single use plastic.

The main response from industry was their plan to 'Remove, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'

We are still awaiting a letter from the government and will update you in due course.

The great news is we have now completed 4 out of 5 of our objectives to become a plastic free school.

Our school has also committed to eliminate at least 3 single use items too !

Our children have also been asked to remove 3 single-use items from their daily lives.

Some ideas are:

Reusable water bottles and sandwich bags

Bamboo or metal straws

Say no to plastic cutlery and stirrers

Use foil instead of cling film as foil is recyclable

Carry reusable shopping bags

### Children in Need:

Together we raised an amazing amount this year for BBC Children in Need of £1083. Thank you to everyone.

## Devon Trip

Our Year 6 trip to Devon was a huge success. Animals on the farm were a big hit with the children. There are lots of photos on twitter if you missed them at the time. The farmer was very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of our children. On the way home the bus stopped at a service station. Members of the public sought out staff to tell them how courteous our children had been.

## Internet Safety

The internet and technology linked to it are developing at a frightening pace. In most homes, children know more about this technology than their parents and this puts our children at risk. At school, we will have internet safety sessions as part of our IT lessons but it is vital that all parents try to ensure their children are safe at home.

We have updated our internet safety section of the school website. It is located under **Parent Information** and is the top tab. The direct address is, <http://www.staffordleys.com/internet-safety.html>

## In Other News...

The PFA raised an amazing £4800 at the recent firework night. Some of this money has been put towards improving the books in the library and new sets of class books available for every class.

### Diary Dates:

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| • CLASS 19 ASSEMBLY         | WED 27TH NOV |
| • PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR        | SAT 30TH NOV |
| • CLASS 17 ASSEMBLY         | WED 4TH DEC  |
| • CHRISTMAS DINNER 3/4      | TUE 10TH DEC |
| • CHRISTMAS DINNER EYFS 1/2 | WED 11TH DEC |
| • CLASS 14 ASSEMBLY         | WED 11TH DEC |
| • CHRISTMAS DINNER 5/6      | THU 12TH DEC |
| • PANTO VISIT YR2-6         | MON 16TH DEC |
| • TERM ENDS                 | FRI 20TH DEC |
| • FIRST DAY OF TERM         | TUE 7H JAN   |





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## Sport update

Once again, our children have been representing the school with great pride and honour. Over the last five years Stafford Leys have been successful in numerous football competitions in Hinckley and Bosworth and this year was no exception. The Year 6 boys' team secured a top two spot in the HBSSPAN Football League (Danone Cup) and progressed to the county finals last Saturday. At the county finals the team were put in a very tough group which included schools such as Battling Brook (last year's champions), Glen Hills (last year's Rice Bowl Cup winners), Badgerbrook, Bottesford and Broomfield. During the morning the boys battled well claiming some impressive results to take it down to the last group game to progress to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, even though we dominated the last game against Broomfield and had lots of possession the team narrowly got knocked out.

Our Year 6 Girls' team also were very impressive in their HBSSPAN Football League campaign finishing 2nd. The girls' played some excellent football and showed great teamwork to only lose one game out of ten. This was even more impressive because the girls' have only played together at the football league and every player improved during the games.

Our Year 5 girls' and boys' football teams have also represented the school at the Dixie Grammar Festival. The girls team consisted of children between Year 3-5 and came 6th place. Our Year 5 boys also battled well in the tournament and came an impressive 2nd, narrowly missing out to Desford Primary.

Stafford Leys have also performed excellently in a range of other sports including girls' and boys' table tennis. At the Hinckley and Bosworth finals, both teams finished 2nd. We have also had success in Boccia with our Year 6 team claiming a new record by finishing 5th place at the Hinckley and Bosworth finals. Our two Year 6 hockey teams also won their local area Groby and Braunstone competition and are now waiting for the finals next week. We have also had several children represent the school at basketball and cross country and are waiting for their final competitions and races this term.

On a final note from Stafford Leys school sport our incredible success last year (2018/2019) was rewarded by six children attending the HBSSPAN Celebration Event to pick up our third successive Gold School Games Mark trophy. The event also featured an inspirational talk from Paralympian swimmer Claire Cashmore, who let our children hold her gold and silver Rio 2016 Paralympic medals.

## First Time Admissions.

The deadline for applications for new starters for Sep 2020 is the 15th January. Late applications are sorted after those received on time. This application needs to be made to County Hall Admissions. Please let us know if you need any help with this process.

