



Stafford Leys Primary School Newsletter

INSPIRING CONFIDENCE, COMPASSION, CHARACTER AND FUN.

Sep 2019

Welcome Back

It has been a very positive start back to school this year. The children have really settled well into the routines and impressed us with their approach to learning.

We are so proud of our results from last year and look forward to matching that success this year. In some areas, our school is in the top 5% nationally.

Reading

We will be continuing our whole school focus on reading this year. The children really enjoyed the changes we made last year and we can see in the quality of their writing that their vocabulary choices are improving. We will be repeating our successful vocabulary day on Friday 11th October. I look forward to your imaginative choices. Also, please continue to send us your extreme reading photos.

Sad News

Lynne Pratt, who retired last year due to ill health, has sadly passed away following a long and difficult battle with cancer. She was a well loved member of staff who worked at the school for 34 years and the news has hit us hard. We are collecting money for LOROS instead of flowers and should you wish to donate, an envelope is being kept in the office.

Parking

Parking on pavements and on the yellow zig zag lines puts all children in danger and should not be happening. It is only a matter of time before a child is injured because of this.

Please be considerate of our neighbours if you have to park near the school. We can spend a lot of time dealing with complaints about this issue.

In Other News...

Mr Doxey's wife has given birth to a baby girl. They have called her Daisy. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Doxey and his wife!

Diary Dates:

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| • YR 6 RESIDENTIAL | 23RD– 27TH SEP |
| • COFFEE AFTERNOON | 30TH SEP 3:15PM |
| • PARENTS' EVENING | TUE 8TH OCT UNTIL 6PM |
| • PARENTS' EVENING | THU 10TH OCT UNTIL 8PM |
| • VOCABULARY DAY | FRI 11TH OCT |
| • HALF TERM | 14TH-18TH OCT |
| • PFA FIREWORKS | TUE 5TH NOV |
| • PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR | SAT 30TH NOV |
| • TERM ENDS | FRI 20TH DEC |
| • FIRST DAY OF TERM | TUE 7H JAN |



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Uniform

In response to the parents' forum, we made the decision at the end of last year to allow polishable black trainers as well as black shoes. This was to ensure that footwear was affordable. I have copied the section from our policy below.

Black school shoes or black polishable trainers only. Sensible plain, black boots may be worn (no Ugg style boots) No sandals or canvas trainers/shoes.

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct shoes for school.

PFA

Look out for the exciting PFA events this term including a firework night and Christmas fair!

Year 2 trip

Our Year 2s enjoyed the first trip of the year to Bosworth Water Park. The children had a great time and were very well behaved.

Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of income support, child tax credits (Income less than £16190) or job seekers allowance benefits, you might be entitled to claim for free school meals. This will help your child and the school as it will bring in extra pupil premium funding for the school to support your child's progress. We also give £20 towards uniform each year and all school day trips are offered at half price. Our residential trips receive a £160 discount. Even if your circumstances change after claiming free school meals, your child will still qualify for the extra funding for up to 6 years.

With everyone getting a free meal in FS, Year 1 and Year 2 we are seeing less parents taking up an entitlement to free school meals. Please take up your entitlement, it really helps us with supporting children in the classrooms.

Sarah in the office is happy to support anyone with making the phone call to get registered for free school meals or to offer advice and support.

Coffee afternoon

We are hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon on Monday 30th September after school in the Year 5/6 building. Please come along and support this great cause.

