



Stafford Leys Primary School Newsletter

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School Update

I have been really impressed with how our children have returned to school this term. It has felt like a much more normal start to a year with only a few minor adjustments. I have felt privileged taking new parents on tours of the school and I know they have been blown away by the attitude of our children and all of their work on display.

This year, the new systems around Covid really feel like they are putting children's education first and although we have had some cases, I think for now, the system is working very well.

Covid and winter illnesses

We have had several cases of Covid this year and we are now also seeing colds spreading. Frustratingly, the symptoms for both are very similar. We ask that you continue to check with lateral flow tests if your child develops cold like symptoms. It really helps to put everyone's mind at rest when we know this is happening. If you are able to let the school know if your child has a cough but has tested negative on a lateral flow it will avoid us having the need to ring to check!

Traffic and Children

I was really worried when I heard that one of our former pupils had been hit by a car in LFE after school. It is really important that we all do everything we can to keep children safe.

- Talk to your children about road safety. As people return to work, there is more traffic on our roads than last year.
- Please think about your parking. Does it block the view of families crossing the road around schools.
- Consider your speed in residential areas. 30mph is the absolute maximum speed. It doesn't mean that it is safe at all times and in all conditions. The start and end of the school day is clearly a time when 30mph is too fast.

School Admissions

We are currently taking prospective new parents on tours of the school. If you know anyone with children due to start school next year, please encourage them to contact the school for a tour.

Parents of Year 6 children need to be applying for secondary school places now. The deadline for applications is October 15th.

Devon

I am very excited to be joining our Year 6 trip to Devon. This will be our first residential since the start of the pandemic and pupils and staff are very excited! Miss Bignell and Mrs Hardy will remain in school to run things while I am away.

In Other News...

We have said goodbye to Miss Fox who has secured her dream job at a school in Leicester. We are all very pleased for her.



I hope that you and your team celebrate the progress you have made. I am sure you will agree that the progress made will benefit every pupil at the school.

I wish you every success in your continuing drive for further improvement in the months and years ahead.

Due to the pandemic, schools continue to face difficulties and I want to thank you for making sure the school takes all the necessary measures to support its staff and pupils, especially those that are vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

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Sport

Interschool sport has restarted! I was lucky enough to take a team of 10 Year 6s to the area football tournament. After 4 tough matches, including 2 penalty shoot outs, Stafford Leys were crowned area champions! The team will go on to compete in the county finals in November. Thank you to all of the parents for transport and vocal support and of course Mr Thorne for organising.

Uniform

We sent out our uniform expectations last term, before the summer holiday. These have been previously agreed by governors and have taken on board parents' views. I have attached our uniform expectations with this newsletter. These are also viewable on our website.

- Children should be in black shoes or plain black trainers that can be polished. Children should not be coming to school in canvas, mesh or coloured trainers.
- PE kit must be plain white or light blue t-shirt or polo shirt. There should be no sport team tops or designer gear. Tracksuits, when needed should be plain black or blue.

School trips

Year 3 are looking forward to a trip to Derbyshire and the wonderful Dovedale. I will be joining the children as it has been one of my favourite places since I was a child and I know the children will get so much out of the visit.

Year 4 are planning a museum visit this term with details coming out to parents very soon. They also have an exciting residential planned for the Spring Term.

The other year groups will also have at least one trip planned this year and we will share more details when we have them. In all cases, if you or the school have to cancel due to a positive case of Covid 19, refunds will be issued.

Responsibilities

One of the things I missed the most during the last few years has been the responsibilities that lots of our children take on. In the coming weeks, lots of children will be appointed to roles such as; House Captain, Librarian, Anti-bullying ambassadors, Learning Mentors, French ambassadors

Ofsted

Our recent Ofsted report has now been published and is viewable on Ofsted's site. It was slightly delayed due to Leicestershire's summer holiday starting earlier than they realised. We have also received a letter of congratulations from Amanda Spielman, the head of Ofsted, following its publication.



Diary Dates:

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| • YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL | 27TH SEP-1ST OCT |
| • LATE PARENTS' EVENING | TUE 12TH OCT |
| • EARLY PARENTS' EVENING | THU 14TH OCT |
| • HALF TERM | 18TH-22ND OCT |
| • SCHOOL PHOTOS | TUE 26TH OCT |
| • FLU VACCINATIONS | TUE 16TH NOV |
| • LAST DAY OF TERM | TUE 21ST DEC |
| • CHILDREN RETURN | THU 6TH JAN |