



# Stafford Leys Primary School Newsletter

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## School Update

It was great to have so many parents back in school this half term, either through afternoon class visits or at parents' evening. At school, the children have been enjoying a packed half term full of trips, exciting theme days and sporting opportunities. I hope you all get to enjoy a relaxing half term!

## Year 6

The Year 6 children have begun their year really positively. We can see from our early testing, that the children are on track for some great results in July! Lots of the children went to Devon and experienced living on a farm, together with some exciting day trips. Children in school enjoyed a week of experiments, craft and outdoor learning.

## Year 3

All of our Year 3s visited Derbyshire as part of their geography topic. The children were a credit to the school. On the second day, the rain just kept on falling but the children kept their spirits up and still managed to complete their geography field trip activities.

## Year 4

The Year 4s have been learning about the Egyptians and also visited the New Walk Museum. The staff made a point of contacting me to let me know how well behaved our children were. In the workshop, the children really impressed the teacher with their knowledge!

## Attendance

Attendance is very important and is being treated seriously and with prominence at Trust and national level. Every day counts and children who attend regularly are more likely to succeed and realise their full potential.

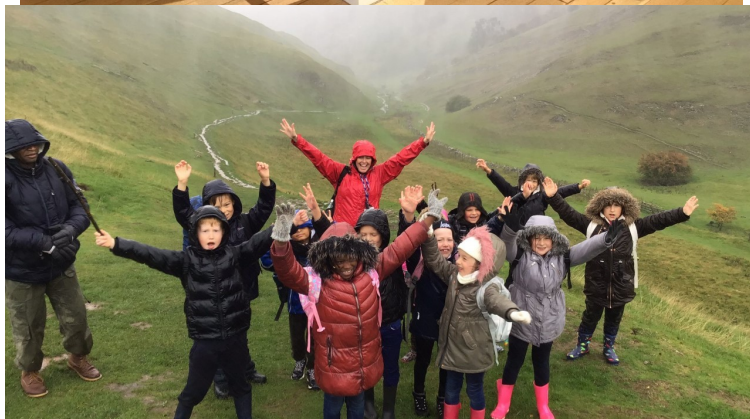
As a school, we have a target for 97%. Parents can track their individual child/ren's attendance on Arbor. We will share this information every half term, but you can find this on your Arbor App. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and are likely to incur a fine. Currently that is around £60 per parent per child.

## Library Visits

Our Year 1s and 2s have been visiting the local library. The library have ordered books that match our curriculum so please check them out! Jane from the library has been publishing this through assemblies in school. After half term, our EYFS will be visiting the library.

## In Other News...

Mr Doxey's wife gave birth to their second daughter called Matilda. The family are enjoying some time together before Mr Doxey returns to work after half term.







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## Sport

The KS2 children have had lots of opportunities this half term to take part in competitive sport. Lots of children have also had the opportunity to represent the school at tournaments and cross country races.

I was lucky enough to be involved in the cross country events. I was really proud of all of the children that braved the long races, early on a Saturday morning.

Our Year 6 boys football team won their league at the recent cup competition at Bosworth. In the finals, they were unlucky to concede a goal in the last few seconds of their final match. They eventually finished 3rd. Well done boys!

In school, children have been competing at lunch times to win the basketball shields. The children have really enjoyed this opportunity and we can see more children using the basketball hoops outside at break and lunch times.



## Responsibilities

All children in Year 5 and 6 will have a responsibility in school this year. We have lots of children who are supporting younger children in lessons and on the playground. The last few children will have a role after half term. These children are making a real difference to our school!

## Uniform

The school has shared its uniform expectations regularly and has worked with parents to create a uniform that is as cheap as possible and also doesn't put pressure on other children and families. Our PE kit has been selected to again ensure it is accessible by everyone and doesn't add a financial burden to families. These expectations are shared every year and were shared at the end of last term and also at the beginning of this term. These can be found on our website.

After half term, teachers will be asking you to rectify uniform directly. If children continue to come to school in clothes/shoes that don't match the uniform, we will be contacting parents to take children home to change or to bring in the correct uniform.

## Rebecca Adlington

Rebecca Adlington visited our school to talk about water safety and her experiences at the Olympics. Our children got to see her medals and hear her talk about her experiences. A few lucky children even got to hold her medals, a once in a lifetime opportunity! Our children sang, "Power In Me." Rebecca said it was the best school singing she had ever heard! Mrs Burrows was very proud.

We gave out a leaflet about swimming at Bosworth Academy. This included a free lesson. There are still a few leaflets in the school office if you missed out.



### Diary Dates:

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| • HALF TERM        | 17TH-21ST OCT |
| • SCHOOL PHOTOS    | FRI 28TH OCT  |
| • PFA FIREWORKS    | THU 3RD NOV   |
| • FLU VACCINATIONS | THU 10TH NOV  |
| • PANTO VISIT      | MON 12TH DEC  |
| • LAST DAY OF TERM | FRI 16TH DEC  |
| • CHILDREN RETURN  | WED 4TH JAN   |