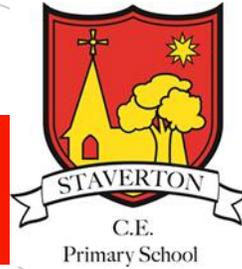


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Our  
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Everyday

# Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

February 2024

"Above all be loving, this ties everything together perfectly"

Colossians 3:14

**Responsibility; Friendship; Honesty; Compassion; Respect; Perseverance**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely break over half-term – it is a shame the sun didn't shine a little more but it is great to see the lighter mornings and evenings!

I would just like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to FOSS (Friends of Staverton School) and to all of you for the funds raised for our school. Your support is very much appreciated, and I just wanted to let you know what a positive difference all of your support is making. During half term, we had some new flooring and it looks fantastic! The entrance to our school is the first thing that people see when they visit our school, so it really does make a massive difference - our school now looks loved and well cared for! The big frieze is now up in our school hall. The frieze presents a view of the 'big story' of the bible and the concepts that are explored in our Understanding Christianity materials. One final treat for the end of this term is a whole school performance of The Railway Children - this will be such a treat so thank for the funds to do this. I know that FOSS have lots of lovely ideas for the future and I also know that they need your support. If you have some time to spare, however small, I know this would be greatly appreciated. Please just let Carolyn, myself or one of the FOSS members know.

Thank you so much to those parents who came to school on the last day of term to help do some tidying up – it was so kind of you and very much appreciated.

I am keen to spruce up the classroom walls with a new lick of paint! If any of you are available to help me do some painting please could you drop Carolyn an e-mail? Once I know numbers I can buy the paint and brushes etc so that we are good to go! The more the merrier!

10 of the eggs hatched! We hope all the children in our school are enjoying this spring treat!

With all good wishes for a lovely spring half term,

Mrs Nelmes

## Music:

Monday

Brass

Tuesday

Guitar lessons

Wednesday

Violin lessons

Thursday

Piano / Keyboard lessons

## Dates for the diary:

7th March – World Book Day

W/c 11th March – Book Fair

21st March – Poetry Day

25th March – Railway Children

**Congratulations  
to all the children  
who were Stars of  
the Week this  
month!**

## Clubs:

Monday

**New lunchtime TTRockstars and Spelling  
Shed club for children in KS2**

Years 2,3,4,5,& 6 Archery

(3:15-4:15 - Mr Canning)

Tuesday

Yr2,3,4,5&6 Dodgeball

(3:15-4:15 - Mr Canning)

Wednesday

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics

(3:15 – 4:15 - GLK Coaching)

## Values

Our value this half term is

**Honesty**

We are looking forward to our new  
Worship Leaders leading Collective  
Worship this half term.

## Birthday Corner:

Wishing the following children a  
very Happy Birthday!

Mia, Elodie and Rory



**Give It 100%  
to Get 100%**



# Attendance Matters

Our attendance is improving – thank you for all of your support!

Following our Mental Health Support Team Parent Workshop last week, some Parents mentioned that their children are struggling with sleep. Please click on the link below for some support with this:

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: My child has trouble going to sleep](#)



## Safety Internet Day – 6th February 2024

As Parents and Carers, we play a crucial role in supporting children to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully and safely to ensure children's wellbeing and safety in the online world.

Please take a look at the suggested link below from Safety Internet Day where you will find a range of resources to use with your children at home.

[Resources - Safer Internet Day](#)



**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2024** | **Tuesday**  
6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

# Poppies

This month has flown by with Poppies finishing their topic on 'The Frozen Planet'. We have learnt about penguins and their habitat in the South Pole and then moved on to looking at polar bears. We even compared our footprints to theirs. They have HUGE feet!

We finished our last week with creating bookmarks. They practiced our sewing skills by weaving and then after designing the bookmarks they created their final pieces using running stitch. I was very impressed with their fine motor skills and their focus.

We have now ended February with the most exciting experience of the year. We have had eggs delivered! As I type this, we are watching the chicks hatch and will share the photographs with you next month.



# Sunflowers

We have had another great month in Sunflowers' Class.

The children had a lot of fun making their own Ferris wheels in our DT lessons. All of the children produced some amazing pieces of writing in our Free Writing day and really showed off their imaginations. The children also loved our class reader 'Lizzie and Lucky Pet Detectives' and we are very excited to start our new book 'Pippi Longstocking'.

In Geography, the children really enjoyed learning about the countries in the UK and about their human and physical features. As a class, we have all really enjoyed our gymnastics unit in PE.



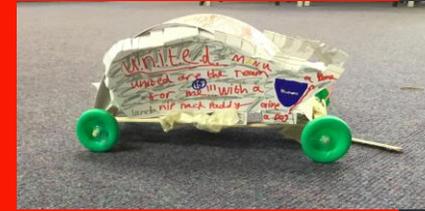
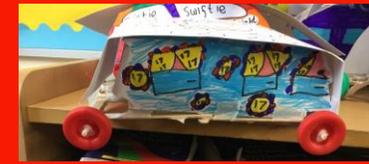
# Roses

Roses' have had another busy month. The children thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons, these ended with a water safety lesson where the children learnt valuable information and showed excellent listening skills. Samba drumming is going really well, the children are really enjoying it and it sounds fabulous. The children will be working towards a performance to parents at the end of this term (more information to follow!) Before half term, we finished our class reader 'Podkin one-ear.' The children thoroughly enjoyed the story, and I am looking forward to seeing what they think of our new text 'Charlotte's Web.'

In history, we have created Roman shields and enjoyed re-creating Roman army formations. This has shown us how they easily defeated Boudicca! The children have now almost completed their slingshot cars, these took a lot of perseverance to make, and I am really proud of all of the children's hard work!

The children have enjoyed our daily updates on the chicks and can't wait to hold them!

Well, done for another great month Roses'!



# Bluebells



The biggest excitement in February was finally getting to build our playground structures for DT, the children loved learning how to safely use hot glue guns! They produced some brilliant designs and showed great imagination and perseverance in assembling them.

In English, children produced some excellent newspaper articles based around the escape of the enemy in our book *Orphans of the Tide*, showing lots of progress with their understanding of what a newspaper article looks like (when not on a screen!).

In Geography, the children have particularly enjoyed their studies of different mountains, with many asking to go on a trip to Snowdon – perhaps you're looking for a holiday idea!

# Sport at Staverton



Children in Roses' Class have had a brilliant afternoon showing bucketfuls of **DETERMINATION**. We are so proud of you all!

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