

# Live

Learning  
Inspiring  
Voyaging  
Educating



# Love

Live  
Our  
Values  
Everyday

# Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

September 2023

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

Colossians 3:14

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school term! The new children in Nursery and Reception have settled in beautifully and the older children in our school have been wonderful 'big friends' in helping them to learn the Staverton way.

Our Value this half term is Respect and I have been amazed at how the children have been living this value both in and out of school. This is particularly noticeable at the start and end of each school day when the children have been sharing some lovely 'good mornings' with me. Well done to all those children who have been recognised for going above and beyond and who have enjoyed a hot chocolate with me on a Monday break time.

A very warm welcome to Miss Phillip who is already making such a positive difference to the children in Sunflowers and the wider school community – it is lovely to have you at Staverton Primary School Rachael.

We had a wonderful whole school Art Day designing and making a felt banner to reflect our Vision – it is very nearly dry so will hopefully be taking pride of place in our school entrance hall very soon for you all to see!

On a sad note, Mrs James' has made the difficult decision to leave Staverton Primary School to spend more time with her family. Mrs James has worked at Staverton Primary School for over sixteen years and has made such a huge difference to our little school. We would all like to thank her for everything she has done and we wish her every happiness.

Mrs Vaughan will now be working full time in the office and already has made a super start.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

With all good wishes,

Ruth Nelmes

Headteacher

## **Music:**

**Tuesday**

Guitar lessons

**Wednesday**

Violin lessons

**Thursday**

Piano / Keyboard lessons

## **Dates for the diary:**

18 October – Parents' Evening 4.30 – 6.30

19 October – Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.00

20 October – School closes for Half Term

30 October – School re-opens for pupils

8 November – Bluebells' Swimming Lessons

Commence

15 November – NMPAT Brass Recital

6 December – Flu Immunisations

12 December – Touring Theatre Peter Pan

## **Clubs:**

**Monday**

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

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

**Tuesday**

KS2 Basebell

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

**Wednesday**

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics

(3:15 – 4:15 - GLK Coaching)

**Thursday**

KS2 Tag Rugby

(3:15-4:15 – Mrs Clark)

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

## **Values**

Our value this half term is

**Respect**

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!

Elizabeth; Lilly; George; Ferne; Keira; Charlie



# Meet Miss Phillip

**Hello! I am Miss Phillip.**

**I joined Staverton in September and teach  
Sunflowers' Class.**

**I love the outdoors and I love football!**

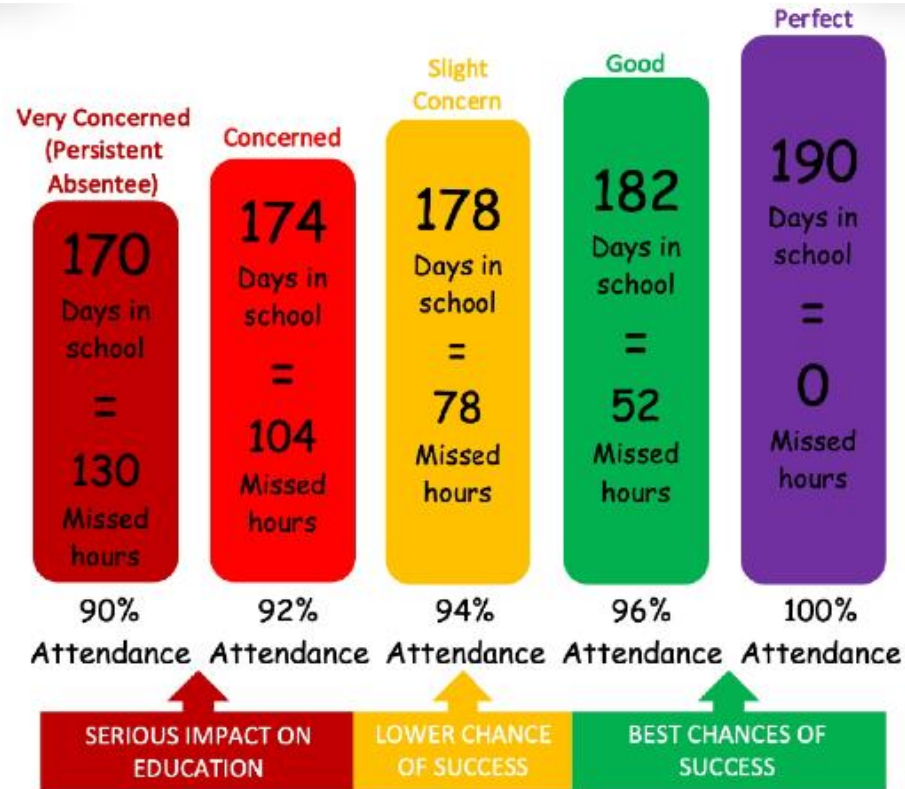
**My favourite things to do include walking, rock  
climbing, kayaking and spending time with my  
friends and family.**

**I have been to lots of cool places including Japan,  
Hong Kong, Finland and Czechia.**

**I have wanted to be a teacher since I was in primary  
school.**

**I really want to go to Iceland to see the northern  
lights.**





## Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves
- Learn how to be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

A two-week holiday in term-time means the **highest** attendance your child can get is **94.7%**. This is 65 hours of missed school time.

# Attendance Matters



# E-safety checklist to keep children safe online.

Setting up devices for children will help them get the best out of their digital experiences. Use this e-safety checklist to get started.

## Set Up Safe Checklist

internet  
matters.org

Set your child up for online safety with these simple tasks

### Manage broadband & mobile networks



At home, access your broadband network and set applicable controls.



On the go, set up controls on the relevant mobile network.

See step-by-step guides to help

### Prepare their device



Explore the device controls and settings to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional parental control apps for further protection.

Explore step-by-step guides for social media and video gaming

### Talk & learn regularly

Together, learn about online safety issues that might impact your child.

Together, explore privacy and safety settings on their favourite platforms.

Ask them to teach you about their favourite online platforms to create an open environment for conversation.

Keep these conversations going for continuous support.



Visit [internetmatters.org](https://internetmatters.org) for more advice

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# Poppies

What an amazing start Poppies have had to their first term in Reception or Nursery! They have all made lots of new friends and have shown our term's value of respect.

We have loved exploring our new classroom and the resources and have been on our first Tuesday trekker walks.

This term is all about story telling. We have listened to lots of stories and are beginning to retell them with our friends through our play. We have our very own castle and in a few weeks time we'll look forward to a visit from a 'real life' King or Queen!

We have also explored colour. This has been through sorting in maths, painting in art and even observing flowers changing colour.





# Sunflowers

Sunflowers' class have made a great start to the year. In English, we are learning how to write a character description, so we have been practising writing full sentences accurately and learning how to use adjectives and conjunctions. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value, consolidating our understanding of numbers. Our science lessons have been all about materials and the children have enjoyed testing different materials and naming their properties. In RE, we are learning about Islam. The children created some lovely artwork about places that we can find God and the 99 names of Allah.





# Roses

Roses have had an amazing start to the new year showing our value of respect incredibly well. We have been so busy already! In English we have been reading *An alien in a jam factory* and we are thoroughly enjoying it.

Our writing has been focused on character descriptions, so we have been generating expanded noun phrases and using them to form cohesive sentences. Maths has been based on place value and the children have worked incredibly hard.

We were so lucky to have a whole day Diwali workshop and I think you can tell from the photos; the children really enjoyed it! We are really looking forward to the parade in November to show off all of the hard work! Well done, Roses!





# Bluebells



Bluebells class have made a fantastic start to the year, settling in well and showing some super teamwork in class. In science the children have enjoyed learning about classification and how we can use observations to classify plants. In history we have begun our learning about Ancient Greece, exploring the differences between Modern Greece and the countries that made up Ancient Greece, as well as exploring what life was like in Ancient Greek cities and what caused their lives to be lived that way. In English we have been enjoying reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and have been exploring diary entries and practising diary writing features in readiness for our own writing later in the term. We really enjoyed trying out felting on our school art day, below are some of faces which Bluebells created, that have been used to create the new school felt art piece.



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