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Learning
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Love

Live
Our
Values
Everyday

Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

October 2024

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

Colossians 3:14

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first term we have enjoyed at Staverton Primary School!

We had our very first MacMillan Coffee Afternoon which was a roaring success! Thank you to all of you for all your kind donations of cakes, biscuits and samosas – they went down a treat and we had very little left over which is always a good sign! Bluebells' ran this event brilliantly and we received lots of lovely feedback regarding how the children showed our school values of responsibility, respect and friendship. We raised over £450 which we have already donated to MacMillan. A huge thank you to you for coming and supporting this worthwhile charity.

We are fortunate to have received a very kind donation from The Wilson Foundation. This money enabled Dave from Raptorxotics to visit every class with his animals – the feedback from the children was wonderful and they all seemed to really enjoy the experience whilst learning lots of new knowledge about animals and their habitats. The remainder of the donation we are using to fund a whole day Stone Age Workshop for the children in Roses' Class after half term.

We have a new holiday club running Monday-Wednesday over half term. Here is the link if you would like your children to attend:

Craftability.bookwhen.com

The two ladies who run this club are wonderful, both work in another school in our Trust, and I am sure your children will enjoy their offer of Art and Crafts. Please note this is for children from Reception to Y6.

We will also be having our hall decorated over half term – we are gradually working around our school developing and improving the learning environment for the children. School Council have chosen our new playground markings so hopefully it won't be too long now before these are added to!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parent's Evening first week back after the half term break. Please note Monday 4th November is a teacher training day so we very much look forward to seeing you all on the 5th November.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break,

Ruth Nelmes

Headteacher

Holiday Club at Staverton during October half term



Dates for the diary

HALF TERM

Monday, 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

4th November INSET DAY

School returns on Tuesday, 5th November 2024

5th & 7th November

Parents' Evening

6th November

Bluebells' Swimming starts – every Wednesday for the term.

8th November

Wonderdome experience for Sunflowers & Bluebells

11th November

9 – 10 am PINS Coffee morning

15th November

1:45-2:45 – SEND coffee and cake meeting for all parents who have children with special needs

19th November

Roses visit to the Hindu Madir in Northampton

SUNDAY

24th November

Church Service at school

10th December

Christmas Panto at school

Values

Our value this half term is

Respect

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

Music

Monday

Brass lessons

Tuesday

Guitar lessons

Thursday

Violin lessons

Piano / Keyboard lessons

After school Clubs

Monday

Years 2,3,4,5,& 6 Football
(3:15-4:15 - Freestyle)

Tuesday

KS2 Basketball
(3:15-4:15 - Freestyle)

Wednesday

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics
(3:15 – 4:15 - GLK Coaching)

Lunchtime Club

Friday

Years 2,3,4,5,& 6

Freestyle Drama

STARS OF THE WEEK

As we had to cancel celebration assembly last week - those children who were Stars of the Week will have this celebrated first week back after half term.

Attendance Matters

Thank you for your help in supporting good attendance at Staverton Primary School. The table to the right shows how our school is fairing compared to other local authority schools.

Local authority comparison

Compare your attendance and absence in the same phase of education (primary or secondary) in your local authority. Data is from schools sharing daily attendance data with DfE. Results show data for the academic year-to-date, for compulsory school age pupils.

[How we calculate your position.](#)

Filters ^①

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| Special educational needs (SEN) support | Free school meals (FSM) |
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| Attendance measure | Percentage | Ranking ^① |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Overall attendance | 98.0% | You are ranked 4 out of 139 schools |
| Overall absence | 2.0% | You are ranked 4 out of 139 schools |
| Authorised absence | 0.9% | You are ranked 1 out of 139 schools |
| Unauthorised absence | 1.2% | You are ranked 60 out of 139 schools |
| Persistently absent | 5.1% | You are ranked 6 out of 139 schools |
| Severely absent | 0.0% | You are ranked 1 out of 139 schools |

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

internetmatters.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://www.internetmatters.org) for more advice

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Poppies

We have thoroughly enjoyed our last few weeks learning everything about story-telling and fairy tales. We have made towers for Rapunzel, drawn pictures of our favourite Princesses to send to our class Fairy and have made Royal cakes in the mud kitchen.

During our Tuesday Trekker walks we have been exploring signs of Autumn. We have explored the 'helicopter' seeds from a sycamore tree and have spotted berries for the birds to eat.

Our biggest success this month is our phonics. We are now officially readers and writers!!! We have loved writing about our story 'On the way home' and have even written independently in our free time.

We have finished the term with a Prince and Princess day which has included castle making, cutting Rapunzel's hair, exploring Cinderella's pumpkin, crown making, necklace making and much much more. I think you'll agree, we all looked amazing!



Sunflowers

We have had another great few weeks in Sunflowers' Class. The children have all worked really hard.

We have really enjoyed learning all about living things in Science this term and loved going outside to look for different animals that we could find in Autumn/Winter time.

We also had LOTS of fun making our windmills in DT this term and the children all did an amazing job.

In History, we have learned all about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission. The children were all amazed when we tried to make the height of the Saturn 5 rocket (111m) on the field.

In English, the children have really enjoyed our key text 'Aliens Love Underpants' and have created some amazing writing based on this.

Another highlight of our term was meeting all of the amazing animals that Dave brought in to show them.



Roses



We have had a fantastic first half-term in Roses and have had lots of fun in our learning!

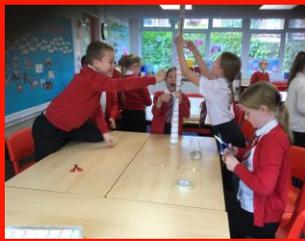
A highlight of our term was the visit from Dave and his animals when the children got to meet lots of interesting creatures!

We have continued our learning of Portal Stories in English and role played going back into time to tell a recount of our experiences. We have enjoyed our class text - 'Omar - Accidental Trouble-Maker'. The children have used this to inspire further recount writing as well as further our understanding of different faiths and relationships. In Maths we have looked at lots of different strategies for addition and subtraction. History has been particularly exciting, and we have acted out hunting and gathering as Stone Age people, made a model Stonehenge from biscuits, built straw shelters and created some Stone Age inspired artwork. Our learning in Science has continued and we have looked at how distance affects volume and designed scientific investigations to explore this.

I'm sure you will agree that the children have worked incredibly hard and have lots of new knowledge! Well done, Roses!



Bluebells



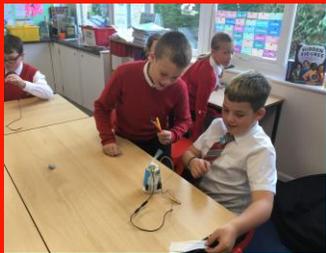
What a busy term we have had! The children have all worked incredibly hard and had lots of enjoyable experiences in their learning.

Our class text-'Holes' has been a real hit this term and the children are all looking forward to watching the film to make comparisons between the two. This text has been a great link to our History learning of crime and punishment. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic!

In Science, the children have learnt all about the circulatory system, they have experimented with the effect of exercise on their heart rates and dissected a pig heart to identify the different parts.

In DT, the children created 'Doodlers' using electrical circuits, they showed real perseverance! All of the children enjoyed the visit from Dave with his animals and learnt so much.

I think you will all agree that the children did an amazing job in leading the Macmillan coffee afternoon. The children represented our school perfectly and displayed our school values throughout the afternoon. We were all very proud of them!





Sport at Staverton

Some of our KS2 children took part in a football tournament against other local schools on the 17th October. They played phenomenally and we are extremely proud of how they represented the school.

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