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Our
Values
Everyday

Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

September 2024

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

Colossians 3:14

Responsibility; Friendship; Honesty; Compassion; Respect; Perseverance

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing start to a new school year we have had at Staverton Primary School!

Our new children in Nursery and Reception have settled in brilliantly and it is wonderful to see them enjoying new experiences and making new friends. Watching 'Big Friends' supporting their 'Little Friends' has been a joy to see. We also warmly welcome Mrs Pepper, our new Class Teacher in Roses' Class, and Mrs Van Vurren our Higher-Level Teaching Assistant to our school. We also welcome Freestyle, one of the leading sports and arts providers in Northamptonshire.

Over the summer holidays Poppies, Sunflowers and Bluebells' classrooms were all decorated and Bluebells finally had their delivery of new tables and chairs last week – you should have heard the cheer from the children! We also had our playground resurfaced with additional drainage – thank goodness following the week of rain we have had! New playground markings will follow shortly.

We now have new House Captains, new Worship Leaders and a new School Council and Eco Club for the new school year! We look forward to supporting the children in the weeks ahead with their ideas and plans.

Our value this half term is Respect and it has been wonderful hearing how the children have 'lived' this value both at school and at home. We hope you like our new value stickers displayed in every classroom!

We have lots of exciting events planned for the weeks ahead – please do check diary dates shared in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd October at 9:00 am for our Partnership for Inclusion for Neurodiversity in Schools coffee morning and on the 11th October at 2pm for our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon which our children in Bluebells will be running – please may we kindly ask for cake donations on the day.

Thank you for all our new followers on Instagram – please do follow us on Instagram at [stavertonprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/stavertonprimaryschool)

With all good wishes.

Ruth Nelmes

Headteacher

Dates for the diary

27th September

School aged immunisation at school

30th September

Poppies phonics parent meeting at 6pm

2nd October

9:00 am Partnership for Inclusion for Neurodiversity in Schools - coffee morning

4th October

Life Education Tent will be returning!

9th October

RAPTORXOTICS whole school visit

11th October

2 pm MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
All welcome – please may we ask for cake donations on the day.

5th & 7th November

Parents' Evening

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 – starting soon,
don't forget to sign your child up
if they would like to join!

Please help to keep our children safe by parking considerately.



Staverton CE Primary

PARKING

Safe parking is in line with our School Charter →

- We have the right to be safe.
- We have the responsibility to act safely on our own and with others.

The safety of our children is paramount. With the shorter daylight hours that winter brings, children are arriving and leaving school in low-light conditions, adding an extra challenge to keeping children safe on the roads.

Deaths and accidents on our roads	On our roads in 2014:
85,814 child injuries on roads within a 500m radius of schools in the period 2007 to 2013, the equivalent of 1190 per month.	Only 1 in 5 schools had no children injured in accidents within that distance over the same period.
	2029 Children Seriously injured 53 Children Killed 20% of these happen going to/from school.

One way of preventing accidents on the road is considerate and safe parking:

The highway code, which we should all know as drivers, states that:

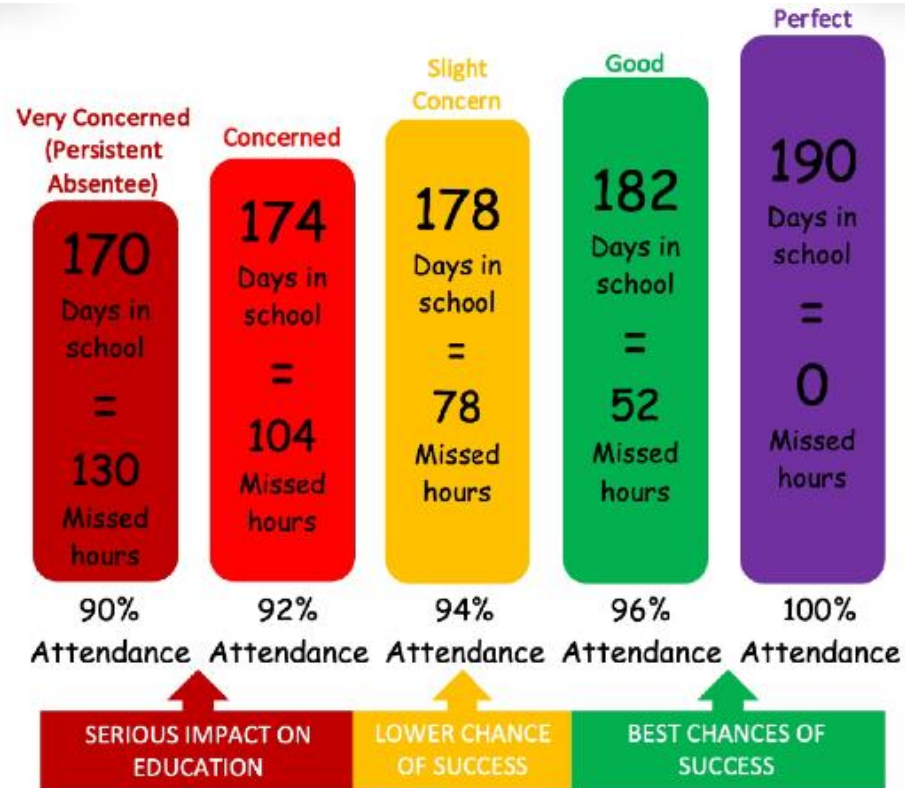
You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings... (Rule 238)

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend. (Rule 243)

Where should I park?

Ideally you should park on Daventry Road or Braunston Lane (the areas marked green on the map)



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 for more advice

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Poppies

Poppies have had an amazing start to their first term for many at Staverton Primary school. This term all of our learning is linked around story telling and fairy tales. We have been learning lots of Nursery Rhymes and are enjoying our class text George and the Dragon. A huge hit in the classroom has been our dressing up basket. The children have enjoyed playing different characters and replicating this in the small world area.

The children have made lots of new friends in the first few weeks and it has been a pleasure to see their writing progressing in phonics already.

What a great start! Keep up the hard work Poppies!



Sunflowers

The children in Sunflowers' Class have had an amazing first few weeks and have settled in really well.

In English, we have been writing sentences based on our text 'The Darkest Dark' which the children have really enjoyed. They have created some amazing sentences about our text and have been working really hard on their letter formation. We also loved creating our own planets using paint and sponges.

Our maths lessons have been centred around place value and consolidating the children's understanding of numbers up to 20. The children have particularly enjoyed doing some active learning in our maths lessons.

In science, we have been looking at living things and learning how to group animals. We also learned about the structure of different animals and how they are different.

In history, we are learning about Neil Armstrong and the time that he lived in. The children loved doing our 'art gallery' activity to explore what the 1960s was like.



Roses

Roses have settled in very well ! Year 4's have delighted me with how mature and hard-working they are and Year 3 have made a fantastic start to Key Stage Two!

We have had lots of fun writing Portal Stories in English and the children are showing great imagination in their writing.

We have also been learning lots of interesting facts about The Stone Age period and where this fits into British chronology – the children have been archeological super sleuths investigating prehistorical artefacts and finding out what they tell us about Stone Age life.

Science has been lots of fun too! We have been learning about Sound – we have investigated how vibrations create sound waves and have experimented with string telephones to see how this works in practice. We have also investigated how different pitches are created and explored how musical instruments produce different sounds. We have also been keeping active in our PE lessons learning new ball skills and playing invasion games.

Keep working hard, Roses!



Bluebells

Bluebells have made a fantastic start to the new school Year. It has been an incredibly busy few weeks!

The children created and presented speeches to run for school council and to be house captains and the children were incredibly responsible about this. The children are very excited about their new responsibilities and are all showing a mature attitude.

Bikeability was a great success, the children demonstrated new skills and learn a lot about riding on the roads safely.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our history, learning about crime and punishment in the Tudor times and are looking forward to more learning in the coming weeks.

We have been enjoying our new class reader 'Holes' and can't wait to find out what happens next!

In Science, we have been learning about the circulatory system and are gaining a good understanding of how the heart works.



Sport at Staverton

School Games Silver Award!

We are delighted to announce that we achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.



Sport at Staverton



We have got lots of exciting sporting opportunities coming up this term including a KS1 Rugby Festival and some Year 5/6 Football Tournaments and lots more!



We are also very excited that we will be becoming a Forest School this year!

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