

# Live

Learning  
Inspiring  
Voyaging  
Educating



# Love

Live  
Our  
Values  
Everyday

# Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

January 2023

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

Colossians 3:14

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy first few weeks of the new year at Staverton Primary School! It is lovely to welcome back Mrs Wookey to Sunflowers and Mrs Gresham to Roses.

The children have been learning how to speak out and keep stay safe this term. We watched the NSPCC video with Ant and Dec and learnt about Childline with Bluebells having a follow up workshop led by the NSPCC. We have also revisited our Safety Networks and Protective Behaviours with all the children in our classes. Later this month our focus will be Internet Safety culminating in Safer Internet Day on the 7th February where learning will be based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. More details to follow!

I am pleased to say that I am now able to do referrals to the Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) and our Educational Mental Health Practitioner have been in school this week starting 1:1 weekly sessions with children. If your child is struggling with low mood and/or worry and you feel they would benefit from this additional support please do let me know.

We had a brilliant day at Young Voices in Birmingham this month and the children who took part were an absolute credit to our school! We sang our hearts out with over 6,000 children from other schools. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the performance in the evening.

We hope you enjoy learning a little more about our staff team at Staverton – Mrs James is starting the ball rolling!



With all good wishes,

Ruth Nelmes

Headteacher

## Music:

Tuesday

Guitar lessons

Wednesday

Violin lessons

Thursday

Piano / Keyboard lessons

## Clubs:

Monday

KS2 Eco-Club

(12.00 - 12.30 - Mrs Nelmes)

Y2 & KS2 Archery

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

Tuesday

KS2 Basketball

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

KS1 – Photography

(3.15-4.15 - Mr Irvine)

Wednesday

KS1 Story Time

(12.30 - 1.00 - Mrs Clemons)

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics

(3:15 – 4:15 - GLK Coaching)

Thursday

KS2 TT Rockstars

(12.00 - 12.30 - Mrs Bell)

KS2 Football

(3:15-4:15 - Pro Goals)

KS1 – Computing

(12.30 - 1.00 - Mrs Wookey)

KS2 Storytime

(12.00 - 12.30 - Mrs Gresham)

## Values

Our value this half term is **Honesty**.

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

## Dates for the diary:

1 Feb: Y5 Maths Enrichment

7 Feb: Safer Internet Day

7 Feb: Parents Evening

9 Feb: Parents Evening

13 – 15 Feb: HALF TERM

23 Feb: KS1 Superheroes

7 Mar: KS2 Quick Sticks

15 Mar: KS2 Cross Country

28 Mar: KS2 Netball

29 Mar: Easter Service

31 Mar: Break for EASTER

HOLIDAYS

17 Apr: School Re-opens to children

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

## Birthday Corner:

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

Georgie, Maddie, Elias, Chase, Ava,  
Tom, Isla, Gracie, Seb.



# **Meet Mrs James**

❖ **I joined Staverton School in 2007**

❖ **When I was at school, my favourite subject was History**

❖ **Growing up my ambition was to be an Apache Helicopter Pilot**

❖ **A place I would like to visit is Switzerland. I would love to take a trip on 'The Chocolate Train' - cheese and chocolate are my favourite foods**

❖ **Even though I am an adult, I am still afraid of the dark**

❖ **When I was 16, I rode an MB50 Honda motorbike**

❖ **My favourite place is Africa**

# If You See Something Upsetting Online

1 **Stop**

Stop what you are doing.  
Do not click on the page  
or reply to any message.



2 **Close**

Close the laptop.  
Put your phone  
or tablet down.



3 **Tell**

Tell a grown-up.



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**Please share this  
message with your  
children so that they  
know what to do if they  
see something that they  
find upsetting online.**



# Poppies

This weekend, January 27 – 29th, is the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch event.

To encourage the children to look at the birds around them, we have been making bird feeders which we hung on the tree in the garden. We have been watching the birds come to the food and have been marking them off on a bird check list. We have also been using technology to make a bird nest. It was very colourful. We also made trees and a nest from Lego. We have been very creative this week with paper and scissors and have made beautiful butterflies and pictures of ourselves.





# Sunflowers

We have had a great start to the Spring term and getting used to the changes in the classroom. The children have adapted brilliantly and it's been great to be back! So far, we have been learning about Neil Armstrong and how his passion of flying led to him becoming an astronaut and making it to the moon. We will use some of this knowledge on our posters as part of our DT project. Some of our class were invited to a Boccia festival and they had a great time learning new skills and competing against other schools. We have also encountered an intruder in the classroom in the form of a purple Alien. This cheeky creature needed to be found so we have been writing character descriptions to help to try and locate him. The children have also been learning what it means to stay healthy and have been practicing how to feel their pulse to notice the difference before and after exercise.

## Important information

Just a polite reminder regarding uniform, PE kits and water bottles. Please can we check that all uniform, PE kits and water bottles are clearly named and that full PE kits are available in school for PE days. These need to include t-shirt, socks (for those wearing tights), trainers, suitable bottoms and a jumper for any activities that take place outside.

We are actively promoting a love for reading. Please can you send any books in from last term so that we can change them. These books will be changed every Thursday.

Thank you ☺





# Roses

Roses have had a fantastic start to the new year and have been a real pleasure to teach!

The children are really enjoying their weekly swimming lessons and it is lovely to see the progress they are all making. In English, we are enjoying the text 'The Wild Way Home' and have worked incredibly hard to create our own adventure stories based around this.

In art, the children have all enjoyed creating their own Stone Age art using a variety of materials.

We have begun learning about life in both The Bronze and Iron ages and how the introduction of new materials changed the way people lived.

We have also enjoyed meeting our class pet, Frank, the African snail.

Well done Roses!







## Bluebell Class



Bluebells have made a great start to 2023. In English, we have been exploring how to create suspense in our writing and reading our class text *Escape Room* by Christopher Edge. In history Bluebell Class have been learning all about the ancient civilisation of the Maya and earlier this week took part in a fantastic Maya Workshop hosted by Penny from Historic Workshops. Bluebell Class had a fabulous time learning how to become archaeologists, Maya culture and what life was like in Ancient Maya times.





# Sports at Staverton

At the beginning of December Roses and Bluebells took part in an intra-house cup competition, led by Northamptonshire Sport.



Following from some super displays of skill and tactics from both classes, in Roses Ruby House won with an impressive 15 points scored and in Bluebells Emerald House won with 13 points. Well done to all, a super enjoyable afternoon.

# Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December Bluebell Class took part in the Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics performance competition at Daventry Leisure Centre. The competition was split into field and running events and included events such as the standing long jump and the 4 x 1 lap hurdle relay. Staverton had a fantastic event showing some really important School Games values such as Team Work and Perseverance (especially those who took part in the 6 lap paarlauf) and impressively winning every race in our heats to come a fabulous overall 4<sup>th</sup> with a team score of 264 points. Well done Bluebells!





# Year 1 and 2 Boccia and Kurling Festival

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January Sunflower Class had the fantastic opportunity to try out some new sports at the Boccia and Kurling Festival. Super work Sunflowers.





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