



**STAVERTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Staverton Bell

3rd September 2021 7th edition

## New Beginnings



Sophie spotted a woodpecker on holiday!



Joshua drew a brilliant heron! Stunning!

Callum clearly had a fantastic family holiday. Here he is at the tank museum!

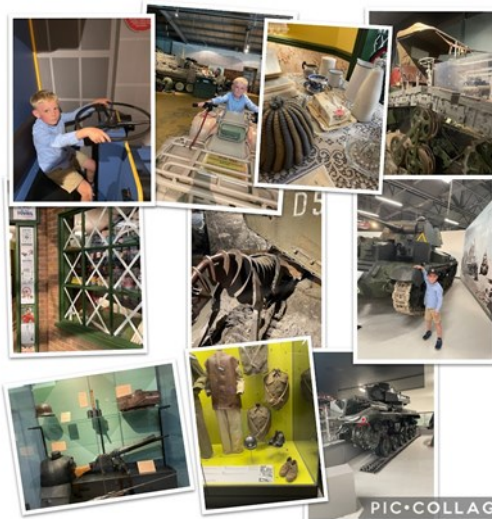
Welcome to the first Staverton Bell newsletter of the new school year! Let me take this opportunity to welcome you back to our school. A special welcome also to all of our new families. We're really looking forward to our new Robins class starting on Monday! The children have settled in brilliantly and are getting to know their new classes (and their new bird names!). One of the greatest joys has been that we have been able to have collective worship in the hall altogether for the first time in nearly 2 years. Children have also enjoyed seeing their brothers and sisters at breaktimes and lunchtimes; we all feel like one family again.

This newsletter hopefully proves to be a 'window into our world'. Throughout the year, we will update you with news, exciting developments and celebrate the goings-on of the school together.

Like the tree mural which stands very proudly in our school foyer, I hope that this year is one where we all experience that sense of belonging and unity that comes from being a part of a community school. I wish you all a fantastic school year.

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Mr Powe  
Head Teacher



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## Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucestershire, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Wiltshire and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email [foster@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:foster@nexusfostering.co.uk)

## Friends of Staverton School

So much of being a community school is about those whole school events that go above and beyond the school day. So much of this would not be possible without the support and hard work of our parents. Friends of Staverton School (FOSS) do so much incredible fundraising and planning for the school. If you would be interested in being a part of this friendly community then please get in touch with teachers or the office.

## Calling all parents

We're so excited that although many COVID procedures remain, we are now able to open up our doors more easily to our parents. We're looking for volunteers for all sorts of different things: hearing readers, helping on trips, supporting children with their learning and much, much more. If you are interested in offering your support or getting involved, then please speak to your child's class teacher.



## Ready to go

There were lots of developments over the holidays to our school site: New lighting, new heating, new alarm system, new wildlife area gate and new classroom furniture. The library is looking amazing and the new carpets have worn in well. A big thank you to all the staff who have helped to get the school shipshape over the summer.

## Hall of fame!

We know that so many children have so much to celebrate out of school and we would love to celebrate with you! Please send in photos and news of what your children have been up to, or post this on your child's google classroom page. Furthermore, I know that Miss Allen would love to present trophies and certificates in our Friday assembly.

## Whole school trip

### Slimbridge Wetlands

*I'm very excited to announce that Staverton will be going on a whole-school trip to Slimbridge! For many, this will be the first ever trip that they have been on. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to experience something together but also learn a lot about birds! We will going on two separate days in October for both KS1 and KS2 and it's about an hour and 15 minutes by coach. We will be very shortly providing details of the visit. In the meantime, you may want to have a look at their website. <https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge/>*



## New reception places

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2022? Then we would love to hear from you! Tour dates are planned for:

**11th October-2pm and 6pm**

**12th October- 2pm**

**1st Nov- 2pm and 6pm**

**2nd Nov- 2pm and 6pm**

**Please contact the school office if you are interested in signing up for one of these dates.**

**Also, please get in touch if you would like to visit us at a different time of talk to one of the team.**

# Dates for the Term

Mon 6th	Reception in full time
Thursday 9th September	INSET DAY
Friday 10th September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st September	Family collective worship-2.30pm (Kites Class)
Monday 27th September	Reading with your child workshop 5pm
Tuesday 5th October	Family collective worship 2.30pm (Eagles Class)
Thursday 7th October	School Census day
Friday 8th October	FOSS film night 6pm
Monday 11th October	New Reception Parents tours 2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 12th October	New Reception Parents tours 2pm
Wednesday 13th October	KS1 Trip to Slimbridge (TBC)
Thursday 14th October	KS2 Trip to Slimbridge (TBC)
Friday 15th October	Flu Jabs
Monday 18th October	Parents evening
Tuesday 19th October	Parents evening
Wednesday 20th October	Last day of term 1
Monday 1st November	First day of term 2

**Please see the link on the school website and the online**

## **A prayer for courage**

*Dear Lord Jesus. Thank you so much for all the precious children in this world. We know they mean so much to you. We pray you would help us do all we can to protect and give them the start in life they deserve. Lord we bring to you all of the wonderful work being done to release children from poverty, and we pray that you would bless every pair of hands that works for you. Increase and bless their efforts in Jesus name, Amen.*

