



The Staverton Bell

5th March 2021
3rd edition

The Bell and the Bird

Welcome to the 3rd edition of our school newsletter and the first document to feature our new school logo! The addition of the bird isn't just a flashy gimmick, it's a powerful reminder of why we're here as a school. Staverton is the tree, the children and the adults are the birds that nest in its branches. It's our way of saying that each and every child and adult belongs here and can call this school home, it's a sign that all are welcome through our doors. It's also a symbol of our commitment to helping our school community to flourish and that we want children to achieve beyond expectation. The Bell of course, is in recognition of all that has gone before and our cherished history. However, we don't want our vision just to be a picture, we want to live it! In time, we hope that Staverton will continue to grow and become everything that you and your children deserve. More details will follow with all the exciting plans that we have for the school's future.

There's plenty to celebrate in this edition as you will see from all the photos. You will also no doubt be preparing for the return of all pupils to school on Monday. I for one am immensely excited to meet some of our school family for the first time please do come and make your introductions! I would like to also stress that we still need to be cautious, we are on a 'roadmap' and as a community we should be doing our part to keep others safe and set the example. Please do be considerate of our covid guidelines and regulations and if you are unsure then please do ask. We will keep you as informed as much as we possibly can.

I look forward to all of our Staverton pupils nesting in our branches once more.

Mr Powe Head Teacher

Return to school

You will have been sent various communications over the past week or so regarding returning to school and the COVID procedures that are in place, including a separate letter today. In addition, a powerpoint has been posted on google classroom pages, which you can look at with your child to explain the return to school for them. Please pay close attention to our separate letters regarding this and get in touch if you have any queries.

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Book Week 2021

What a fantastic Book Week we had despite so many restrictions! The success of the week was due to the dedication, and creativity of the staff. Special thanks must go to Mrs Ibison, Mrs Gurr and the rest of our newly formed English team, who organised such a fantastic week.

We were thrilled to see so many fantastic wooden spoons of all different shapes and sizes! Google classroom has been filled with book characters and your creations. We can't wait to display them all in our new library.

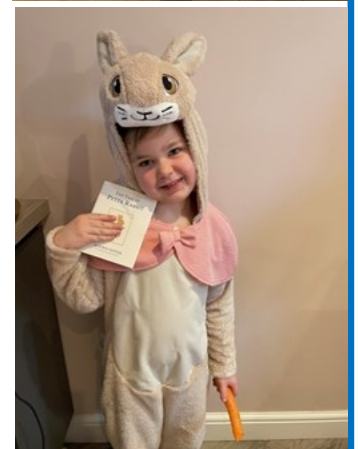
Kita Mitchell, our guest author, was really impressed with your questions and I hope that you enjoyed listening to her work and have your signed postcard somewhere safe. We will be doing more work with Kita (probably in person) in the summer term.

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fayre this week.. We hope that you appreciated the variety and range of books not normally found on bookshop shelves. The Yellow-Lighted Bookshop will be partnering with us regularly going forward.

We also loved your poetry writing! Our ambition is to create a book of 365 poems-it would be great to have a contribution from everyone (parents included if you're that way inclined!). If you haven't already-it's not too late.

The ever popular world book day was also well-represented. There were a large number of people from Hogwarts who seemed to have ended up in the wrong school! The staff didn't let the side down either-I think I spotted a cat in a hat in the office...

It really was a great week and my summary has barely scratched the surface of everything that went on. We hope that your child enjoyed it and that inspired a renewed love of reading.



Hall of fame!

We love celebrating your achievements both in and out of school. Please send them in and we'll showcase them here. This edition, we celebrate all of the fabulous work from book week. There are many prizes on offer for best spoons, for poems, for costumes and also for Kita Mitchel's competitions, winners will be announced soon. Thank you for all of your efforts.



Time Capsule

We were very excited to discover that buried underneath the bell plinth (in the small playground) is a time capsule! The school buried it in the late 1990's and we were hoping to dig it up. However, whoever buried it did such a good job that despite four people working on it with jackhammers, pitch-forks and spades and digging down more than 4ft, we couldn't find it! The school is hoping to make it's own time capsule this year to mark our 25th birthday but we'll make sure that we mark the spot this time...

Poet's Corner

We have seen some wonderful writing across the google classrooms this week, particularly from our poetry day. Here are three fabulous poems about colour:

A Homage to the Colour Green

Green,
The colour of grass and bushes
The colour of life
My favourite colour is green because
my favourite pair of glasses is green
Whenever I see green it makes me
want to jump up and down,
Green is the colour of all life

By Jakub– Wolves

A Homage to the Colour Yellow

Yellow is my favourite colour
Yellow is the colour of sunshine
Yellow makes me smile

By Jake-Penguins

A Homage to the Colour White

White is the bright moonlight
And the seagull's flight
White is the stars that shine at night
And the mountains we hike

White clouds in the sky
White polar bears on ice
And little long tailed mice
White feathers on the stork

White petals on the rose
And white on my toes
White marshmallows taste very sweet
White cat licked my feet

By Clara-Seahorses

It's not too late to send your poems to us for our school poetry book!

Our new play area!



We are very excited to announce that our new play area and reception area is finished! We feel that this will make a huge difference to the children and something that they can enjoy all year around. The boxes are movable, meaning that a new playground can be made every day! We are also immensely proud of the new early years area.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our parents and staff, who over half term prepared and cleared the area. We hope to work with you on other projects like this for many years to come. Thankyou!

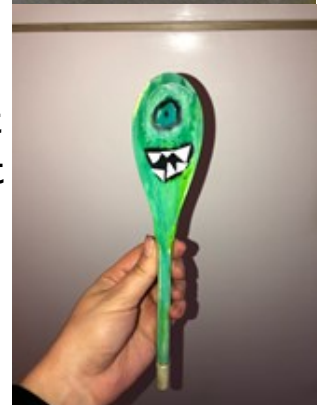


Forest School

The school is excited to be returning to holding forest school sessions for children. We have a number of staff who have been trained or are interested in developing this side of the curriculum. Initially, we will begin with offering these sessions to Otters class (see separate letter). I know that Mrs Kilford and Mrs Otway are looking forward to it immensely. In time we hope that all of our pupils will get the chance to enjoy forest school.

FOSS

The amazing Friends of Staverton School have been busy planning some exciting events and there's still time to get involved. Not only will the '100 club' raffle be continuing, but they are also planning an Easter raffle. More details will follow soon. Finally, we are hoping to create a new school tea towel! Watch this space...



Upcoming dates

Monday 8th March	Return to school for all pupils
Monday 29th March—1st April	Easter Week
Thursday 1st April	Easter Service 2.00pm
Thursday 1st April	End of Term (3.15pm Finish)
Monday 19th April	Start of Term 5
Friday 30th April	School 25th Anniversay
Thursday 27th May	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Friday 28th May	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

Please see the link on the school website and the online calendar for any additional dates/changes to dates

A pause for thought..

The Bible is full of songs and poems. Some of these are recorded in a book called the Psalms. I invite you to explore these psalms as they contain great wisdom which we can apply to our lives today. Here's a line from Psalm 133:

“How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!”

May we all remember to live in unity at a time when our bonds of friendship have been so strained. May we as a school live in unity with all who call Staverton 'home'.