

STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Caring, Achieving, Respecting, Enjoying, Supporting



10th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy few weeks we have had so far, a big thank you to you all for your continued support, especially with a hugely successful Book Week last week.

CELEBRATE

World Book Week - The children have really enjoyed the whole school book 'The Dress in the Window' and they have had a personalised message from the author and a personalised 'How to draw' from the illustrator of the story! Y5 had a trip to the charity shop which had displayed a red dress in their window especially for us. Amazing!! The children's costumes on Thursday were incredible with some really inventive ideas and it was really lovely to see so many of you coming in to read with the children. Friday was a 'FABULOUS' end to the week wearing something that makes us feel fabulous, whether it's a sparkly number or your PJ's, anything goes!

School council have spent our £150 Decathlon vouchers from winning 'Beat the Street' last academic year and they have chosen some space hoppers, pogo balls and skipping ropes for OPAL play. We hope they will arrive next week!

STAFFING

Miss Mohain our EYFS lead and nursery teacher made the decision from September this year to drop one day of teaching to pursue her passion for Tai Chi as she wanted to have more time to teach Tai Chi classes and develop her training. This has been so successful that she has decided to follow this further and develop her own business. This means she will be leaving us at the end of June this year. Whilst Miss Nohain is a very valued member of staff and has been integral to developing our Nursery provision and overseeing Reception, I totally understand her decision and we wish her the best of success in her new adventure.

We are advertising this week for an equally skilled teacher to join our EYFS team and will keep you informed when we know who that will be and how we are moving forward.

CURRICULUM

Do you know what your child is learning this term? All of the information is available on our school website, and you can access it with a simple click here:

<https://www.stensonfieldsprimary.co.uk/our-approach-long-term-overviews/>

COMIC RELIEF – 21st March 2025

The Comic Relief day is also Down Syndrome awareness day. We spoke to our school council about how they would like to represent both and they have decided for everyone to **wear odd socks** (Down Syndrome Awareness) and to **wear something red** (comic relief). They are also asking children to write down their best joke for a joke competition and the winners will be read out in assembly at the end of the day. A £1.00 donation for Comic Relief will be requested.

TTROCKSTARS

There is an inter-school TTRockstars competition happening between 31st March – 4th April. This is against other schools in our cluster – Willington, Etwall, Findern, Melbourne, Eggington, Aston, Weston etc. Children will be doing this in school but can participate from home as well.

LATENESS

We are still having a lot of children arriving late, which takes staff away from the office at the busiest time of the day. Please ensure children are in school for 8.50am in readiness for registration at 9am and also picked up promptly at the end of the day.

BOOKING DINNERS

It would be really helpful if school dinners are booked by the Friday for the following week as this gives the kitchen staff plenty of time to place orders for food deliveries. Thank you in advance.

CARES CLUB PAYMENTS

We are consistently having to chase payment for CARES club, please ensure all bookings are paid in advance or it may result in your booking being cancelled.

TODDLER SESSION

We are trialling a toddler 'stay & play' session on **Thursday 13th March 9.30-10.30am** in The Hive for children 0-3yrs with their grown-ups. Come and meet our staff and have a fun filled hour – anyone is welcome to drop-in; you do not need to have a child already in our school. Please share with your neighbours, friends and family who may be interested.

EASTER BINGO

We are organising our popular Easter Bingo event on **Thursday 4th April 3.30pm – 5.00pm**. The tickets include entrance and a Bingo book (£2 adult, £1 child, £5 family – 2 adults 2 children) and can be purchased through Parentmail. Additional bingo books can be purchased at £1 each. Snacks and refreshments will be available to purchase.

We are going to have a **non-uniform day on Friday 28th March** and request donations of Easter eggs/chocolate to be used for prizes.

This is normally a sold out event so book your tickets early!!

IMPORTANT DATES

7-14 March Book Fair
10–14 March Science Week
12 March SATs parents meeting (Y6 parents only)

13 March Toddler 'Stay & Play'
21 March Comic Relief/Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Odd Socks
28 March Non-Uniform – Eggs/Chocolate for BINGO
3 April Easter Bingo
4 April Break Up for Easter
22 April INSET – school closed to children
23 April Children back to school

INSET

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Kind regards

Mrs J Sadler
Headteacher

