

STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Caring, Achieving, Respecting, Enjoying, Supporting



26 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

CELEBRATE

We have had a positive start to the new year/new term. We started off with a whole school assembly based around the 'A' (achieving) in our CARES values and thought about what that looked like for us as individuals. Lots of us set personal goals we would like to achieve during the coming year.

STAFFING

Mrs Longman (Owl class's teacher) left on Friday to go on maternity leave, we wish her all the best in preparing for the new addition to her family. Miss Tewson will be joining us while Mrs Longman is off and will be in Owl class's teacher on Thursday mornings and all day Fridays.

Unfortunately, we are still without a School Business Manager so please be mindful that the office staff, Mrs Duerden and myself are bridging the gap while we are going through the recruitment process.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have had some reports of poor behaviour before and after school from a small number of children who walk to school on their own. Please make sure your child understands how they should behave in public. Children are representing themselves and the school at these times, especially when wearing school uniform.

LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

As part of keeping everyone safe and secure, we will be carrying out a lockdown drill during the week beginning 2nd February for all staff and pupils. This drill helps us check our alarm system and make sure everyone knows what to do if we ever need to lockdown.

As a large school, there are different reasons why we might need to lockdown part or all of the school. This could be because of a chemical leak or fire nearby, or a dangerous animal on the school site. It also helps us practise for the very unlikely situation where an unknown and potential unsafe person comes onto the site.

Lockdown drills are now a normal part of safety procedures in schools and other public buildings. This does not mean we have any new worries about school safety.

All staff and children will be told what will happen before the drill takes place during the school day. If your child talks to you about this at home, this is why we are doing it. If there is ever a real safety concern, parents and carers will always be informed.

UNIFORM

Please remember that **make-up is not allowed at school**. Any child wearing make-up will be asked to remove it.

Hair: (shoulder length or longer) **must be tied back**, with small, minimal accessories (black/white/navy). During term-time we ask that pupils do not have fashion hairstyles which include: shaving, dyed or streaked hair, beading, patterns and tramlines.

Shoes: Children should wear black sensible school shoes, **trainers are not permitted** and should only be worn on PE days.

PE Kit: We have started to see a lot of random sports wear creeping in recently. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on their PE days.

Plain, coloured T-shirt (to match with House), plain black/navy shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, plain black/navy hoodie, pumps/trainers.

OPAL

OPAL continues to be a fun and positive play experience for all pupils, although it can be a bit muddier at this time of year. We do close some areas if the ground becomes very wet, but we know the children enjoy playing outdoors in all weathers. Please ensure all children have wellies in school and a waterproof coat.

I have attached our OPAL policy as a reminder of the benefits of OPAL and why we introduced it in 2023. If your child is coming home muddy, you may wish to put spare trousers or socks in their bag. Children are also welcome to bring waterproof clothing, but they must be able to put this on by themselves.

We would be very grateful for any donations of the following items, if you are able to help:

- Wooden pallets – for den building
- Tarpaulin
- Scooters
- Pushchairs
- Loose parts (information attached)

National Number Day (Nursery included) – FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

Dress up for Digits. We will be having a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline and we are asking for a £1 cash donation on the day.

We ask that the children come into school dressed as a Rock Star (linked to Timetables Rockstars - TTRockstars) or linked to a 'number theme' - this could be a football shirt, homemade number t-shirt or simply a number attached to a top (no need to buy anything!) We can't wait to see your number creations!

PARKING REMINDER

Please **DO NOT**

- DOUBLE PARK – blocking the road for other vehicles and especially emergency services
- PARK ACROSS ANY DRIVEWAYS - residents need to get to work and can't get off their drives.
- PARK ON PAVEMENTS – we have many parents with pushchairs who are having to go into the road to get past cars blocking the pavement
- PARK ON GRASS VERGES – this churns up and kills the grass and makes the area unsightly

Please park at Stenson Fields Pub, Asda or further away from the school site and walk.

IMPORTANT DATES

WB 26 Jan ARTS Week

2 Feb 3.15pm Open classrooms – ARTS week

6th Feb Number day

PTFA Coffee morning 9.00-10.00am

WB 9 Feb Children's Mental Health week

10 Feb Internet Safety Day

11 Feb Wellbeing Wednesday/Bake off

10/12 Feb Parent Evenings

13 Feb INSET day – school closed to children

16-20 Feb Half Term

23 Feb School open

25 Feb EYFS/KS1 Disco (3.30-4.30pm)

26 Feb KS2 Disco (3.30-4.30pm)

WB 2 March World Book Week

WB 9 March Science Week

20 March Non-Uniform – chocolate donations for Easter Bingo

26 March Easter Bingo

27 March Break up for Easter

13 April School open

INSET Days 2025/2026

Friday 13th February

Friday 1st May

Monday 1st June

Many thanks for your continued support.

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Mrs J Sadler

Headteacher

