

STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Caring, Achieving, Respecting, Enjoying, Supporting



Wednesday 11th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are having a fantastic first week back with all of the children in school! Our new Foundation Stage children have settled in brilliantly, embracing school life like true super stars. What a wonderful start to the year!

REMINDERS

Start of the school day

Doors open at 8.50am, please ensure children are in classrooms by 9.00am at the latest.

End of the school day

Pupils should be collected at 3.15pm promptly. Whilst we know on occasion there may be an adhoc unavoidable reason why you may be late. Any consistent lateness or lateness with no valid reason will result in your child using the after school facilities at a charge of £5 per 15 mins.

School Bags

We do ask that children only bring a school book bag with their belongings in as we do not have the space for large rucksacks.

Please do not send key rings and large attachments on book bags as these can get lost/broken, distract from learning and may also prevent bags from fitting in trays.

Uniform

Generally, everyone has come back looking very smart in their appropriate uniform. Just a few reminders please:

- Hair should be tied back if it is shoulder length or longer – this is to prevent the spread of head lice and for health and safety reasons.
- We ask that pupils do not have fashion hairstyles which include: shaving, dyed or streaked hair, beading, patterns and tramlines. Also, brightly coloured, large fashion hair accessories are not allowed.
- PE - Please ensure you child comes to school in their PE kit on their relevant days (plain navy/black joggers or shorts, navy/black hoodie, coloured T-Shirt relating to their House, trainers). Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE, please ensure these are removed for PE days - staff are not permitted to do this (this is a local authority rule – plasters over earrings are not allowed).
- We sometimes have a number of pupils wearing black trainers as school shoes, this is **not** part of our school uniform policy and school shoes should be leather

(or leather type). Please ensure this is adhered to unless there is a medical reason which staff have been notified about.

- **ALL CHILDREN will need wellies and a raincoat in school at all times to access OPAL at lunchtimes.**
- We encourage our Nursery children to wear a relaxed version of our school uniform - this helps the children to feel part of our school community and will be more practical for when the children are engaging in 'messy play' (navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan, dark joggers/leggings/shorts, blue checked sundress). You can purchase school uniform from Uniform Direct, or non-branded uniform from any local retailers.

Please see our 'School Uniform Policy' on our website for further details. Thank you for your support.

FOOD REGULATIONS – CHOKING HAZZARDS

The government food agency has issued new guidance on choking hazards for children aged five and under. While these recommendations specifically target that age group, we are also asking all KS1 families to follow these rules for the safety of our younger children.

If you are sending in small fruit for snack or packed lunch e.g. grapes, berries, cherry tomatoes, please ensure they are cut lengthways and then into quarters if. Larger fruit/vegetables such as carrot, cucumber, melon should be cut into sticks, not chunks. Please ensure they are cut before sending them to school or your child will not be allowed to eat them and they will be sent home (staff do not have time to do this in school). Any fruit provided by the school will adhere to these requirements.

Full document attached.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are currently in the process of developing a new website so there may be some areas that have not been updated on the current one (Dates/Staff pages). Most pages are still relevant such as key information and curriculum. Please bear with us in this cross over period. We are hoping this will be up and running by October half term.

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
- **PARK ON HEATHER CLOSE** or **DRIVE INTO HEATHER CLOSE** - during drop-off and pick-up times

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

IMPORTANT DATES – Autumn Term

10 September	Meet the teacher (3.15 – 4.00pm)
16 September	Y4 Swimming starts
26 September	European Day of Languages
26 September	Individual School Photos
10 October	World Mental Health Day
16 October	Harvest Festival/McMillan Coffee Afternoon
21/23 October	Parent Consultations
24 October	Break Up – Half term
3 November	INSET Day – school closed for children
4 November	Children back in school
WB 10 November	Anti-Bullying Week
21 November	Children In Need
28 November	Non-Uniform Day – Sweet/Chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
5 December	Christmas Fair 3.30-5.00pm
9 December	AM KS1 Christmas Concert/PM EYFS Christmas Concert
10 December	AM EYFS Christmas Concert/PM KS1 Christmas Concert
15 December	Christmas Jumpers may be worn with uniform all week (optional)
19 December	Break Up for Christmas
5 Jan	School starts - Spring Term

INSET Days 2025/2026

Thursday 4th September

Monday 3rd November

Friday 13th February

Friday 1st May

Monday 1st June

Thank you for supporting the school and the children with such a positive start to the school year. We hope this will continue and we look forward to a superb Autumn term ahead!



Mrs J Sadler

Headteacher

