

# STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs J Sadler BEd Hons NPQH

Caring, Achieving, Respecting, Enjoying, Supporting



17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **CELEBRATE**

Harvest Festival – thank you for your donations for Derby Mission and Bhutan. The Macmillan coffee afternoon was a great success and raised £163. Well done to our school choir for their entertainment and our Well-being ambassadors (Smilers) for being such good hosts.

Mental health day – We have done a lot of work around emotions and 'Zones of regulation' so far this term. The children are very good at explaining strategies on staying in the 'Green Zone'. For more information click here <https://www.theottoolbox.com/zones-of-regulation-activities/>

All of our KS2 children took part in the Brownlee Biathlon in school last week. The children took part in cycling on stationary bikes in the school hall and ran laps on the school playground. It was an extremely well organised event and the children worked really hard. Well Done!

## **STAFFING INFORMATION**

Mrs Peplow, our School Business Manager, will be leaving us mid-November to pursue a new opportunity. This has been a very difficult decision for her, and we know how much thought and care she has put into it.

Mrs Peplow has been a valued member of our Stenson Fields family for almost 10 years. Her deep knowledge of our school and the warm, respectful relationships she has built across the whole school community will be greatly missed. She has been a calm and thoughtful presence, always ready to support staff, pupils, and families alike. We wish her every happiness and success in the next chapter of her journey.

Congratulations to Mrs Longman (Owl Class teacher - Thursday/Friday) who is expecting her second baby in February. She will be starting her maternity leave in January, and we will keep you posted on who will be covering her maternity leave in due course.

## **OPAL**

Please ensure children are NOT playing on/with the OPAL equipment before or after school. There needs to be specific supervision for this to be done safely, and we also are finding that equipment is getting broken (this also includes the Trim Trail).

Also, please keep children **off the grass** areas at the beginning of the day, as the weather changing, we have children bringing wet and muddy shoes into the classrooms and damaging the carpets.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

### **PLEASE LOOK AFTER OUR BOOKS!**

Please do not put water bottles in book bags - if they leak our reading books get damaged. You will be charged £5.00 to replace any damaged books.

### **SPARE UNIFORM**

If your child has borrowed any spare uniform during the school day (toilet accidents, wet/dirty), please wash and return the items asap as we are becoming very short on spare clothes – particularly socks and trousers for KS1.

### **TRAVEL SMART WEEK: 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

We are encouraging pupils, parents and carers to follow the SMILERS ways to wellbeing for a week of safer, active, environmentally friendly and wise ways to travel on the school journey. See attached poster.

### **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**

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**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Thank you all for your ongoing support, I hope you enjoy your half term break when it comes!

Kind regards



Mrs J Sadler

Headteacher

