

*"Achievement for all in a stimulating and caring environment"*



**Stathern Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
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**Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our May newsletter.**

We are really proud to present the final version of our vision, motto and values which are attached to this newsletter. These will help us drive forward an ethos which will guide and support the school's development over the coming years. I would like to thank you for all your input over the last few months; we will now be looking to embed and develop these ideas in all that we do. I would also like to wish Miss Howlett well as she will be moving on this summer to pursue a career as an Educational Psychologist. She has been fantastic over the last two years and supported the school in lots of different roles, I am sure you will join me in thanking her and wishing her all the best in the future. We are in the process of recruiting to ensure we find a replacement of the highest calibre and will of course inform you of the arrangements for next year, straight after half-term. Finally, I would like to ask for your support in ensuring the safety of the children at the start and end of the school day. There have been reports from neighbours of situations where children could have been at risk from cars on the near-by roads. There have also been cases where property access has been prevented by cars. With this in mind, I would kindly ask that you take note of the points on the reverse of this newsletter. *Mr Lee*

**Year 2 Residential @ Beaumanor Hall – visit [www.stathern.leics.sch.uk](http://www.stathern.leics.sch.uk) for more photos!**



## Dates and Things to Remember:

- Singing @ Dove Cottage – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May 11am\*
- KS2 SATs Week Year 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> May – please make sure your child is in school
- New Starters Parent Meeting – Tue 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 6pm\*
- School Photos (Classes) – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Belvoir Castle Walk – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June – 11am\*
- New Starters Transition, Stay and Play – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June - 9:30-11:30am\*
- Sports Day – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – 1:15-3pm\*
- Cricket and Countryside Day – Tue 18<sup>th</sup> June
- New Starters Transition – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June 9:30-11:30am
- Year 3/4 Mini Olympics Event – Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June
- New Starters Transition – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June 1:30 - 3pm
- Communications Evening – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June – 5:30pm\*
- Summer Fair – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – 3:15-5:15pm\*
- 5/6 Girls Football Tournament – Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June\*
- KS2 Production – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 1:45pm & 6:45pm\*
- Move Up Day – Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July - YR-5 in new classes (am only). New reception starters – 9:30-11:30am.
- Film Night – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July\*
- Year 6 Leavers Service and Last Day – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – 9:15am @ St Guthlacs\*
- Year 6 leavers trip TBC

*\*Parents welcome*

## Road Safety Around School

When dropping off and/or picking up children from school, please be mindful of the following:

- Please use the path along Water Lane rather than the road where possible.
- Please be aware of the increased use of the driveway immediately opposite the school on Water Lane. There is a potential risk to children from traffic using this widened driveway.
- Please do not block access to properties on Water Lane and School Lane.
- Residents who live on Water Lane and School Lane require access in and out of these roads and as such, vehicles should not be left unattended.
- The staff car park should not be used for collection and drop off by parents – this includes users of Before and After School Club.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

## Sports, Health and Well Being Update

We really enjoyed our visit from Para- Olympic athlete Sam Ruddock. He inspired us with his story of determination and overcoming adversity. Children in classes 3 and 4 also enjoyed the workshops he ran.



Well done to our hockey and cycling teams for their superb efforts in the competition and training events. Our Hockey Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition. We are looking forward to seeing how our cyclists do this week at the competition.

Thank you to everyone who supported us on our Wear Your Hat Day for Brian Tumour Research. You helped raise awareness and lots of money for this important charity.

## Governor Corner – Marcus Helps

I have been a Co-Opted Governor at the school for 12 months and have lived in the village for nearly 2 years. I am 'co-opted' in that my kids don't yet attend and I therefore have no direct link to the education system or the school. However, as a result I can – hopefully – bring a different perspective/set of skills and experiences to the role.

I am member of the Finance and Health and Safety committees, the latter of which is an area in which it is always prudent to get regular fresh pairs of eyes.

I have been genuinely impressed with the dedication and drive the whole team at the school demonstrates and know that the governor team are focused on supporting this great work with positivity and enthusiasm. Looking ahead I feel extremely confident with my two boys starting at Stathern over the next few years. My wife works in Child and Adolescent Mental Health and as such we see the school's focus on developing a core of real-world coping skills – in balance with a strong curriculum – couldn't be more crucial.