

# STAMFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We've had another incredibly busy term here at Stamford Park Primary School, which has seen more sporting opportunities than ever before, during our two Sports Weeks. We've had cookery workshops, school trips and an outstanding Year 6 production to end the year too. Sadly, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and their families. They've had an incredible final term here to bring their primary education to a close and we wish them all the very best with their transition to secondary school.

My termly newsletter is, once again, accompanied by a newsletter from our Head Pupils and Deputy Head Pupils in Year 6, which I hope will allow parents to see a different side of the school each term. I'd like to express my thanks to them for being such a wonderful role models this year in their roles.

#### **Academic Results**

Statutory testing takes place in four-year groups within a primary school with Year 1 taking part in the Phonics Screening, Year 2 taking part in the SATs, Year 4 in the Multiplication Check and Year 6 in the SATs. Our children have done superbly in all these areas, and we are pleased to share with you a brief summary of how our children performed compared to the national average for these areas.

In Year 6, 80% of children met age-related expectations in Reading (compared to 73% nationally), 74% met age-related expectations in Writing (compared to 71% nationally) and 83% met age-related expectations in Maths (compared to 73% nationally). Furthermore, 49% of our Year 6 achieved greater depth in Reading, 24% in Writing and 50% in Maths. These results represent the hard work and dedication of both our pupils and staff throughout the school.

## **After School Clubs**

From September, if you are going to be late to collect your child from an after-school club or have any issues at all, we would ask that you send a text message to the following number: **07305 288855**. Mr Spinola will have this phone with him from 3.30pm – 4.30pm each day and will pick up any messages which are sent regarding the collection of children. Please do not call the phone as Mr Spinola will be unable to answer, due to delivering one of our many sports clubs.

We still have spaces available in some of our clubs. Please see our website for further information: https://www.spprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Extracurricular+Clubs&pid=103





#### **Building Update**

During this summer term, we have had our Infant Library redesigned to create a much more inviting environment for our children to use; the feedback from them has been very positive indeed! We have also created two intervention rooms in the Junior Building; one will be our new wellbeing hub while the other will be used for small group lessons and individual support sessions.

Our window replacement project starts this summer, with windows being replaced in the Years 3 and 4 classrooms; we hope this will continue to take place during future school holidays as this will have a positive impact on both the appearance of the building and the classroom environment. We are also having new astro turf laid in the Infant playground, to replace the current astro turf there. Finally, we are having the area outside the main office entrance landscaped and tidied up; we are very aware this is quite an eye sore so we hope that you will see these improvements by September.

### **Diary Dates**

I am pleased to attach a Calendar of Dates for the upcoming academic year. While there may be some small additions to this, we have tried to plan as many of our events as possible to give you the maximum notice we can. You will see we have a new addition in the form of a Year Group Open Morning. This is an opportunity for parents of children in that particular year group to join us and observe their child taking part in normal activities and lessons; we want you to see what goes on in the school on a daily basis, as we recognise that children aren't always forthcoming with sharing what they get up to with people at home! There will also be hot drinks on offer and a chance to socialise too.

### **Parent / Carer Support**

We are seeing a growing number of families joining the school where parents / carers have very little English. As a staff, we can communicate in quite a few languages but there are some where we have absolutely no knowledge! This makes induction sessions quite difficult, and we really want to put our new families at ease, as well as making sure they feel fully informed about school life. If any of our current parents / carers speak a language other than English and would be willing for us to contact them for support during the coming academic year, please do let me know.

#### **PE Kit**

Your child should come to school on their PE day(s) next term as follows:

Year 1 – Monday Year 4CO - Friday

Year 2AW (Sycamore) – Tuesday & Wednesday Year 4MW – Monday & Tuesday

Year 2SB (Willow) – Monday & Wednesday Year 5 – Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday Year 6 - Friday

#### **PTA**

On behalf of all the staff at Stamford Park Primary School, we would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA. Their fundraising, and the generosity of our parents / carers, has allowed us to redevelop the Infant Library, create a new Wellbeing Room, purchase a new sound system for our Junior Hall, purchase a new writing scheme and contribute to trips for all children across the school.

#### **School Day**

As per our previous letters, our school day will run from 9.00am to 3.30pm from September. The soft opening will continue to be in place from 8.45am for all classes. The Infant and Junior playground gate will be unlocked from 3.20pm for parents / carers to enter to collect their child / children.

#### **School Meals**

As we are sure you are all aware, due to the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, we are having to increase our school meal prices in line with other schools in Trafford. Our meal price will be increasing from £2.40 to £2.50 and from £2.20 to £2.30 for Nursery. We are very proud of the quality and choice available at our dinner service. We are also excited to launch our new deli selection and a "Grab and Go" bar from September. As the famous Rose says, a school meal is still cheaper than a cappuccino!

# **Staffing Updates**

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Akrigg welcomed a baby boy in late June. We look forward to seeing her return during the next academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Clegg, Mrs Clowsley, Mrs Hunt, Ms Salter and Mrs Steele all the very best as they sadly leave us this week. I would also like to welcome Mrs Plunkett to our team; she will be joining the Infant department as a teaching assistant on a part time basis. Lastly, Mrs McMillan will be returning from September on a part time basis initially and will resume the role of SENCO across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the school and joining us at so many of our wonderful assemblies and concerts over the course of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer, on behalf of myself, the school staff and governors. I look forward to seeing you on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Price Headteacher