

# Learning Together to Make a Positive Difference

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**Welcome Back:** We hope that you had a wonderful half term. The children have certainly come back with a spring in their step and have been keen to show us what they are capable of. It is an absolute pleasure to be greeted by their sunny smiles first thing every morning and it is even more inspiring to be visited by them to show off their excellent learning.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> March** World Book Day & Bedtime Stories
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Yr 6 Trip to Bristol Aerospace Museum
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** FOS Mothers Day Celebrations
- 5<sup>th</sup> March** Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents
- 8<sup>th</sup> March** Parents Consultations
- 12<sup>th</sup> March** Book Fair all week in Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> March** Parent Consultations
- 16<sup>th</sup> March** Yr 6 Lifeskills Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March** Yr 6 Camp
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March** FOS Easter Egg Hunt
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March** End of Term 4
- 9<sup>th</sup> April** Term 5 starts
- 14<sup>th</sup> May** Yr 6 SAT's week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May** Class Photos
- 25<sup>th</sup> May** Term 5 ends
- 4<sup>th</sup> June** Term 6 starts
- 8<sup>th</sup> June** Sports Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> June** SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET
- 7<sup>th</sup> July** FOS Summer Fayre
- 20<sup>th</sup> July** End of Term 6



## Magical Surprise

We have an extra special surprise for our Reception and KS 1 children on Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Our special guests include magical ponies, unicorns and zebras who are coming all the way from Wonderland. As they are only making a pitstop at Staple Hill before they travel back to Alice, in Wonderland, we will be operating a 'first come-first served' basis for all rides on one of these magical beasts and at a cost of only £1. Unfortunately, we cannot promise that our magical friends will stay long enough for everyone to have-a-go but we will do our best. If your child would like to go on a journey, on these magical creatures, then please get your requests in quick. Separate forms will accompany this newsletter.



**Phonics Workshop:** Thank you to everyone who attended our KS1 workshop this week. There was a great turnout and it was fantastic to see children working on their phonics with their parents/carers. Home-school support is key to helping improve our children's reading and learning across the curriculum.



## Attendance News!

Our overall attendance stands at 95.53%, which has dropped since our last newsletter and is below the most recent National Average of 96.1%. Our focus is to get this back up again in line with national average, if not better. We can celebrate some good wins for some of our classes whose attendance have crept up and hit the national target or even just exceeded it. Congratulations to those classes and an extra special well done, to Orchid Class who continue to have the best attendance so far and have even improved on their last attendance data. Well done to those who beat their last attendance data (Daisy, Orchid, Primrose, Rose). We can do better Staple Hill, so let's do everything we can to keep ourselves healthy and in school. Get well soon to our poorly little ones. See you again soon!

Bluebell	95.71%	(95.8%)
Daffodil	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>(96.46%)</b>
Daisy	97.44%	(95.7%)
Lavender	96.38%	<b>(96.38%)</b>
Lily	94.67%	(94.8%)
Orchid	97.59%	<b>(97.38%)</b>
Poppy	95.8%	(95.9%)
Primrose	95.48%	(95.47%)
Rose	95.88%	(95.53%)
Sunflower	96.46%	<b>(96.47)</b>
Tulip	95.47%	(95.47%)

**TOP MARKS ORCHID CLASS! (AGAIN)**



## Staple Hill 'Sponsored Reading Challenge'

Help us celebrate World Book Day in style this year by supporting our World Book Week beginning **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.** We have chosen 'Alice in Wonderland' as our theme this year and the following exciting events planned:



**World Book Day Dress Up** takes place on **Thursday 1st March**. We would like children to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character bringing £1** to take part. There will be a prize for the best costumes!

### **Mad Hatter's Tea Parties**

Every child will attend a tea party during the week. Staff at school will be donating biscuits, cakes and squash for the parties. Children should bring in 50p to enjoy a cake/biscuits of their choice and a drink. Look out for the letters telling you when your child's tea party is taking place.

### **Bedtime Stories**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 5-6pm, children are invited to our 'Bedtime Stories' event where they can enjoy a story (or two) as well as a relaxed setting including a soothing hot chocolate drink and a bedtime snack.

this will happen in each classroom.

### **Fantasy Poem Competition**

Children can write a poem based on a Fantasy Land. Lots of prizes to win!

### **Reading Challenge**

Your children could win even more prizes by helping us raise money to buy new books for our library and classrooms and help us create an inspiring reading curriculum that we can be proud of. All contributions will benefit every single of our children.



Share a book for  
15 minutes a day.

