



Stamford Green

Primary School and Nursery



Welcome to our community newsletter - Issue 3

Autumn 2022

Headteacher's Headlines

Dear Residents,

I do hope this newsletter finds you all well. I can hardly believe that we are at the start of the second half term for this year. It has been delightful to welcome the children and their families back to school this year and so much has been achieved since our return already.

Before half term, we collected Harvest donations for the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank, along with a local charity, Surrey Stands with Ukraine. The donations were delivered on the last day of term. As ever, our community were exceptionally generous.



As autumn progresses, our thoughts turn towards Fireworks and Christmas. The annual Fireworks display is scheduled to take place on Friday 11 November and our Winter Wonderland will be on Friday 2 December from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. It would be lovely to see you at our Winter Wonderland—no tickets are needed so feel free to run up and join us.

Best wishes for a healthy half term.

Mrs Louise Druce
Headteacher



Tweet of the week

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We held a cake sale to raise money for the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank and Surrey Stands with Ukraine.



Dates for Diaries

Friday 11 November 2022
from 5.00pm - 7.00pm
PTA Firework Event.
Fireworks will commence at
6.30pm.

Term Dates

Christmas Holidays

Friday 16 December 2022 to
Tuesday 3 January 2023

Easter Holidays

Monday 3 April 2023 to
Monday 17 April 2023

Summer holidays

Monday 25 July 2023 to
Tuesday 31 August 2023

Christmas

Please check our website for more details about how you can purchase Christmas trees and attend our school PTA Christmas event.

Dear Residents,

I thought it would be helpful to say something in this Newsletter about traffic and parking around the school. As we move into autumn and winter, the weather means that inevitably traffic becomes more of an issue, and this is something that Governors have been talking about recently, in relation to the School Travel Plan. All schools are required to have a Travel Plan which sets out the objectives and actions that the school will undertake to promote safe, active and sustainable travel to and from school, with an emphasis on reducing the reliance on private cars. The Travel Plan is reviewed and updated each year by the school and the Governors, and responsibility for that lies with the Resources Committee.

Both the school and Governors are aware of issues relating to car traffic. I live close to the school myself, and I have experienced at first hand some of the issues that arise. Some of you may be aware of the school Safeguarding Policy, which requires that all children up to the start of Year 5 are accompanied to and from school by a responsible person who is at least 16 years old, and obviously some parents will choose to come and go by car.

The Headteacher and the school are aware of the problems this can cause to local residents, and the school do encourage walking and cycling to school and highlight issues with parking regularly in school communications. Additionally, as public awareness of climate change and air quality has increased, many people have also become more aware of the environmental impacts of car use for short journeys, and we are hopeful that this will start to affect the decisions that parents/carers are making about travel to and from school.

Governors have acknowledged that there is a limit to what the school itself can do about traffic, particularly given that the responsibility for roads lies with Surrey County Council and personal responsibility of every adult driving. I have been in touch with our County Councillor about whether there is anything in general the Council are doing to support schools, given their net-zero carbon strategy.

We will be considering whether there are other steps which we might be able to take to help reduce the problems with traffic and parking. Please be aware though that this doesn't guarantee anything - ultimately that is in the hands of parents/carers

If you wish to get in touch with me about this, please feel free to do so, my email address is below.

If you are interested, the Travel Plan is on the Statutory Information section of the school website.

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Tweet of the week

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Year 1 had a lovely walk to Epsom Library and a mini historic tour of the town centre.



Thank you for still remembering to follow the preferred route round **Christ Church Mount** and keeping the school to your left!