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Report to the Parish Council 2022-23 by Laura Rawlings, Headteacher

Stapleford Community Primary School is vibrant and friendly and we are continually developing and embracing an exciting future. The school was inspected in June 2022 and Ofsted recognised the significant achievements of the school and highlighted that

“Pupils say that school is a happy and safe place to be. Pupils enjoy talking about what they have learned. They are proud of their work, and they are proud of what they know.” Ofsted Inspection Report (June 22)

The school currently has 204 pupils on roll and offers young people excellent opportunities within a supportive partnership. This school year (22/23) has been a more stable one following the Covid-climate of previous years which has enabled pupils, parents and staff to return to established school routines. Autumn term saw the return of traditional events such as the School Nativity, Christmas Concert and ‘Rudolf Run’.

It has also been a time of change for Stapleford Community Primary School with the appointment of a new Headteacher. Governors, staff and pupils said farewell to their long-serving Headteacher, Christine Spain and thanked her for her seven years of dedicated service to the school at the end of Autumn term. I began my Headship at the start of Spring term having worked in education for 20 years and ten years as a Headteacher within Hertfordshire.

Stapleford Primary School is part of Anglian Learning Multi-Academy Trust (having joined back in 2018). A commitment to provide outstanding education and learning underpins the Trust’s ambition and teamwork to achieve this embodies the ethos of our school. Ongoing links across the Trust school are enabling us to improve and provide opportunities for our young people. Notably, all children from years 3 and 4 across all our Trust primary schools attended an Anglian Learning Music Day at West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge during Spring Term. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the joy of music across our schools. All nine school choirs joined together to become one “mass” choir and sang ‘Be the Change’ by Emily Barden who had granted full permission to use her song. This wonderful event celebrated the creativity and musical talents of our children. In addition, Trust investment in technology has supported Stapleford teachers to be able to lead learning effectively with funding for new laptops.

School budgets continue to be a challenge, as noted by recent NEU Industrial Strike Action, and we are working closely as a Trust to plan and manage school budgets. We are always grateful to our proactive and committed PTA who support our school to help raise funds.

Our school is an inspiring and exciting place to learn where passionate teachers and support staff develop children's curiosity and independence as learners. Since opening in 2019 our Nursery is going from strength to strength and provides an inviting and inclusive environment for children to begin their school journey with us. Our Nursery offer is enabling pupils to make a seamless transition into Reception and providing a strong foundation for rapid and sustained progress.

We are a very well-resourced school, with features that set us apart from other schools, such as a swimming pool and large grounds including a 'moat'. This enriched learning environment inspires our pupils to learn and grow. During the Summer term we will formally launch our Forest School offer (originally developed from the Scandinavian education system).

"Forest School is an inspirational process that offers children and young people opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem, through hands-on learning experiences in a local woodland environment."

National definition: Forest School (England) Network

We also have an exciting opportunity working in partnership with Stapleford Granary. 'Small Grains' is a new pilot education programme developed by Stapleford Granary for pupils at Stapleford Primary School. Each class will visit the Granary during Summer Term. We are delighted to have this opportunity to work with Stapleford Granary and thankful to Kate Romano, Chief Executive and Artistic Director of Stapleford Granary, who has made 'Small Grains' possible.

As a new Headteacher, I have been warmly welcomed by the Stapleford Community. For example, early in Summer term I had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Simon Taylor and Lucinda Howard, Curate who led a school assembly linked to Lent. As a school team, we would like to thank both the PTA and the many local people who continue to support the school in different ways through giving time, giving money, giving support. Your help is very much appreciated.



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