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Report to the Parish Council 2023-24 by Laura Rawlings, Headteacher

Stapleford Community Primary School currently has 219 pupils on roll and offers young people excellent opportunities within a supportive partnership. Following my appointment as Headteacher in January 2023, we have reframed the school vision and values to read 'CARE' standing for the values we hope to develop and explore with pupils (Curiosity, Ambition, Resilience, Excellence).

The school has focused on curriculum development. One aspect of this is that we have embarked on a journey to ArtsMark. ArtsMark empowers teachers with the skills they need to embed arts, culture and creativity across the whole curriculum. Schools are recognised for their exceptional commitment to creativity with the Artsmark Award, accredited by Arts Council England. A particularly innovative development has been a pilot project with Stapleford Granary which is now one year old. Small Grains is a new pilot education programme developed by Stapleford Granary for all pupils at Stapleford Primary School. Small Grains is a responsive programme, inspired by and connected to the ever-changing cultural life of the Granary with a particular focus on visual art and live music. All classes have visited the Granary on a regular basis to meet artists, create artwork, hear music and sing. Pupils in Year 2 and Year 4 have also taken on the challenge of completing the Arts Award and incorporated work from their Granary visits.

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 schools are enabling us to improve and provide opportunities for our young people. A significant project has been 'Creativity Collaboratives' across Early Years. This project has involved all Anglian Learning schools with Early Years exploring a research-informed question. Stapleford staff have shared our work across the project schools. The project recently involved the arrival of eggs into school where pupils excitedly watched the chicks hatch! The strong collaboration between our Nursery and Reception class continues to ensure that our Nursery is going from strength to strength and provides an inviting and inclusive environment for children to begin their school journey with us.

School budgets continue to be a challenge and we are working closely as a Trust to plan and manage finances. We are always grateful to our proactive and committed PTA which support our school to help raise funds. One of the many ways the PTA has supported the school is through the purchase of Forest School provisions and equipment.

Our school is an inspiring and exciting place to learn where passionate teachers and support staff develop children's curiosity and independence as learners. Many trips and visits have taken place (for example, residential visits to Burwell House and Grafham Water, Harry Potter Studio Tour, Fitzwilliam Museum visit, History theme days). We also hosted a whole school event which involved Shelford and Stapleford Strikers (SASS), Premier Sport and East Anglian Air Ambulance as part of the #LetGirlsPlay campaign to influence and drive change, showing that football can and should be played by girls. We have continued to embrace fundraising opportunities, raising money for Children In Need, Red Nose Day, Arthur Rank Hospice with our 'Rudolph Run' and through a sponsored Danceathon, raising money for Aspire, a charity dedicated to supporting individuals with spinal cord injuries. New club offers have included Drama and STEM. We have also trained a Teaching Assistant as an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant).

We continue to be grateful to the Stapleford Community for its support. For example, in addition to the opportunities mentioned above, St. Andrew's Church hosted our school community at Christmas and recently our Nursery children visited Cox's Close Community Centre. 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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