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Dear Parents/Carers,

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first Principal newsletter of the year!

How exciting! The start of a new academic year and the sun is still shining! I would like to warmly welcome you all back to Stimpson Avenue Academy and hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. For our new parents/carers, I extend a special warm welcome to the school and hope your child is settling well into life at their new school.

What a lovely start of term it has been! The children have settled so well – the school is so calm and vibrant. In our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assemblies, we have been revisiting the school creed and how important it is both within and outside the school. As always, your children have reminded me how special and unique they are. The kindness and respect they show for one another really is heart-warming. These are central to our creed and being a great British Citizen. For our new parents/carers and a reminder for everyone else, the creed and Stimpson motto, as contributed to by your children are:

Stimpson Motto – ‘Unlocking the learning minds of our future’.

Stimpson Avenue Academy Creed –

At Stimpson, we seek and unlock the inner talent and creativity making learning magic. (**Creative**)

We recognise everyone is unique, where each individual delivers something exceptional. (**Independence**)

We are an optimistic learning team, ensuring empathy and understanding which guides our endeavours for success.

We believe in reaching for the stars, where mistakes are only seen as an opportunity to learn and grow. (**Inquisitive**)

Our journey throughout the school, will turn each page transforming our stumbles into strides of success. (**Perseverance**)

Our academy will enthusiastically embrace British Values and Citizenship within the wealth and harmony of our multicultural community.

Believe big. Success at Stimpson will be achieved through empowering pupils and teachers; fulfilling dreams and creating imaginative minds. (**Focus**)

We are the future, dreaming new everyday, welcoming challenges. (**Curious**)

United. Together as one. We will accomplish all our shared desires to create the children for our country's future. (**Collaboration**)

ENRICHING OPPORTUNITIES

No-one can question the benefits relaxation and extra-curricular clubs can bring to the children. To that end, we are continuing to work hard to widen the number and variety of clubs on offer to the children. I am really excited that we are offering so many more clubs this term and thank you to many of the staff who are volunteering to lead clubs as they too see such value in what they can provide.

You should have already received a clubs letter, but if not, please call in to the office or telephone the school for a letter to be emailed out to you. I look forward to seeing your children in one of the many clubs on offer!

PRINCIPAL'S ASSEMBLIES

Due to their popularity, the Principal's assembly will continue every Wednesday at 2.40 pm where we celebrate the children's achievements including sharing the Principal's Award for every class, the PE cup (which is sometimes larger than the children!) for the best class in PE of the week, PE award certificates, Reading Champion certificates and other special successes each week. The awards and the children's first names get placed on the website each week (as long as permission is granted).

We also like to celebrate children's achievements outside school so, if there is anything that your child is particularly proud of, please share it with us! Please email me at the head's inbox at head@stimpsonave.northants-ecl.gov.uk and send in any trophies or photos for me to share during the assembly. Obviously, please make your child aware as it could be a little daunting suddenly becoming famous with their friends around school!

Principal's Assemblies are certainly one of the highlights of the week for me and reminds me what all the hard work is for – THE CHILDREN!

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

Gone are the days of finding a screwed up letter at the bottom of your child's book bag! Communication really is important and as the majority of us are aware, depending on our children to bring home letters is often not very reliable or successful. This, very understandably, leads to frustrations and inconvenience. I would therefore like to use emailing and texting as the key ways of communicating with you. It ensures you receive everything and equally saves time, money and the trees!

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you share your email address with us in order to ensure that you receive all Stimpson correspondences. We are aiming to send all information out electronically so it would be a huge benefit to yourself to sign up. Just email admin@stimpsonavenue.northants.sch.uk with your child's name, class and your preferred email address so you don't miss out!

If you do not have email then please do not worry, we will, of course, in this case still send home letters via paper copies.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

I strongly believe in close partnership with parents/carers and the importance of this to ensure every child achieves the best they can in all areas of school life. I would therefore like to remind you that if you have any concerns, please do always come in and discuss them with staff. If you would like to speak to any staff member or myself, and you cannot get hold of us directly, please call the school office. You can also email me on head@stimpsonave.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

If your child is ever worried or unhappy, however small it may seem, please always contact the school so we can work together to resolve this. After all, a happy child is a learning child and their safety and happiness has got to be the priority.

STIMPSON AUTHORS

Once again, the talent of our Stimpson children shines through. Back in the Summer Term, many of our children took part in the Young Writers of the Year competition. I am delighted to inform you that 39 of our children won and are having their 'mini sagas' work published in Ancient Adventures – Northamptonshire. Naturally, this is something for us all to be proud of and so important for us to nurture this passion for creative writing. Perhaps we have another Roald Dahl or J.K Rowling in the making!

The children are: Eva-Mae, Meja, Beth, Salha, Caelin, Asim, David, Jack, Ameline, Lillia, Riyad, Oliver, Melissa, Isabella, Alessandra, Vida, Elizabeth, Mariam, Seth, Tymek, Mahirah, Kauser, Mariah, Theodore, Georgia, Eloise, Humairah, Logan, Anton, Tansy, Aaron, Umar, Lacey-Mai, Kitty, Benjamin, Evelyn, Megan, Sean and Lewis.

I would like to say a massive well done to all of you; it is an amazing achievement and I am very proud of you all. Brilliant!

MEET THE TEAM AND STAFF STRUCTURE:

Below is a reminder of who is who and their key role(s):

Senior Leadership Team

Head of School	Mrs Kimberley Kemp (Autumn Term) and Mrs Josie Milton (from Spring Term onwards)
Assistant Principal (Leader of EYFS/Key Stage 1)	Miss Mia Lewis
Assistant Principal (Leader of Key Stage 2)	Mrs Amanda Baker

Middle Leadership team

EYFS and Year 1 Phase Leader and Head of Early Years Provision	Mrs Madeleine Adams
Year 2 Phase Leader and Head of Pupil Outcomes	Miss Abi Scott
Years 3 to 5 Phase Leader and Head of Curriculum	Miss Abbi Marriott

Early Years Foundation Stage (Phase Leader - Mrs Adams)

Nursery	Mrs Claire Gilbert
Reception	Mrs Madeleine Adams and Mrs Nikki Appleton
Reception	Mrs Becky Singh
Year 1	Mrs Elizabeth Jones
Year 1	Mrs Abby Jorgensen

Key Stage 1 (Phase Leader - Miss Scott)

Year 2	Miss Abi Scott and Miss Nakitta Stocker
Year 2	Miss Christina Felton

Key Stage 2 – Years 3 to 5 (Phase Leader – Miss Abbi Marriott)

Year 3	Miss Ashley Lawther
Year 3	Miss Elizabeth Whitwood
Year 4	Mrs Clare Mills
Year 4	Miss Gillian Edwards
Year 5	Mrs Helena Robinson and Miss Helen Sparkes
Year 5	Miss Abbi Marriott

Key Stage 2 – Year 6 (Phase Leader – Mrs Amanda Baker)

Year 6	Mr Christopher Egan
Year 6	Mrs Jennifer Kenny

Teaching Assistants and additional HLTAs

EYFS/ Year 1	Mrs Teresa Slinn
	Mrs Arefa Khan
	Mrs Rachael Harris
	Mrs Helen Garner
	Miss Lindsey Jones
	Mrs Zoe Line
	Mrs Claire Taylor
	Mrs Claire Furniss (am)
	Mrs Elizabeth Kingdom (am)
Year 2	Mrs Ivy Amess (am)
	Mrs Nicola Cole (am)
	Mrs Claire Furniss (pm)
KS2	Mrs Ivy Amess (pm)
	Ms Rose Batchelor
	Mrs Jill Bewers
	Mrs Nicola Cole (pm)
	Mrs Victoria Drewery
	Mrs Sarah Earl
	Mrs Loraine Jackson
	Mrs Elizabeth Kingdom (pm)
	Mrs Kate Smith
	Mrs Beverley Leslie (am)
Pastoral and Nurture	Miss Tina Berlingieri
	Miss Jennifer Ingram
	Mrs Beverley Leslie (pm)
	Mrs Sally Slack

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

CHRONIC ABSENCES
18 OR MORE DAYS
 • Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
 • Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.

WARNING
10 TO 17 DAYS
 • Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
 • When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

GOOD ATTENDANCE
9 OR FEWER ABSENCES
 • Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
 • Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

At Stimpson our attendance figure, at this early stage of the year, is **95.98%** which is broadly in line with National Average but lower than our target of 96.5%. I would really appreciate your support in helping us to raise this. Thank you. Please can I remind you that holiday is not permitted during school time and this will be unauthorised.

Punctuality continues to be a target to improve. Please ensure your child arrives promptly in school; it is so important they do not miss valuable learning times and additionally, interrupt the learning of others when they arrive. English and Maths lessons commence promptly at 9.00 am so it is imperative all children are in registration by 8.55 am at the very latest.

A reminder that the school doors open at 8.45 am and the gates will close by 8.55 am. If your child arrives late at school, you will be given a slip to inform you they were late. Parents/Carers of those children who are persistently late will be contacted directly by the school office and a letter will be sent home with follow up actions as appropriate. If you are having difficulties getting your child into school on time, please do contact the school and we will endeavour to do all we can to support you to ensure your child can arrive on time.

Thank you for your continued support on such an important matter.

CAR PARKING

Please may I remind all parents and carers collecting their children from school to ensure they are always parking in permitted areas and always show respect for the local community. This includes **not parking on the double lines even to drop children off**. The links we have with our community are vital and it is therefore really important we do not park in private car parks or on restricted areas, including yellow lines. This is also for the safety of us all.

E-SAFETY UPDATE

E-safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Stimpson Avenue Academy. We have extensive security measures in place in school, which monitor our systems both internally and externally, to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable material. Any e-safety incidents are recorded and managed in accordance with our e-safety policy. E-safety is taught to all pupils, explaining and demonstrating how to stay safe and behave appropriately online.

In each of my Principal's newsletters, I will provide you all with information on what you can do and some golden rules for online safety at home. We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you to ensure the e-safety message is consistent both at home and at school. Your help is needed to talk to your children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online. Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to unwanted or unpleasant content or comments online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk.

Please take the time to read the information I will share with you to help support your child at home and ensure they are kept safe.

Useful websites for more information:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk – visit the "Parent/Carer" section and use the "Click CEOP" button to seek advice and report online abuse

www.childnet.com – visit the 'Know It All' section for an interactive guide about online safety

www.getsafeonline.org – free up-to-date security advice

<http://clickcleverclicksafe.direct.gov.uk> – Click Clever Click Safe Campaign

www.bbc.co.uk/onlinesafety

www.cybermentors.org.uk – online support for children

The e-safety co-ordinator, Miss Felton, is available to discuss any help you may need or concerns that you may have. You can contact her at the school or via the school office.



SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN - IT'S EVERYONE'S BUSINESS...

Safeguarding the welfare of children is paramount at our school. The poster below, detailing who is responsible for safeguarding is published extensively around school, on our safeguarding board and on the website. Please see one of us in the strictest of confidence if you have concerns about a child. Alternatively, you can call the MASH team at the local authority on 0300 126 1000.

The Designated Safeguarding Officers at the school are:

Kimberley Kemp (Head of school)
Mia Lewis (Assistant Principal)
Tina Berlingieri (Family Support Worker)
Abi Scott (Senior Leadership Team)



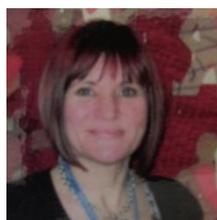
Duncan Mills is the representative from the EMLC Academy Trust. You also call directly to the MASH team with any concerns including those involving children within the local community. I hope this helps to clarify who to contact and what you can do if you have any concerns about the safety of your own or another child.

Stimpson Avenue Academy Safeguarding Procedures

Safeguarding children - the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm - is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. (Working Together 2013)



Designated Senior Person
Head of School - Kimberley Kemp



Designated Senior Person
Assistant Principal - Mia Lewis



Designated Senior Person
Family and Pastoral Support Lead - Tina Berlingieri



Designated Senior Person
Senior Leadership Team - Abi Scott

If you have a concern about a child or feel a child is at risk of harm, please inform the above staff or any member of school staff.



If you believe a child is in **immediate** risk of harm you **MUST speak to a Designated Person, call MASH or 999 straight away.**

TERM DATES

Please can I remind you that as we are an Academy on some occasions our term dates are different to Northamptonshire County Council. Therefore, looking on Northamptonshire County Council's website will sometimes not provide you with the actual term dates of Stimpson Avenue Academy. Our term dates are on our website and they are as follows:

2016 – Term starts	2016 – Term ends
Monday 5 th September	Friday 21 st October
Tuesday 1 st November	Tuesday 20 th December

2017 – Term starts	2017 – Term ends
Thursday 5 th January	Friday 10 th February
Monday 20 th February	Friday 31 st March
Wednesday 19 th April	Friday 26 th May
Monday 5 th June	Friday 21 st July

Please Note that Teacher Training Days may change

Teacher Training Days 2016 Children not in School
Thursday 1 st September
Friday 2 nd September
Monday 31 st October

Teacher Training Days 2017 Children not in School
Wednesday 4 th January
Tuesday 18 th April (possibility of this being swapped with the polling day)

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that they need to apply online for a place in their selected secondary school by 31 October 2016 at 5.00 pm. Applications for a primary school place for September 2017 need to be submitted by 15 January 2017 at 5.00 pm.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

With very best wishes,

Kimberley Kemp
Head of School