

September 2025

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to welcome you and your child into Class 4 at Stapeley Broad Lane. The children are settling in well to their new classroom and routines and they are being encouraged to reach the high expectations of behaviour set for them. Below is a list of information which we hope you will find interesting and helpful.

• **SUPPORT STAFF:**

Mrs Morgan-Wynne and Mrs Maginess are our Teaching Assistants in Class 4.

• **GETTING IN TOUCH:**

If you wish to talk to us about any matter, please feel free to speak to Mrs Stonier (Monday to Thursday) or Mrs Payne (Thursday and Friday). Most concerns or problems can be dealt with by having a quick chat after school. We would much rather try to “nip things in the bud” rather than let them build up. Alternatively, if you don’t always drop off or collect your child, we can be reached by email via the school office : admin@stapeleybl.cheshire.sch.uk or by putting a note in your child’s planner. We can’t act on problems if we don’t know about them! (Please note, email replies will only be sent during school hours and due to teaching commitments, within 48 hours. Please also bear in mind the part time nature of our roles).

For correspondence regarding pick-ups, absences and appointments, please liaise directly with the office – especially if there are changes to arrangements on the day. Emails are not monitored during the teaching day and may well be missed.

• **TOPICS and SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

If you visit the school website at: <http://www.stapeleybl.cheshire.sch.uk/> (from the tabs at the top choose: Classes, then Year 4) you will find a breakdown of our subjects for this year by downloading the “Long Term Plan”. Some areas of the website are password protected, for example the Classes/Year 4/What We’ve Been Up To section. I will put up photos from trips into that section of the website. I will also occasionally post onto Facebook.

• **PLANNERS:**

Your child will bring home a planner each day to share information between school and home. If you have an important message, please write it into the planner and ask your child to hand it in during registration, as often a small query can be dealt with efficiently via the planners. We will not routinely look in the planners, as your children are now in Year 4; they are expected to be more independent.

• **READING:**

Reading is fun! - and it is an important part of your child’s education as it has been proven to help their spelling and their writing levels. You can do a great deal to help with this process. Please can you make sure you hear your child read often and discuss the content of the texts with them? When you’ve read together, please make a note in your child’s planner.

This enables us to track your child's reading journey. Children know that they can earn House Points if they have read at home, so please do make a comment in your child's planner! We recommend your child to read daily. Home reading runs in conjunction with our weekly Whole Class Guided Reading sessions, and children then work on a series of activities around the texts, focusing on VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explaining, Retrieval and Summary).

- **SPELLINGS:**

Children will work on the Y3/4 spellings each week in the classroom. These words can be found in the rear of your child's planner. They are also on the school website on the Class 4 page. Please help your child to learn these as they will be tested every term. A new spelling pattern or group of words will also be taught during a class lesson each week.

- **CLASS 4 FAVOURITE READS:**

The Favourite Reads book will go home each week for your child to work on. We have explained to the children how it works and there is an example in the book. Each child will have a turn during the year to take the book home.

- **MATHS (TT ROCKSTARS):**

Towards the end of Year 4, the children will undertake a statutory National Multiplication Check. To help with this, they should work on TT ROCKSTARS regularly at home, little and often, to reinforce their multiplication and division facts for each times table. This will help them in many aspects of their mathematics, both now, and in the future. We will soon start a short weekly times table test (x and ÷ questions). Your child will be given the times table test corresponding to the times table that they are currently learning.

- **SWIMMING:**

Following on from swimming lessons in Year 3, Class 4 will go swimming in the Autumn Term for 10 weeks. A letter about this has already been sent out by the School Office.

- **PE:**

Our PE lessons this term are on Wednesday afternoons and Swimming each Friday from 19th. Once Swimming ends, we will revert to two PE lessons – Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

PE will normally be outdoors whenever possible, so a tracksuit is required, especially as the weather gets colder. Girls should have socks to wear (to avoid rubbing their ankles on their trainers) if they are wearing tights. Please ensure all items of uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

- **WIDER OPPORTUNITIES (Bb MUSIC):**

Our Bb Music will be on Wednesdays during the Autumn term. Children are encouraged to practise at home and then to bring their instruments to school every Wednesday for their session with Mrs McDonald.

- **HOMEWORK:**

Homework this year will consist of a grid with a selection of compulsory and optional choices. This will come home once every half term to be returned by the last Monday of each half term. Your child should also work on spellings, read and play TT Rockstars.

- **RESIDENTIAL:**

Our Residential this year is in Ironbridge between Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March 2026 and the children will sleep over for one night. A Parents' Information Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 4pm in Class 4. After our residential and after the Easter break, Class 4 will invite you to join our Collective Worship on Tuesday 28th April at 9am in the school hall.

- **EDUCATIONAL VISITS and COSTS:**

To support our topics this year, as well as the Ironbridge Residential, we also plan to have a Tudor workshop in school on Wednesday 5th November. In the Summer Term we plan to take the children on a WW2 themed visit. Details will be shared with you once confirmed. The residential is normally around £150-£200 per child and the other events above should not cost more than £50 altogether (although inflation and fuel costs may make a difference to the final costings).

- **LOST BELONGINGS:**

We know the painful cost of replacing missing jumpers and bottles! Please ensure that each item of your child's clothing and other belongings such as purses and water bottles are clearly labelled with their name. If they do accidentally bring home a wrong jumper, pop it back to us the next day and we will return it.

- **TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE:**

We will often send out reminders etc. via School Spider messages, so please ensure your mobile phone numbers and emails are kept up to date with the School Office.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Stonier and Mrs R Payne

Class 4 Teachers