



Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
21st July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely last week of term, with many exciting activities including fantastic family sharing afternoon on Wednesday showcasing the work of Beech and Chestnut Class over the term. Children dressed as stone-age children, planned some super outside activities (orienteeing and team challenges inspired by their Hill End residential) and exhibited beautifully published stories and inspiring homework projects ranging from models of stone-age Roundhouses to stone-age themed board games.

Congratulations to children and thank you families for supporting such imaginative, creative projects. I am constantly amazed by our team of teachers who embrace new topics and bring exciting new learning to the school each year. Today's Leavers Assembly was very special, we thank FoSS (with extra thanks to Lucy Martin and to James Dolan) for giving our pupils beautifully produced year books and for giving them autograph books too. Our Year 6 Rowan Class have been very creative, they have worked really well as a team and we have been particularly impressed with the way they have supported the younger pupils in school. The last week of the summer term is always bitter-sweet. We hope we have supported our year 6 children to become lifelong learners and confident individuals. We hope we have also helped them to develop a strong moral code and a set of values to guide them through life. We wish them happiness and success in the future.

We are also saying goodbye to a number of families who have been associated with our school for many years. We would like to say thank you to them for being part of our school community and for all the support you have given us and our children over the years. Thank you to all the families who contributed to the fantastic gift of a new school gate – what a marvellous gift for us.

I feel very privileged to work with such a dedicated staff team and I would like to thank the whole staff team, our cook, our catering assistant, our cleaners our TAs, administrators, teachers and Ade Dixon our care taker and our SENco for their hard work this year.

I would also like to thank the team of wonderful volunteers who come into school weekly to listen to readers and practice key words. I would like to take this opportunity at the end of this academic year to give a special thank you to our group of voluntary school governors and to acknowledge the time and energy that they give to school. Our governors provide support and challenge to leaders at school to ensure that we are constantly improving our provision. The work of our governors is vital to ensuring that our school provides quality education and I am very grateful that this excellent team is so willing to give up time to monitor, evaluate and challenge our work in school. Mr. Harry Holland is an incredibly supportive and knowledgeable Chair of Governors and I would like to thank him for his fantastic support this year, I could not have wished for better support and advice.

Thank you to FoSS for working so hard to raise money for our school and for providing lovely social occasions to bring families together.

Our school is a huge community of people who strive to make sure that all our children reach their potential.

We hope all our families enjoy a happy and healthy summer and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in the autumn for an exciting new year of learning.

School Budget

As a small school, we have had to make cuts to our budget for the past 5 years. We are facing much more serious shortfalls in funding in the coming years due to reduced income from government and an

unexpected reduction in pupils this year at a time when we expected increasing pupil numbers due to building work in the village. Until we have final pupil census numbers in early October, it is difficult to predict exactly how serious our budget situation will be, but parents need to be aware that we are already having to find savings wherever possible.

We are very grateful to FoSS, who have this week, agreed to fund an essential replacement interactive whiteboard which school cannot fund at this time. The fete profit was at a record high this year and so FoSS felt that it was viable to support both the adventure play area refurbishment and this important piece of teaching equipment which will be in use daily.

Governors will provide further information to parents regarding our budget once pupil numbers are finalised in the autumn term.

Staff Farewells

We are very sorry to be losing three very well-loved members of our staff team. We are very sad to be saying farewell to Mrs. Emma Day who has been a wonderful TA here at Stonesfield for 7 years. Emma is incredibly sporty, artistic and energetic and we will miss her hugely. Emma has been a fantastic support on residential visits, with sporting events and with Cool Club as well as Play Leaders and Wooley Club over the years. We thank her for her dedication and boundless energy and we wish her well at her new school - they are very lucky to be gaining such a fabulous TA! We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to the marvellous Miss. Adams who has been working in Oak and Willow with us this year, covering Mrs. Brockhall's maternity leave. Miss Adams is full of passion and enthusiasm for teaching and we have loved having her on the staff team. We thank her for sharing her expertise and especially for sharing her ICT skills. Miss Adams takes up a new full-time teaching post in Witney next term and we know she will be a huge asset to her new staff team. Mrs. Langley has given up her job-share in Beech class, Mrs Langley is much loved member of the staff team and we thank her for all the extra work she has done on behalf of school over many years. We will miss her weekly visits to school but thankfully we will continue to see Mrs. Langley in school as she is a regular supply teacher with us. We would like to thank Mrs. Day for her lovely gift of a new school bell, we will think of her when we ring the bell at playtime!

School lunches

There will be a small increase in school lunches. From 5th September school lunches will now be charged at £2.20

FoSS News

Year 6 Leavers Disco, 13th July 2017

FoSS would like to thank Jane O'Gorman and Lucy Martin for organising this wonderful event, and Hannah Ball for supplying the disco. It sounds like everyone had a great time and was a suitable send off for Year 6. Thank you also to Dan O'Gorman and Phil Martin for their help and everyone else who helped with the event. We hope that Year 6 enjoy their yearbooks and that they serve as a happy reminder for years to come. Good luck to you all as you make the exciting move to your new schools.

Unbelievably another school year has come to an end and FoSS would like to extend their warmest thanks to everyone who has supported us over the past year, not least Stuart Pinney, James Clarke and Matt Sutton.

Happy summer holidays everyone!

The FoSS Team

La Jolie Ronde French Club

The La Jolie Ronde courses enable children to learn another language in a fun, but structured way, with plenty of songs, games and interaction. Each course can last 1 to 2 academic years and lessons are run in blocks of 10 per long term. At Stonesfield Primary, the French club is taught by French Tutor, Juliet Taylor,

who lives in Stonesfield and run by Beverley Greenway, who also teaches French in several local Primary Schools.

The La Jolie Ronde French club has been running successfully at the school since the beginning of May 2017. From September, the classes will continue for all the children who have already started lessons, and as it is still early days, the new term will be an ideal time for other children to join!

Each half-hourly lesson costs £5.30 and the Activity book/CD packs, which are an essential part of each course, cost £15.00 (purchased once at the start).

Specific dates for next term will be published nearer the time.

To ensure your child has a place with La Jolie Ronde when the classes start in September, please contact me as soon as possible, by email (or phone if you prefer!) stating 'Stonesfield Primary' in the title and including in the text:

- Your child's / children's name and school year in September
- Your name and tel. number

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Woodstock Gymnastic Club Summer Camp

A fun filled day of gymnastics and other activities is available for children aged 5 upwards at Marlborough School Woodstock.

Dates: Weeks beginning 24 July and 31st July 8.30am to 3.30pm (£30.00 per day)

Email: info@janebrooksgymandswim.com for enquiries or to book a place

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Crash courses are available for children aged 4 and upwards from total beginners to stroke improvement at Spirit Health Club Holiday Inn at Peartree Roundabout.

Dates: Weeks beginning 24 July, 31 July and 7 August.

Half hour lessons from 8.30 to 10.30am, small groups with max of 6 to a class £50.00 per week.

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Pre-School Summer Holiday Club – Spaces still available

Pre-school will be a running a holiday club for one week during the summer holidays

Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July. Full day cost £27.50 - 9am to 5.30pm and half day £15.00 mornings

9am to 1pm or afternoons 1.30pm to 5.30pm (there is a reduced price for 2nd child)

Please contact Zena Rozee for further details or a registration form on Tel 01993 898012 or email

zenarozee@outlook.com

Jamie's Picnic Party

All welcome to come and have fun at Jamie's Picnic Party, Saturday 5th August 3-5 pm at the Manor Garden.

Light refreshments, bouncy castle and a lovely lawn to play on. Please bring a rug to sit on. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Jane Rust

Excel Tennis Academy

The Excel Tennis Academy are running holiday Tennis and Multi-Sports courses through the summer holidays in Witney and Standlake. There are courses running every week for children aged 4 - 16. We have

tennis specific courses and also Multi-Sports Courses which include Tennis, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Crazy Golf, Rounders and many other activities. All our courses have flexible bookings so you can choose one day or a whole week. For more information on all our courses please visit our website using this link: <http://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/holiday-courses>

Dates for the Diary – more dates on the school website calendar

	INSET day	Children are not at school on this day.
Tuesday, 5th Sept	Start of term	Welcome back
Thursday 21st Sept	FoSS AGM School Hall 8pm	All parents welcome to come along.
Monday 11th September	KS2 Visit to Warwick Castle	An exciting trip to inspire KS2's new topic Dungeons and Dragons!
Friday 15th September	Junior Citizens Training Year 6	A valuable training for Year 6 in life saving and safety skills.