



Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Stonesfield Primary School! We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer holiday – the children have shared some wonderful memories with us this week. Thank you for sending your children to school smartly dressed in school uniform, we try hard to take pride in presentation in every way at school.

We are looking forward to autumn term and we are excited about our new topics and KS2 are going to Warwick Castle on Monday for inspiration for their Castle themed studies this term. Year 1 will start Forest School on Tuesday with Sarah Walker so that over the course of EYFS and Year 1 they will have experienced and explored our Forest School in all three seasons of the year. We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher Evening next Wednesday evening (details below).

There are always so many reminders we need to give at the beginning of term so please forgive a bullet point list to keep it short! We appreciate your help with keeping everyone in school safe and happy.

- Doors open at 8.50am and class starts promptly at 8.55am, please make sure your child is in class and ready to learn by this time. Late arrival means lost learning and disrupts the learning of others.
- It is vital that if your child is not coming into school for any reason please ring the school office before 9am with details of why they are absent. This saves our administrators a huge amount of time and trouble in phoning to find out why children are absent as this is a safeguarding issue.
- We always need to know who is collecting your child from school each day. Please let class teachers or the office know if the person collecting your child from school is changing for any reason. For safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow children to go home with any adult without verbal or written consent from parents.
- No children (or adults!) should ride bicycles or scooters in the school grounds, please dismount and push bikes and scooters once you are through the gates, thank you.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds and please do not tie them up near to school, there is potential risk of injury and all dogs and children can be unpredictable, thank you.
- Children need to have a water bottle in school every day (with only water in it please, no squash!); morning snack for KS2 is fruit only please, dried or fresh. In the interests of health and fairness to all, please can you ensure that your child follows the morning snack rule.

We put a very high value on partnership with parents, we operate an open door policy and teachers are always happy to arrange to meet with you, please ask teachers for an appointment or phone the office to arrange an appointment.

Meet the Teacher Evening

We would like to invite all parents and carers to a 'meet the teacher' evening on Wednesday 13th September.

Teachers will make a short presentation about their routines for the year and answer any questions that you may have. These will take place at 6pm and then again at 7pm with the exception of EYFS – Mrs. Ede will only present once at 7pm for EYFS parents (she will talk about English and Maths specifically) as she will be presenting with Mrs. Clark at 6pm. Teachers will repeat their presentations so that if you have more than one child in school you will have the chance to meet both teachers. At 6.30pm Ms McGregor will talk

to parents in the hall – all welcome. If you have more than two children, please choose which sessions you would like to go to and if you have any specific concerns about a third child do please make an appointment to see the teachers after school. We look forward to welcoming you.

School Lunches

Just to remind that school lunches have increased to £2.20

KS2 Girls Football Club

We will be starting a Girls Football Club this term run by Paul Quibell-Smith (our visiting sports coach). This will start Wednesday 13th Sept (3.15-4.00pm) and will run until October half term. It is open to KS2 girls with a maximum of 12. There is no charge for this club. Please sign the permission slip below if your child is interested. Some girls were reluctant to join a mixed team so we hope that this training will give them the confidence to join mixed teams in future.

KS2 Boys Football Club

We will be starting a Boys Football Club this term run by Paul Quibell-Smith (our visiting sports coach). This will start Thursday 14th Sept (3.15-4.00pm) and will run until October half term. It is open to KS2 boys with a maximum of 12. There is no charge for this club. Please sign the permission slip below if your child is interested.

Woolly Club

We will be running Woolly club for 5 weeks starting Thursday 21st September to Thursday 19th October (3.15pm to 4.30pm) for Year's 2 to 6. The cost will be £15.00 and places are limited to 12. Please sign and return slip below. Names will be picked from a hat this term and those disappointed will be given priority next term, to give all children a fair opportunity. Please only bring your cash to school once your child's place has been confirmed.

FoSS News

Welcome back to school! It was lovely to see so many parents/grandparents/carers at the coffee morning for new parents at the St. James' Centre on Tuesday morning - we hope this week has gone well for everyone.

Just a couple of FoSS dates for your diaries - with more information on each event to follow in the coming weeks and months:

FoSS AGM from 8pm, Thursday 21st September, in the School's Hall - All welcome! Please do join us.

Spooktacular Halloween Disco, 4-5.30pm, Friday 20th October, Stonesfield's Village Hall (Playing Field Close)

Fabulously Festive Christmas Gift Fayre, Raffle & Pop-up Café, 11am-4pm, Saturday 11th November, Stonesfield's Village Hall (Playing Field Close). If you would be interested in having a stall at this very popular village event, or can recommend some stallholders, please email Jess Huband: jesshuband@hotmail.co.uk

The FoSS Team

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

Tuesday, 5th Sept	Start of term	Welcome back
Monday 11th September	KS2 Visit to Warwick Castle Children arrive at school for 8.40am	An exciting trip to inspire KS2's new topic Dungeons and Dragons!
Tuesday 12th September	Yenworthy parents meeting	School hall 6pm
Wednesday 13th September	Meet the teacher evening	6pm classroom teacher presentations 6.30pm Mrs McGregor's presentation in school hall 7pm classroom teacher presentations
Wednesday 13th September	Beech class swimming starts	
Friday 15th September	Junior Citizens Training Year 6	A valuable training for Year 6 in life saving and safety skills.
Wednesday 20th September	Individual school photos	Ward Hendry
Thursday 21st September	FOSS AGM	School hall 8pm
Wednesday 27th September	Harvest Festival Assembly	School hall 2.30pm
Friday 20th October	Last day of term 1	

I give permission for my childto attend KS2 Boys Football Club.

Signed by parent/carer: Date: Contact No.

At the end of the afternoon:

My child has permission to go home alone

I will collect my child

I have arranged for a member of
After School Club to collect my child

My child will go home with (name of adult)

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