



Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
5th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who came to join in with our May celebration on Wednesday. Although the sun shone for our parade around the village, it soon became both very cold and windy. Thank you very much to FoSS for providing much needed hot teas and coffees for our shivering



audience! With our year 6 May queen and king, Rebecca and Edward on their thrones, the children did us proud with wonderful dancing and three truly impressive maypole dances. It was lovely to welcome pre-school who presented a lovely dance for us all. We thank our teachers and TAs for the extra work they put into to planning and rehearsing the dances and to making the beautiful spring flower crowns and decorations for the maypole. Spring celebrations are ancient festivals going back hundreds of years and May Day is a very special part of Stonesfield village heritage.

Year 6 SATS – week beginning 8th May

I spent some time with our year 6 class on Tuesday and I was incredibly impressed to see them revising for their SATs tests together, supporting each other and discussing methods and answers. They were enjoying the challenge and I was struck by their positive attitudes and their maturity. Whatever they achieve in the SATS tests next week, we are very proud of their effort and their positive approach to their learning. We could not ask for more from this super cohort of year 6 pupils. Mrs. Saunter has given the children the tools to tackle the tests with gusto and with self-belief. I know that Mrs. Saunter is justifiably proud of all of her children and we wish them luck for next week.

Website glitch

This week the website has been unavailable through Google. If you are unable to get onto the website please search an alternative search engine such as Explorer or Firefox. We have reported the problem but it may take several days to be rectified by Google.

Class Arrangements for Next Academic Year

As a small village school we usually have mixed-year classes and we do try our best to inform parents as early as possible about likely class groupings for the academic year ahead. This year we will not have the vital information about overall numbers until mid-June when the second round of EYFS places is allocated and therefore we need to wait until then to make final decisions about class groupings and staffing arrangements. We thank you for your understanding.

Curriculum Maps

Curriculum maps for all classes for this term are now on the website. They are in latest news and can also be found under the curriculum tab (in overview).

Hill End Information

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Hill End Residential information evening on Wednesday. If you were unable to come or would like to see the presentation again the power point is available on the website.

School Lunches

The deadline for ordering school lunches for next term is Tuesday 16th May. We will not be taking paper lunch orders so please ensure you order your child's lunches for term 6 before the deadline date. Several children have recently said that they don't want their ordered meal; please ensure you select what your child likes and that they know what has been ordered as the kitchen staff cook to order and therefore don't have alternatives.

Thank you to all those parents who have made payments for their child's outstanding lunch balances, we will be sending a reminder to those parents who have not yet made payment, please ensure you pay promptly.

FoSS News

Band Night, Saturday 6th May 2017

Don't miss out – get your tickets while they are still available, £6 in advance (£7 on the door), please contact Jess or Caroline (jesshuband@hotmail.co.uk), or (caroline.sutton2@btinternet.com). Tickets are also still available from the village shop and Stonesfield Sports and Social Club.

Nearly New Sale, Sunday 7th May 2017

Just a reminder that the FoSS and Preschool nearly new sale is to be held in the school hall on Sunday 7th May 2017 from 1pm to 3pm.

Village Fete, Saturday 1st July 2017

Advertising Boards

Once again Breckon and Breckon are kindly supplying advertising boards and running a coconut shy at the village fete this year. If you are happy to have one of their boards advertising the fete in your garden they will donate us a lot of money! Please get in touch ASAP as they would like to put them up mid-May.

FoSS Needs You!!! We would like to renew our appeal for help at the Fete this year, particularly running the BBQ as it would be a shame if we can't run this popular (and huge profit making) stall. Please do let Jo, Jess and Caroline know if you are able to volunteer. FoSS members will be in the playground in the coming days/weeks asking for leaders (for key areas) and volunteers (for 30-45 minute shifts) at drop off and pick up. A huge thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

Community News:

Stonesfield Gardening Club will be holding their annual spring plant sale at Four Acres, Pond Hill (along from the village shop) on Saturday 6th May from 8am to 11 am. It's a chance to pick up a bargain for your garden; bedding plants, perennials, vegetables & herbs. You are also welcome to wander round the garden (with optional hot drink and a slice of cake) if you have the time!

Pre School Summer Holiday Club

Pre School will be 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

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

Wednesday 17th May	KS2 African workshops run by Chief Chebe (Ghanaian Chief)	Date change
Monday 22 nd May	Healthy Eating Week 	A week focussing on healthy eating and healthy lifestyles, including Yoga instruction for the whole school.
Thursday 25 th May	Last day of term	
Friday 26 th May	Inset day	Children are not in school today
Monday 5 th June	School begins	
Tuesday 6 th and 7 th June	Hill End Residential years 3 and 4	
Thursday, 22 nd June	Class Photo's by Ward Hendry	
Monday 3 rd July	Sports week begins 	
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports day afternoon	Come and enjoy an afternoon of sports events from 1.00pm
Thursday, 6 th July	Wheels Day 	Children are invited to come to school with a non-motorised ride on vehicle i.e., a push bike or a scooter to take part in an exciting day of activities. More information to follow.
Thursday, 6 th July	Pupil Parliament Cheque Presentation	
Tuesday, 11 th July	Shuffle up day	All children will spend a day with their next year's teacher. This includes children coming over from Pre-school to join EYFS.
Thursday, 13 th July	Year 6 End of School Disco. 6.30-8.30pm in the school hall.	For information on this, please speak to Lucy Martin or Jane O'Gorman.
Friday, 14 th July	Camping Day for EYFS and key stage 1 children. 	Children are invited to bring a tent to school to put up in the school grounds and enjoy a day of summer fun.
Thursday, 20 th July	Beach afternoon 	Children are invited to bring swimsuits to school and water pistols for a day of water fun!
Friday, 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term. 	Enjoy your summer break!

I give permission for my child to attend **KS2 Cricket 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

My child will be collected by a member of Pre School
After School Club and taken to Pre School

My child will go home with (name of adult)