



***Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
19th May 2017***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastically multi-cultural week here at school with lots of opportunities for children to learn about different countries, cultures and religions as well as the government's British Values of mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Islamic Story teller Jumana who enthralled all our children with her stories. On Wednesday, KS2 welcomed Chief Chebe, a Chief from Ghana along with his African colleague Sammi. Together they gave the children a truly authentic experience of African drumming, chanting and singing. Chief Chebe is one of the most charismatic people you could ever meet and once you have met him, you never forget him. He is brimful of positive energy and warmth and we were really pleased when he expressed genuine surprise and delight at the wealth of knowledge about Africa our children already have. Our children could tell him the names of 40 of the 54 African countries! In assembly, Chief Chebe gave all our children a vivid picture of his childhood in rural Ghana, walking 4 miles in bare-feet to and from his school where there was just one text book to be shared by all. He told us about the passion the Ghanaians have for education and how they see it as the most important key to success. It was a powerful moment for all of us to reflect on the rich wealth of resources we enjoy here at our school and just how lucky we are. Our Woodstock Partnership of Schools Pupil Parliament representatives Ella and Edwin with help from Samuel (all Year 6) made excellent presentations in assemblies this week, using a democratic vote (another British Value!) to decide which charity school will support this year – more details below. Thank you to Mrs. Fox, Lara, Ella and Amber for their super concert in this morning's assembly. We are looking forward to our healthy lifestyles week next week and please remember that Friday the 25th May is an INSET day.

Curriculum Visits and Visitors

We are entering a challenging time for school budgets. With the increasing pressure on our budget, we will no longer be able to subsidise school trips and visitors to school when parents choose not to make a contribution towards the costs. We have not yet received sufficient contributions to cover the costs of either the Life Bus or our visit from Chief Chebe and this means that we will not be able to provide other resources in school this year. If you have not contributed to these we would ask you to reconsider and send your contributions into school as soon as possible, (Life Bus £3 per child, Chief Chebe £10 per KS2 child). If the situation does not change, we will not be able to book the Life Bus again next year which would be a very sad situation. Many thanks for your help.

Pupil Parliament Charity Enterprise 2017

Ella and Eddie our Pupil Parliament representatives made a presentation to the whole school about the four charities which have been selected for this year's Charity Enterprise. After the presentation, the whole school voted and the majority vote was for us to fundraise for the charity Back up. Back up supports people of all ages who have been affected by spinal injury. On Monday, student council will meet to share the ideas they have collected for fundraising this year. We look forward to raising lots of money for this worthy cause.

Islamic Story Teller

Jumana came to school and told us two Muslim stories, she was really, really good. Jumana used musical instruments to make sound effects that made the story even better. We loved the stories.

Thank you to Jumana and thank you to Mrs. Langley for inviting Jumana.

Rowan and Ferdi Willow Class

African Day Chief Chebe

Chief Chebe and Sammi gave us an African drumming workshop, they taught us games and African stories. Chief Chebe also told us some of his history about growing up in Ghana. He was great fun and very energetic and we enjoyed spending time with him.

Camron and Harvey Beech Class



Forest School Laundry

A big thank you to Hayley Brooks for washing the forest school coats and trousers. It was a horrible job and we really appreciate it. Mrs Ede.

Healthy Living Week

We are looking forward to our **Healthy Living Week** next week organised by Mrs Clark. Monday will be '5 a day and eat well day' – all children will learn about food groups and the eat well plate. Tuesday is 'get active day' - sports leaders will set up some sports tournaments at lunch time to encourage children to try something new. All classes will enjoy a 30- 55 minute yoga lesson during the day from a specialist Yoga teacher. Wednesday is 'try something new day' when everyone will cook some African recipes – they may even be samples for parents to try at the end of the day (if we haven't eaten it all first!) and on Thursday the focus will be on drinking plenty of water with a hydration station.

Look Who's Talking

We are very pleased to invite you to our Look Who's Talking celebration evening on Thursday 25th May at 6.00pm in the school hall. The children who have been coming to the club will be performing classic poems, talking about a favourite hobby and performing an African play. Everyone has worked incredibly hard planning their performances, writing and learning their lines and rehearsing their contributions. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible to come along and support them. There is an additional treat of a performance by the school band as well as a bar, refreshments and a raffle to raise funds for this term's Charity Enterprise project. If you would like tickets can you please complete the slip below giving numbers so that we can plan the evening.

Fidget Spinners/toys

In recent weeks we have had children bringing fidget spinners and squashy toys into school. Spinners were originally designed to assist children with concentration difficulties and are NOT toys. Unless your child has a recognised reason, and the benefit of their use has been agreed with the class teacher, they may NOT bring them into school. May we also remind you that no toys are permitted in school – this includes trading cards and squashy toys.

UK Chess Challenge Mega-final

A huge well done to Clara, Jacob and Joel. On Saturday 30th April they played in the Oxfordshire Chess Mega-final held at Cokethorpe School. It was a whole day of chess! Sat in the large gym with 240 others they each played six games against other very good players from across the County. Thank you for representing our school.

Mrs Soanes

Footsteps - child pedestrian training programme

On Wednesday 7 June 2017, the Year 6 and EYFS children will take part in a Footsteps session. The sessions will take place within the school grounds, usually on the front playground/grassed area. In previous years, this session has been found to be a worthy exercise for both age groups, giving the

youngest children in the school the opportunity to work 1:1 with the oldest children, learning how they can stay safe on the roads. For the older children, it reminds them of their earlier Footsteps learning, particularly as they prepare to embark on their independent travelling to and from school in September. Following a class briefing, each Year 6 child will be given a roadside activities prompt card, specifically aimed at Foundation age children, working on listening, fast and slow and stopping exercises. After, each EYFS child will be given a special footsteps and road safety sticker by their Year 6 partner. If you would like to learn more about the Footsteps programme, please log onto the Oxfordshire County Council website. You can also read more about the Footsteps programme within Stonesfield Primary School on the school's website. I have been a Footsteps Volunteer within the school since 2005. If you have any questions regarding the Footsteps programme, please get in touch via the school office. **Jane O'Gorman.**

Stonesfield Strikers After School Club for Oak and Willow Classes

We are really excited to be able to offer the children of Oak and Willow classes a fantastic sporting opportunity. FA qualified coaches, from Stonesfield Strikers, will be running a football club on a Tuesday here at Stonesfield School. The club will begin on the first Tuesday back after half term (Tuesday 6th June) and is will run from 3:15 - 4:30pm until the end of term. The children will develop their basic skills and play matches as part of the sessions. Mickey Lewis (a former professional footballer and manager) will also be joining in with some of the sessions. The children will require suitable clothing, shin pads (if you have them) and trainers – please, no football boots. If you are happy for your child to be part of this fantastic opportunity please fill in the attached slip below and return to school by Thursday 25th May.

Community News:

Stonesfield Strikers – Half term

Join the fun at Mickey Lewis and Stonesfield Strikers soccer school at half term. We are running sessions Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June for all 4 to 6 year olds from 9am till 10 am. As an introduction to the soccer school we are offering the sessions totally free both days. The sessions will be held at Stonesfield playing fields. To book a place e mail mickeylewisprocoaching@gmail.com or phone Mickey Lewis on 07920032277

Stonesfield Cricket Club

Do you have time to support our local cricket club by running training for the youth section? Stonesfield Cricket Club would love to give our children the opportunity to learn how to play but are unable to find the volunteers to help. They are already running training for U13's but it would be great if we could give younger children the opportunity to train also. If you are able to offer a couple of hours one evening a week for training over the summer months, please can you contact Jacqueline on 898976 / 07896 847722 / jacquelinecarthew@gmail.com

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 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

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

Monday 22 nd May	Healthy living Week 	A week focussing on healthy eating and healthy lifestyles, including Yoga instruction for the whole school.
Thursday 25 th May	Look Who's Talking	6.00pm School Hall – refreshments and raffle
Thursday 25 th May	Last day of half term	3.15pm finish
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	
Saturday, 1 st July	Stonesfield Village Fete	On the School Grounds. 12.00-3.00pm.
Monday 3 rd July	Sports week 	
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 morning with their new teacher for 2017-2018. 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!
Monday, 4 th Sept	Inset day	Children are not at school on this day.
Tuesday, 5 th Sept	Start of term	Welcome back

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

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

My child will go home with (name of adult)

I give permission for my childto attend **KS1 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)

Look Who's Talking celebration on Thursday 25th May

Name

I would like..... tickets for the Look Who's Talking celebration on Thursday 25th May
Please return by Monday 22nd May