



Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
9th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term. We have had a super week in spite of the challenging weather episodes! We have entered two sporting competitions and years 3 and 4 spent two days and one night at Hill End. This residential can be a pupil's first experience of a night away from home and is therefore a really important step for our pupils on the way to becoming more independent. The children had an excellent day of hands-on learning about Stone Age people and also spent time in groups learning to cooperate in team challenges. We are enormously grateful to our teachers Mrs. Binnian and Miss Boughtflower for being prepared to organise and run this residential and to our TAs Mrs. Pote and Mrs. Fox and volunteer parents Mrs Donnan, Mr Baldwin, Ms Griffiths, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Huband, Mrs Davies, Ms Curran and Mrs Taylor for being essential helpers making the trip a huge success. Special thanks to Mrs Donnan for cooking simply the best food we have ever had on a residential and to Mrs. Hall for coming along and staying over with us. Without the volunteer help and the huge goodwill of staff, this trip could not be run. We love Hill End because of the stunning location and wildlife, the wealth of opportunities for outdoor learning and the fact that we can run this trip on a very low budget making it accessible for all.



We have spent time over the past few weeks discussing the British value of democracy and the rule of law, year 6 have studied the election in quite some depth and have impressed us all with their knowledge of the process.

Look Who's Talking

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the children from Look Who's Talking and the School Bands at our celebration on the 25th May. It was a wonderful evening filled with fabulous performances from a group of very talented and hardworking children. Thanks to your generosity the bar and raffle made £65 to add to our total for the Partnership Charity Project.

Attendance

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the number of pupils being withdrawn from school for holiday during term time. Please be aware of the negative impact this will have on your child's progress in school. The table below is very helpful in clarifying how much learning a child might miss when taken out of school. We are all working together for our children to achieve their best. Please help us by booking holiday during the 12 weeks of school holidays.

Attendance threshold	Days attended	Days absent	Learning hours Lost
100%	190	0	0
95%	180.5	9.5	47.5
90%	171	19	95
85%	161.5	28.5	142.5
80%	152	38	190

Quad Kids Competition

We arrived at Tilsley Park when it was very hot in the stadium for Quad Kids. There were two teams - group A and group B. We had to do 75m sprint, 600m run, standing long jump and vortex throw. At the end of the event there was a presentation, group B came second in their group and group A came fourth. We did have an individual award winner and that was Liam, so all the hard work and energy that we used was worth it in the end.

By Liam and Charlie

Winners of The Steeple People Illustration Competition.

Year 6 had the opportunity to illustrate 3 chapters from Booby Days' new book, Kingdom Pool, which is due to be published in July 2017. Ella, Catrin, Tom, Edward, Amber and Liam will all be published illustrators!



KS2 Athletics Club

We will be starting an Athletics Club next half term run by Paul Quibell-Smith (our visiting sports coach). This will start Wednesday 7th June (3.15-4.15pm) and will run for the duration of the summer term. It is open to KS2 children with a maximum of 18 children. There is no charge for this club. Please sign the permission slip below if your child is interested.

Wooley Club

Wooley Club is now FULL

BBQ Appeal!

We need a gas BBQ for use at the Year 6 Leavers Disco, on Thursday 13 July, 6.30-8.30pm. If anyone has a gas fired BBQ we could please borrow, on which two Y6 Dad's have kindly offered to cook for the children, we would love to hear from you! We can collect the BBQ and deliver back to you. Please contact either Jane O'Gorman, Lucy Martin, Jo Pinney or Jess Huband, via the school office. Thank you so much.
FoSS Committee

Lunch Statements

We are sending home lunch statements during the next couple of days, please ensure you pay promptly.
Thank you

FoSS News

Village Fete, Saturday 1st July 2017

We would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with this year's fete. We will shortly be drawing up rotas for the bar, BBQ, tea tent and a few other stalls and leads for each area will be in touch to confirm time slots.

This year also sees the eagerly awaited return of the show tent to the fete. Don't forget to pick up your entry forms from school reception.

We hope you found the raffle tickets in the children's book bags before half-term! If you could fill in the stubs and return to the office this will mean we can get our major fundraising underway in order to refurbish the play equipment in the playground.

Jolly Jars Day

Friday 23rd June is Jolly Jar Day!

DONATE A 'JOLLY JAR' AND WEAR NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR THE WHOLE DAY!!

Creating your Jolly Jar is simple. All you need is a sparkly clean jam jar & fun treats to fill it with!

Filler ideas include sweets, crayons, stickers, lollipops, small toys, smellies, art supplies (pipe cleaners, pom poms etc..).

Whatever really takes your fancy!

All Jolly Jars donated will raffled off at the Village Fete in aid of FoSS

Many thanks from the FOSS team.

Community News:

St James centre have asked us to forward on the following messages about two areas of concern. We will be talking to children in school next week about the importance of respecting church yards. Thank you in advance for responding to their requests, we are very keen to maintain our excellent relationships within the community.

St. James Centre

The St. James Centre car park may not have a chain across for a short while until it is replaced. Please could parents note that under **no** circumstances should parents use this car park when dropping or collecting pupils. The SJC car park is only for those who have booked the Centre, and they need to feel confident that they can park there. It is extremely dangerous for cars to be coming in and out of the centre car park at drop off and pick up just as families are crossing the road in or out of the school. Thank you for respecting this private car parking space.

Short Cut through the Church Yard.

There is concern about using the path which goes round the back of the St James Centre which people often use as a shortcut to Church fields even though it is not a public right of way.

The concern is twofold: safety of the children (and there was a near miss not long ago as a child rushed round, meeting a car coming into SJC) and, secondly, respect for the churchyard. Unfortunately, many people seem to walk straight over a burial area from the gate, meeting the asphalt path near the church tower.

If school families feel it is imperative to continue to use this shortcut, please could they keep a close eye on their children safety-wise and also please could they always use the proper gravel path which goes left from the gate towards the Cross, and then re-join the asphalted path through the churchyard, passing the main church door. Please do not walk across the burial ground. Thank you.

La Jolie Ronde French club at Stonesfield Primary

The La Jolie Ronde French club has been running successfully since the beginning of May. The club is run on a Tuesday for children in Years 2 to 4 and on a Wednesday for EYFS and Year 1, from 3.15 to 3.50pm. Each half-hourly lesson costs £5.30 and the Activity book/CD packs, which are an essential part of each course, cost £15.00.

The La Jolie Ronde material enables children to learn another language in a fun, but structured way, with plenty of songs, games and interaction. The Activity book last for 1 to 2 academic years and lessons are run in blocks of 10 per long term; dates and payment plans available on request!

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.

Places are available, so if you would like your child to join the club after half-term, please email Beverley Greenway at: greenwayba@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07572 218690. See www.lajolieronde.co.uk for more info.

Stonesfield Scout Group Duck Race 24th June.

Stonesfield Scout Group will once again be hosting the Village Duck Race on 24th June, down at the river side. As always there will be a BBQ and bar starting from 5pm as well as the excitement of the duck race itself at 6pm. Fabulous cash prizes to be won for the first few ducks to the bridge, as well generous raffle prizes.

Buy your ducks, £1 each, from any beaver, cub or scout you know, or outside the village shop this Saturday 10th and Saturday 17th or 24th.

If you are able to donate any prizes or know of any companies that would like to donate a special prize or voucher, please contact treasurer@stonesfield-scouts.org.uk or speak to a scout leader.

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

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

Wednesday, 14 th – Friday, 16 th June	Year 5 residential to Stratford	
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 morning	All children will spend a morning with their new teacher for 2017-2018. This includes children coming over from Pre-school to join EYFS.
Wednesday, 12 th July	Year 6 Production	
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.
Monday, 17 th July	Musical Allsorts 6.00pm	
Thursday, 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.00am	
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 childto attend **KS2 Athletics 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)