



***Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
15th September 2017***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending our Meet the Teacher Evening, I hope you found it useful. I am sorry I was unable to attend. Next week we will give you the date for a parent spelling workshop and I will have an opportunity to present to parents on that evening.

Despite the disappointingly wintry weather, our youngest new members of school have had a lovely time playing out on the big field with all the other children this week. They have settled in so well and it has been a pleasure to see how kind and helpful our older pupils have been in looking after them and making them feel welcome. The week got off to a great start with a highly successful whole Key Stage 2 trip to Warwick Castle. Our children were excellent ambassadors for our school and this visit has provided an inspiring starting point for their Dungeons and Dragons topic. Many thanks to the parents who joined the trip as helpers and to our fantastic staff for organising this ambitious visit. Because of our excellent pupil behaviour, our staff genuinely enjoy taking our children out for these enriching experiences. Our year 6 pupils have been out this morning to the fire station in Oxford for Junior Citizens training. This provides them with a variety of real-life scenarios in which they learn how to keep themselves and others safe. It is enjoyable and could prove invaluable in the future.

Warwick Castle



On Monday, we went to Warwick Castle. When we arrived, we couldn't see the castle to start with. We walked around and then we could see it, it was enormous! We split into two groups and we had a workshop about attack and defence. We had to try and attack the castle and we learned all about the defences. We saw a massive trebuchet! We went right to the top

of Guy's tower and saw amazing views and we walked along the ramparts. We thought the trip was really good! We would like to thank the teachers who organised it and the teaches and TAs and parents who came along to look after us.

Jacob and Hazel Year 5



Junior Citizens Training

Today we visited Oxford Fire Station to have Junior Citizens Training. We all had a great time, it was amazing! We were put into groups and we had different scenarios to sort out and some of them needed us to phone 999. We all practiced



how to do this. We learned about how to keep safe including how to deal with a fire, how to keep safe when there's a road accident.

We were reminded not to talk to strangers and never cross the yellow line on a train platform, how to help someone who is drowning and never, ever to give your personal details to anyone who you don't know online.



We think this training was very helpful and it taught us how to deal with real life situations.

We would like to thank Mrs. Saunter and Mrs. Soanes and the staff at the Fire Station for making this trip so enjoyable.

Khuma and Tegan Year 6

Stonesfield Rocks!

In year 6 on our 'shuffle up' morning we painted some rocks with Mrs. Saunter. We used acrylic paints to paint emojis on each one. We painted happy emojis. Today we hid them all around the school grounds. Then Willow Class went out to find them. They had a lovely time, they are going to keep them for a while and then they will hide them for other classes. The theme of Stonesfield Rocks is to spread happiness. We enjoyed doing it, it was lovely to see the children's faces when they found the rocks.



Mollie and Alice Year 6

Success Beyond Stonesfield Primary

This summer at Marlborough School 19 pupils gained 8+ A* or A grades in all their subjects at GCSE. Of those 19 pupils, 5 are ex-pupils from Stonesfield Primary School. For a small school, this is a very high proportion and we feel that this reflects very well on their primary school education. This morning I met an ex-pupil of ours who is taking up a university place next year and she told me about fellow students (ex-Stonesfield) taking up apprenticeships and going to universities and colleges. It was exciting to hear about our ex-pupils heading out into the world to study and work in a variety of different fields. Exams and tests are used to judge the success of a school. We all know that there are so many other ways in which schools contribute to the development of pupils. We celebrate success in our school in many ways, this week I would like to take a moment to celebrate the successes of our ex-pupils and to congratulate them on their exciting new ventures whatever they may be.

Music in School

This week in assembly, Esta played her flute really beautifully although she has only been learning for a few weeks. We play music in assemblies each week, exposing the children to a wide variety of music from jazz to classical and everything in between. We also like to have live music regularly in assembly as it is a great opportunity for children to develop their confidence. We have a rich tradition of music in school, weekly singing assemblies, whole class brass lessons in year 5, a variety of music lessons on offer, annual musical drama productions for every year group, Christmas Carol concerts for KS2 and our Mrs Foxes legendary school band (which incorporates any and all the instruments played by our pupils) Musical Allsorts concerts to showcase musical talent and lots of opportunities for children to perform in assemblies, at our fete and also to villages at the lunch club.

Due to the unusually busy end of autumn term (term finishes on a Tuesday this year) we will have no less than 5 Christmas musical productions in the last few days of term. Fitting in an Allsorts concert is therefore not possible this year but we look forward to our summer Musical Allsorts Concert.

Individual child photos

On Wednesday 20th September Ward Hendry will be in school to take individual and sibling photos of children in school. If you have younger children not yet in school and would like them to have their photo taken with their brother or sister in school please call into the office to book a time before school starts for this.

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. You will only be advised if your child **doesn't** get a place.

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. You will only be advised if your child **doesn't** get a place.

Woolly Club

Thank you for your form, Woolly Club is now fully booked!

FoSS News

FoSS AGM from 8pm, Thursday 21st September, in the School's Hall - All welcome! We are in need of new members, the larger our team is the easier our job is. Ideally, we would like a representative from each class. It is fun, a great way to get involved with the school and to meet new people. Please do join us. Teas and coffees will be served. The agenda will be circulated shortly.

Thank you.

The FoSS Team

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

Wednesday 20 th September	Individual school photos	Ward Hendry
Thursday 21 st September	FOSS AGM	School hall 8pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Harvest Festival Assembly	School hall 2.30pm
Friday 20 th 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)

I give permission for my childto attend KS2 Girls 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)