



***Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
22nd September 2017***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good week in spite of some wintry weather. Please ensure your child has wellington boots in school so that they can access our big field at playtimes. There are Parent Governor Elections coming up, please consider whether you have some skills and expertise to offer to our governing body in this rewarding role. We are also seeking some new members of our FOSS team to continue the stunningly successful fundraising efforts of the past few years. Fund raising by FOSS makes a huge difference to your children's education.

Harvest Festival

Parents and carers are warmly welcome to join us for our annual Harvest celebration on Wednesday 27th September at 2.30pm. There will be a produce stall in aid of Cecily's Fund after school so we would welcome contributions of perishable and non-perishable produce; please bring these to school on Wednesday morning.

Health and Safety of Children

We have become aware that we have had a few children arriving on their own at school as early as 8.15am. We are not in a position to provide any supervision for children before doors open at 8.50am. Parents have responsibility for their children until 8.50am, please ensure that your child does not arrive in school before this time.

Back Gate

The back gate of school will be opened in the morning for entry to school via the back field, please note that for safeguarding reasons, the gate will not be re-opened until just before the end of the school day. If the gate is still locked when you arrive to pick up your children please come round to the front of school as this will be because staff are not available to unlock it. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES climb over the gate at any time, or allow your children to do so. Please note the gate will not be unlocked for events during the school day, such as Harvest Festival next week.

Football Club

The finish time for football club is 4.15, not 4.00 as advertised in last week's letter.

Wet Weather Clothing

Whenever possible, playtimes and PE will be outside, whatever the weather. Please ensure that when it is wet your children have waterproof jackets and appropriate outdoor PE kit at all times – including long sleeved tops and tracksuit bottoms as well as trainers.

Governing Body News

We had our first Full Governing Body Meeting of the year this week. Mr. Harry Holland has stood down as our Chair of Governors after nearly four years in this vital role. I am incredibly grateful to Harry for his fantastic support for our school and for me, I could not have asked for a more skilled and supportive Chair and it has been a pleasure to work alongside Harry. We are very lucky to have Ms. Sandy Hayes and Mrs. Gillian Clerk taking on the role of Joint Co-Chairs of our governing body. Sandy and Gillian are very

experienced governors and I am delighted and very grateful that they are stepping into this role. We have an excellent team of dedicated governors and I am constantly astonished and heartened by the level of community spirit and commitment they give in a purely voluntary capacity.

Parent Governor Elections

Being a school governor is a rewarding way to contribute to the community and to support our school, please consider offering to stand for the role of Parent Governor on our governing body. We are currently seeking two Parent Governors, please see details of the election process below.

Safeguarding

Schools have an essential role to play in the safeguarding of all children in our care. Part of that safeguarding duty is to ensure the security and safety of our school site. Governors are committed to improving our building security and regularly update our Site Risk Assessment. We now have architect plans completed and we are gathering building quotes to build a new secure lobby at the front of school as soon as possible. Our school office will be relocated to the front of the school and have a secure hatch opening on to a secure lobby so that nobody is admitted into the main school building before security checks have been completed.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- **protecting children from maltreatment**
- **preventing impairment of children's health or development**
- **ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care**

Our school has a policy for Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and reflects the school's statutory duties and pastoral responsibilities, and provides clear procedures to ensure that:

- all staff are aware of the signs of possible child abuse
- all staff know what to do in the case of suspected child abuse
- the designated teacher (Headteacher) is aware of the procedures to be followed in cases of suspected child abuse
- recruitment processes and procedures are robust and ensure that all staff and volunteers have been appropriately screened prior to appointment.

Information sharing

We always ensure that safeguarding information is stored securely in school and that it is passed on securely to schools and other agencies when necessary. Our full Safeguarding policy is on our website but if you would like to see a copy of this policy please ask in the school office.

FoSS News

FoSS AGM

Unfortunately we didn't have the numbers required to hold an AGM last night (Thursday 21st September) so we will be holding a second **AGM on Wednesday 4th October at 8pm at The White Horse Pub.**

Last year we had an amazing year, we held some great events for the school and the wider community, had a lot of fun and in the process made a staggering £10,731.36. We have donated over £9,000.00 to the school for IT equipment since February and are looking at being able to donate more this term.

We are looking forward to another equally amazing year and are hoping to equal the amount that we make and donate to the school, money that the school desperately needs following budget cuts. We have some fantastic events in the pipeline that could potentially make a lot of money for the school.

However, to run these events and do that we do need new members to our team. We are a social and fun bunch and being on FoSS is a great way of meeting new people. Committee members do not need to attend every meeting or help out at every event but we really need more pairs of hands to be able to run

these fantastic events. Equally, if you don't want to be a member but would like to help out occasionally we would also like to hear from you. As the saying goes "Many hands make light work".

Most importantly, we need a Treasurer to be able to fulfil the legal requirements set out by the Charities Commission. A Treasurer does not need to attend every meeting or help out at events but does need to look after the charity's finances and file an annual return with the Charities Commission. If you have the necessary skills and can spare a few hours every term then please could you get in touch with us.

If you would like to join us, would like more information on what it entails or would like to attend the AGM please could you let Jo or Caroline know via email:

jopinney1@sky.com or caroline.sutton2@btinternet.com

We also have the Friends of Stonesfield School Facebook group which you could join:

www.facebook.com/groups/389548171173664/

Thank you,
The FoSS Team

La Jolie Ronde French club at Stonesfield Primary

The La Jolie Ronde French club has been running successfully at the school since May 2017. La Jolie Ronde courses enable children to learn another language in a fun, but structured way, with plenty of songs, games and interaction. Each course can last one to two academic years and lessons are run in blocks of 10 per long term. At Stonesfield Primary, the French club is taught by Tutor, Juliet Taylor, who lives nearby in Stonesfield, and run by Beverley Greenway, who also teaches French in several local Primary Schools.

From Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September, the classes will continue for all the children who have already started lessons and I'm pleased to offer a further class to ensure that children from Foundation to Year 6 have the opportunity to learn French!

Here is the timetable:

Tuesday at 15.15

For children who wish to continue as well as new joiners from Years 4 – 6; the class will start a new programme called Bonjour la France.

Wednesday at 12.30

For children who wish to continue as well as new joiners from Foundation and Year 1, this is a new lunchtime class, using the programme called Les aventures de Minou et Trottine.

Wednesday at 15.15

For children who wish to continue as well as new joiners from Years 2 and 3; the class will start a new programme called Salut Céline et Antoine.

Each half-hourly lesson costs £5.30 (£53.00 for the 10-weeks) and the Activity book/CD packs, which are an essential part of each course, cost £15.00 (for new joiners only, purchased once when joining a course).

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact me!

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

Wednesday 27th September	Harvest Festival Assembly	School hall 2.30pm
Monday, 9th – 13th October	Rowan Residential to Yenworthy	
Wednesday 11th October	Flu vaccination EYFS, yr1,2,3&4	Morning
Friday 20th October	Last day of term 1	
Monday 30th October	Inset day	
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 starts	
Monday 20th November	Year 6 IMPS Trip	10am to 12.30pm
