



*Learning Together to Achieve our Best*  
*Stonesfield Primary School*  
*13<sup>th</sup> October 2017*

Dear Parents and Carers,



Year 6 have had a brilliant week at Yenworthy Lodge on Exmoor this week, learning lots of new skills and working in new and often challenging situations, taking managed risks with support from expert staff. We are extremely lucky to have dedicated teachers and TAs who are willing to leave their families for the week to enable our pupils to have this exceptional experience during their last year at primary school. I would like to thank Mrs. Binnian (who kindly went to Yenworthy in my place at very short notice) Mrs. Saunter and Mrs. Soanes for being so generous with their time and energy in giving our children this fantastic experience. Residential visits give children a unique opportunity to develop their independence supported by peers and familiar staff. Yenworthy is has a stunning coastal location which contrasts dramatically with landlocked Oxfordshire. Going on the residential at this point in the year means that our pupils benefit, for the rest of year 6, from the team building aspects of the trip and from the powerful shared experience of the visit away from home. We look forward to welcoming them home this evening.

#### **Positive Feedback**

We had a visit from the OCC nursing team to give our EYFS, Yr1,2,3 and 4 pupils their flu vaccinations on Wednesday. The three nurses were hugely complimentary about our pupils, praising them for their lovely manners and impeccable behaviour. We know how many schools the nurses visit so we were really proud of our children, some of whom are still just 4 years old.

#### **School-Parent Partnership**

Close parent-school partnership helps to raise pupil achievement. We need to work as a team with all our parents to ensure that all our pupils reach their potential. Next week on Monday and Wednesday we have our parent-teacher consultation evenings. Please do attend these important meetings to ensure that we are working closely with you. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Harvest Festival Fundraising**



Thank you so much to all parents and staff who kindly supported our autumn produce our charity Harvest produce stall. We raised a total £60 for Cecily's Fund, a fantastic local charity which we have supported since it was established here in Stonesfield 20 years ago. Cecily's Fund provides much needed support to enable orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia to gain an education so that they can reach their true potential and have better futures. Supporting this charity at harvest time reminds us of how privileged our children are to be living in a society where free quality education is provided for all.

#### **Football Tournament**

On Wednesday some year 3 and 4 children went to the Carterton Small Schools Mixed Football Tournament. We played against 4 different teams and really enjoyed ourselves. We came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams. We wore our new school football kit with t-shirts and hoodies (kindly funded by Pye Homes), we

felt very smart wearing the kit. We would like to thank Mrs. Fenemore for coming to support us and Mrs. Burden and Mrs. Carpenter for driving us and helping coach us.

### **Millie and Ferdy**

### **School Lunch Ordering for Term 2**

The deadline for ordering school lunches for next term is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. We will not be taking paper lunch orders so please ensure you respond via Parentmail for your child's lunches for term 2 before the deadline date.

### **Lunch Statements**

Lunch statements were sent home last week for those families owing money. Please ensure you pay prompt before half term.

### **FoSS News**

**Spooktacular Halloween Disco**, 4-5.30pm, Friday 20th October, Stonesfield Village Hall (Playing Field Close)

Join us for music dancing and games. Drinks and hot dogs will be available plus a quiet room with face painting and other activities. Don't forget there is also a competition for the best carved pumpkin. Children and adults are £4.00 on the door but adult helpers go free.

**Fabulously Festive Christmas Gift Fayre**, Raffle & Pop-up Café, 11am-4pm, Saturday 11th November, Stonesfield Village Hall (Playing Field Close).

Come along and enjoy Christmas shopping, raffle, mulled wine, tea and cake, all on our doorstep! We have a fantastic range of stalls confirmed including Mini Perspectives, author Bobby Days, My Visible Object; the Woodstock Fudge Company; the Old Boot Candle makers; SagoJago; DR Light Frame Designs; #HandmadebyGill and Usbourne Books. Something for everyone!

We will be asking for volunteers to help out with baked goods and also for volunteers to help out on the day. Please let Caroline know at [caroline.sutton2@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.sutton2@btinternet.com) if you would like to help out.

**Woodstock Christmas Market** – FoSS Mulled Wine Stall, Saturday 25th November 10am to 7pm

FoSS are excited to be hosting the mulled wine stall at the Woodstock Christmas Market this year, with all profits from the mulled wine sales going towards Foss's fundraising for Stonesfield Primary School. The Market features artisan food producers, crafts and gifts from across the county. Please pop by and enjoy a cup of mulled wine from FoSS whilst browsing the stalls.

Thank you

FoSS Team

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

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<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultation evening</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 3.30 -7.00pm 18<sup>th</sup> – 3.30 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Please note times may vary according to class sizes and teacher's availability</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Last day of term 1</b>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET day – children do not attend school on this day.</b>	

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<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Term 2 starts</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Chestnut class start swimming</b>	<b>6 weeks until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 6 IMPS Trip</b>	<b>10am to 12.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas – Book at Bedtime</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas performance</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas performance</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas lunch</b>	
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Medieval Xmas Fayre</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Carol Concert</b>	<b>2pm &amp; 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>School finishes 1.30pm</b>