



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a mixed week of weather and we feel it is now time to have a firm 'no wellies, no field' rule in place for our playtimes. This ensures that our school stays clean and our children can enjoy our beautiful field for longer. Please send your children to school with wellies every day (please don't forget trainers for outdoor PE and the daily mile as well). Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Marlborough School today to take part in a partnership schools dance festival, working with children and staff from other schools to produce a joint dance performance. Next week we have our annual anti-bullying week planned using resources from the Anti-bullying Alliance for more information do look at the website at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/about-anti-bullying-week-2017>. Although we have a special focus during this week every autumn, all through the year we continue to reinforce anti-bullying messages in school so that all our pupils understand how to protect themselves and others and the importance of reporting to an adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or unhappy. Mrs Clark is planning a follow-up focus later in the year on how 'bystanders' can become 'upstanders' and the importance of reporting any bullying behaviours that you might witness on someone else's behalf.

### **Anti-bullying Week 2017**

During our anti-bullying week, we revisit with all our pupils exactly what bullying behaviour is and how we use our anti-bullying policy to stop it happening in school. In class and in assembly, the children will be reminded about using their WITs

**W – walk away the 1st time**

**I – insist they stop, say NO**

**T – talk to someone if it happens again**



This year the theme of the week is diversity – **All Different, all Equal** and the aims of the week are to:-

- empower children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique
- help children and young people understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying
- encourage parents and carers to work with their school and talk to their children about bullying, difference and equality
- enable teachers and other children's workforce professionals to celebrate what makes us 'all different, all equal' and celebrate difference and equality. Encouraging them to take individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves.

Please read our Anti-bullying Policy (which is part of our behaviour policy) on our website <http://stonesfield.oxon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Behaviour-Policy-February-2017.pdf> to understand the policy in place to ensure that all our children and staff feel safe and happy in school.

### **Eco Council 2017**

Our School Eco Council had our first meeting of the year today. Our Eco councillors are Willow – Alfie and Ollie G Chestnut – Tyler and Abi, Beech – Verity and James, Rowan – Hugh and Tegan. We talked about how to save energy and about the importance of renewable energy. Our school heating runs on a bio-mass boiler (with gas boilers for back up) and we have solar panels on the roof. We are planning a Switch off Fortnight starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of November. We will present an assembly next week to tell everyone

about our plans. Our Eco Council will have Eco Warriors who will check the classrooms to see if they are eco-friendly and we will present a weekly eco award to the class which is saving the most energy and recycling the right products.

Hugh and Tegan Year 6

### Yr 1 dance Marlborough



This morning all of year 1 went to Marlborough School on a coach, it was fun. When we got there, we were all very excited, we went to the big gym. There were lots of children the from other schools. We took off our shoes and socks and then we had a jungle book dance lesson with elephant music. We split up into groups but at the end we all danced together, it was really, really good. Marlborough Year 8 children looked after us. We want to thank Mrs. Ede, Helena and Kathryn for taking us on the coach and Mrs. Merritt who organised it for us.

Daniel and Mariella Year 1

### Pond Maintenance Morning Friday 24th November.

We are keen to restore our pond area to its former natural state and we have been advised that it needs a complete muck out and start again. The best time to do this is before the bugs and beasties start hibernating, and once most of the grown up wild life has moved on after the summer, i.e. now!

If you can spare any time at all on Friday morning, please come and help us "muck out" the pond. There will be plenty of jobs for people to do, depending on how strong you're feeling on the day, from separating out "good and bad" plants, to digging and emptying buckets of sludge from the bottom of the pond, to replanting some birch/hazel saplings.

If you have waders or long wellies (or can lend them if you can't make it yourself) and your own bucket and spade, gardening/waterproof gloves, etc. please bring this with you, we'll provide refreshments and lots of encouragement!

Sarah Walker – Forest School Leader

### Children in Need Fundraiser Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Student Council have organised our Children in Need fundraiser. Children can wear pyjamas to school in return for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Please bake cakes for the after-school cake stall and do come to our bring and buy books and toys in good condition. Donations welcome from Monday. Many thanks.

### Christmas Lunch – Thursday 14th December

School Christmas Lunch with crackers and all the trimmings will be on Thursday, 14th December. If your child does not usually have a school lunch on a Thursday and would like to have a Christmas lunch, **please complete and return the slip below with payment by 1st December**. The cost is £2.20. Please note KS1 children don't need to make payment.

### Foss News

### FoSS' Fabulously Festive Christmas Gift Fayre & Pop-up Café

11am-4pm, Saturday 11th November, Village Hall. £2 entry fee.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow - join us for lunch, tea, cake, mulled wine, mince pies, a raffle with fantastic prizes and great shopping. Thank you in advance to the cake and soup makers and all the volunteers helping out.

### FoSS' Mulled Wine Stall at the Woodstock Christmas Market

10am-7pm, Saturday 25th November, St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock

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' 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.

If you are able to help out for an hour or so at this event then please email [caroline.sutton2@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.sutton2@btinternet.com).

Thank you.

The FoSS Team

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

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>wear pyjamas to school on Friday for a £1 donation. Cake stall and bring and buy toys and books after school all in aid of Children in Need.</li> </ul>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 IMPS Trip	10am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Book at Bedtime</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas (+ dressing gown, slippers &amp; cuddly toy if they wish) to listen to wonderful bedtime stories. To enjoy a mug of hot chocolate, please also bring a mug.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping Your Child to Succeed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An information evening for parents on how we teach phonics, spelling and grammar in school and how you can support your child's learning.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance	6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance	2pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch 	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Medieval Xmas Fayre	2pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert	2pm & 6pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term	School finishes 1.30pm
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Back to School for Term 3	Happy New Year!

Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for Rowan Class	
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Term	
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day – children do not attend school on this day.	
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to School for Term 4	
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week	
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Term	School finishes 1.30pm

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**Christmas Lunch Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Meat option \_\_\_\_\_ Veg option \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT £2.20 (Cheques payable to: OCC)