



## **Learning Together to Achieve our Best Stonesfield Primary School 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all children, staff and parents who supported our Children in Need fundraiser on Friday. Caring for others is central to our school ethos and our School Council enjoyed planning, organising and running this event. We raised a very impressive total of £208.35.

On Monday I joined Rowan Class on their visit to Witney Hospital for IMPS (Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools) and I was very impressed with their excellent concentration and their good manners too. We were particularly excited to have some training on how to use an AED (automated, external, defibrillator) as we have now got one in school.

### **Attendance Heroes**

We have spent time in assemblies this week thinking about attendance and why it is very important for pupils to arrive at school on time and to aim for 100% attendance. The children were asked to think how arriving late can disrupt the learning of the whole class. They recognised that it is disruptive when teachers have to repeat some teaching just for latecomers. We thought about the importance of being at school every day unless there is a very good reason not to be, like a serious illness or hospital treatment. We also discussed the link between doing well at school and being at school every day. We talked about being 'attendance heroes' – **Here, Every day, Ready, On time**. We aspire for our pupils to make excellent progress across the curriculum; we need you to work with us to ensure our pupils do not have unauthorised absence which interrupts their learning and impacts on their attainment. Please help to make sure our pupils are attendance heroes!



### **Pond Clearance**

Huge thanks to Sarah Walker for organising a fantastic pond clearance today with our Forest School Year 1 children and a brilliant team of volunteers – Jess Huband, Roger Smith, Rachel Aldred, Richard Jones, Katie Worton, Georgie Steele, Helena Doucas and Helen Moore. Thanks to the marvellous work they have done today; we know we will have a thriving pond eco-system for the years to come. The pond provides such a rich resource for us in school for with its insects, frogs and newt but it does need regular maintenance.



There is still some work to do to complete the clearance so there will be further sessions on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December during school hours. We would be very grateful for any help that you could offer (it doesn't have to be for the whole session).

## Forest School

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to walk to the woods on the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> November. If anyone else would like to join us please come and see Mrs Ede or Mrs Clarke. We would also be grateful for any more Syrup and Treacle Tins with lids for charcoal-making at Forest School. Thank you very much.

## Rowan IMPs Trip

On Monday we went by coach to Witney Community Hospital for IMPS training. We went up to the Windrush Healthcare Centre and watched a film training us in what to do in emergencies or accidents. We also had our fingers plastered and looked at some x-rays of bone fractures. After that we went to the main hospital and learned to do CPR on mannequins called Mrs. Green! We



also learned to use heart starters called AEDs, we have one of these in school in our staff room. It was really fun, and we think it could be very useful in the future. We saw our Road Safety Posters on the walls of the hospital. We would like to thank Mrs Saunter for organising the trip and to Mrs. Soanes and Ms. McGregor for coming with us.



Alice and Will Year 6 Rowan Class

## Parent Visitors

Last week Lenny's mum came into Rowan class to talk the children about using statistics in her job and ran some tasks that enabled children to experience gathering data and using statistics. It was really interesting to hear how things we learn in school are actually used in the real world. If any other parents would like to come into school, to talk to children in groups or in an assembly we would welcome any offers. In March we are holding a science week and would particularly welcome hearing from parents who have an interest or skill in science.

## Christmas Lunch – **Deadline for ordering is 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The cost is £2.20. Please note KS1 children don't need to make payment. Please complete the slip below and return to the school office.

## La Jolie Ronde French Club – Term end

Please note that for all children attending the after school French club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays that the last lesson for this term is next week.

## FoSS News

### 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.

### FoSS Christmas Colouring Competition

Breckon and Breckon Estate Agents are running a colouring competition and will donate £1.00 per entry to FoSS. This is a fun and easy way to make £121.00 if every child takes part.

Pictures should be coming home in book bags this weekend – please could all entries be returned to the box supplied in the school office by Thursday 7th December. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes each for KS1 and KS2. Top entries will be displayed in the Estate Agents window during Christmas week and the “best in County” will feature in the Oxford Times! Good luck everyone!

Thank you from the FoSS Team.

## Community News

### Pre-school Defibrillator Fundraiser “Christmas Party!”

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 from 3.00pm-6.00pm at the Village Hall. Tickets are £7.00 which includes disco, entry and meet Santa & gift, Under2’s and adults are free. There will be mulled wine, hotdogs, face-painting and a raffle. Entry tickets are available from Kirsty Jessiman and Tasha Day.

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

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	

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Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

Last day of Term

School finishes 1.30pm

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

Back to School for Term 5

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May

SATs Week

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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)