



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

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended our Spelling, punctuation and grammar evening whilst children enjoyed a Christmas Book at Bedtime. We are so lucky to have teachers so willing to give up their evenings for events like these, we hope everyone found it beneficial. We had our OFSTED inspection this week and we were very proud that our pupils were friendly, polite and confident as always. Many thanks to all parents and carers who took the time and trouble to fill in questionnaires or who spoke to our inspector giving valuable feedback. The outcome of the inspection is strictly confidential until the report is published which is likely to be January 2018. We will alert parents when it becomes available.



We have much colder weather forecast for the week ahead, please send children to school with coats, hats and gloves (all named please) so that they can enjoy outdoor playtimes. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas plays and concerts over the next fortnight.

**Governor News**

With regret, the governors of Stonesfield School have accepted the resignation of our head teacher, Fi McGregor. In the last 6 years, Fi (and her dedicated team of teachers) have created a happy, stimulating environment for pupils and staff alike. We can never thank her enough for her energy, devotion and boundless enthusiasm.

We congratulate Fi on her appointment to the headship of Larkrise School in Oxford, and wish her well as she takes on a fresh challenge. It is typical of Fi's sense of duty that she has agreed to delay her departure until our Year 6 pupils have completed their SATs in May. We are grateful to Fi, and to the governors of Larkrise, who have agreed to this plan of action.

We shall miss you, Fi – and your cute duck-egg blue Morris Minor that seems always to be parked in front of the school!

Gillian Clarke and Sandy Hayes  
Co-chairs of Governors

## **Christmas Jumpers for Christmas Dinner**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> children may wear Christmas jumpers for our school Christmas dinner.

## **Attendance**

We have been reviewing attendance data for the autumn term, we are very keen to improve our overall attendance as we know that the link between attendance and achievement is strong. We will be contacting parents about late arrival of pupils at school and poor attendance. Please help us by ensuring that your children arrive at school on time and that they do not take holiday during term time. Thank you.

## **EYFS/KS1 Performances**

Tickets have been sent home for your child's performance, please return any spare tickets to the school office so they can be sent to parents requesting extra tickets, a reserve list will be held in the school office. School-aged siblings will have to have a ticket for the performances and can't sit on parent/carers laps.

## **KS2 Christmas Fayre – Revised arrangements**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December children in KS2 are holding a Christmas Fayre from 2.00 until 3.30pm. All children in school are invited, as well as parents and carers. There will be games to enjoy and Christmas goodies to buy. We will be selling raffle tickets to exchange for the goodies and games on the day. Every child in school will be given 1 raffle ticket which will enable them to play one game but if you would like your child to be able to play more games, or buy some of the goodies, please send them to school with money to buy more raffle tickets on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. A strip of 4 tickets will cost £1, games will cost 1 ticket to play and the goodies will be 2 tickets each.

## **Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Information**

The power point presentations from Wednesday evening's information evening, along with the Year 1 & 2 common exception words, and Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 spelling lists have been added to the school website. They can be found under Information - Curriculum information - Curriculum Areas - English. You can also find a grammar glossary and the progression for writing (and reading) on this page.

## **School Lunch Ordering for Term 3**

The deadline for ordering school lunches for next term is TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. We will not be taking paper lunch orders so please ensure you respond via Parentmail for your child's lunches for term 3 before the deadline date.

## **Christmas Post Box**

Our Christmas Post Box is in our entrance hall ready to receive Christmas cards. Our Student Council are responsible for distributing the post each day, please ensure your children write the full names and class on each envelope so that delivery runs smoothly!

## **FoSS News**

WOC presents an Evening of Festive Song - Walking In a Winter Wonderland, 6pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December Stonesfield Village Hall

This Saturday evening and (very generously!) in aid of FoSS! Please do come along to enjoy the festive song - as well as Santa's grotto, mulled wine, mince pies, raffle, tombola, teas, coffee and cake!

(And if you are able to help with serving of teas, coffee and cake, do please let us know. Thank you.)


Tickets are £5 for adults and £2 for children and concessions. Tickets will be available on the door or by contacting Dave or Laura at wocchoir@yahoo.co.uk.

## Playground update

The play tower is due to be repaired during the Christmas holiday by the contractor who has repaired Blenheim adventure playground. We have quotes from two playground companies so far, and two more are to visit over the next week to provide further quotes for new equipment. We are also to look into the surfacing. Please contact Helen Moore at helmoore08@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Thank you from the FoSS team.

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

<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 and Christmas jumper day</b> 	<b>Come to school in a Christmas jumper.</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Medieval Christmas 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>
<b>Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Back to School for Term 3</b>	<b>Happy New Year!</b>
<b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Swimming starts for Rowan Class</b>	
<b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>	
<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET day – children do not attend school on this day.</b>	
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Back to School for Term 4</b>	
<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Book Week</b>	
<b>Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of Term</b>	<b>School finishes 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Back to School for Term 5</b>	
<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SATs Week</b>	