



Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
23rd February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you had a lovely half term. The weather is set to be very cold for the next 10 days. We have been dismayed to find children arriving at school with no coats in the last few days so please ensure children come to school with warm coats, hats and gloves for the next few weeks so that they can enjoy outdoor playtimes. If children do not have coats, we may ask them to stay inside in exceptionally cold weather. Children must have wellingtons at school in order to enjoy the big field at playtime, please make sure your child has wellingtons at school every day. Please don't forget that next week is Book Week and that on Friday we can all dress up as book characters!

Partnership Schools Athletics

Thank you to our Sports Coach Paul Quibell-Smith and to Mrs. Fox for accompanying our KS 2 children to the indoor athletics competition at Marlborough School this week. Our pupils were complimented on their sporting attitudes which made us very proud.

Sickness Absence

We have had unprecedented levels of absence due to illness this winter. Today we have sent out an OCC leaflet titled A Parent's Guide to Managing Sickness Absence from School. Please take time to read it through as it is very helpful.

Book Bunting Competition winners

Congratulations to our bunting competition winners: Florence, Bethany, Jessica B, Sally and Lily DW. Thank you to all the children who took part.

Cardboard boxes – Wind in the Willows Production

If anyone has any large cardboard packaging or boxes at home and would like to donate them to school this would be gratefully received and would help us to build our scenery for the Year 4/5 production of "Wind in the Willows"

KS2 SATs information evening

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Year 6 SATs information evening on Tuesday. The power point is now on the school website in recent news or search 'KS2 SATs information evening' to find it. If there is any other information that would be helpful, please come and ask Mrs Binnian.

Forest School Site maintenance morning, Tuesday 27th February

If anyone can spare an hour or so on Tuesday morning between 9 and 12, to help out with a few maintenance tasks to prepare our site for Spring, we'd love to see you. The EYFS children will be helping us to carry on with work around the pond, plant some new trees and to prepare a new fire area if we have time. There will be plenty of jobs for people to do, depending on how strong you're feeling on the day. If

you have your own gardening/waterproof gloves or tools (shears, loppers, spade, etc.), please bring them with you, we'll provide refreshments and lots of encouragement!

Look Who's Talking

Following the success of 'Look Who's Talking' in previous years we will once again be offering this club. Due to time pressures the club will have a slightly different format this year with an expectation that children will do more preparation at home. It will last for 6 weeks during which children will prepare 2 or 3 pieces to perform at an evening celebration. It is open to children in year 4, 5 and 6, although places are limited to 15, and will run every Thursday from Thursday 1st March between 3.15 and 4.30pm (except Thursday 22nd March). The final session will be the performance on Thursday 3rd May, which will be the performance night. If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Wednesday 28th February.

Community News

Craft and Table Top Sale on 10th March in aid of Chrissies Owls, at St. James's Centre, Stonesfield. We are looking for donations for the tombola, teddies, and if anyone is a baker, it would be great if they could donate a cake for the day. There is still availability, if anyone would like a stall. Claire Davies - 07799224585.

FoSS News

Valentines cake and second hand uniform sale

Thank you to everyone who supported this. We made a profit of £107.54!

Quiz and Chilli Night, school hall, Friday 16th March 2018

Our annual quiz night is back this year with our new hosts Dave and Laura Rudge. Please join us for a fun evening of quizzing with a chilli supper. Get a team of 6 together or come along on the evening and make up a team. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the FoSS team or on the door on the night. Doors will open at 7.30 pm for 8pm start, food will be served at 8.45 pm and the quiz should be finished by 10.30 pm. There will also be a bar!

Book sale at Craft Fair in aid of Chrissie's Owls, Saturday 10th March 2018, St James Centre, 10am to 5pm. Time for a clear out after book week? We are appealing for second hand books for our book stall which we are holding at the above event. Books can be left in reception in the box provided. Please do come along on the day, there will also be craft stalls, tea and cake, dog grooming, jewellery and much more.

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

Monday, 26th February	Book Week Parents are invited to read a story to their child's class at 2.45pm.	
Wednesday, 28th February to Monday 5th March	Scholastic Book Fair	School hall open daily 3pm to 4pm
Thursday, 1st March	World Book Day	
Friday, 2nd March	Book Character Day	Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

Wednesday, 7 th March	Year 5 Stratford Parents Meeting	6.00pm- 6.45pm in Beech Classroom
Monday, 12 th March	Science week	
Monday, 19 th March	Parent's evening 3.30pm to 7pm	
Wednesday, 21 st March	National Childhood Measuring Programme (NCMP)	Reception and Year 6 children
Wednesday, 21 st March	Parent's evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm	
Thursday, 28 th March	KS2 Production of Wind in the Willows	2.00pm & 6.00pm
Thursday, 29 th March	Easter bonnet parade for foundation stage children	More details to follow
Thursday, 29 th March	Last day of Term	School finishes 1.30pm for Easter Holidays. "Happy Easter!"
Monday, 16 th April	Back to School for Term 5	
Monday, 7 th May	Bank Holiday	
Monday, 14 th May - Thursday, 17 th May	KS2 SATs	
Monday, 21 st May	Year 5 Stratford Residential	
Tuesday, 22 nd May	Marlborough Induction for Year 6	9.00am-12.30pm
Friday, 25 th May	INSET day – children do not attend school on this day.	Half term starts
Monday, 4 th June	Back to School for Term 6	

I give permission for my childto attend **Wednesday Reception - Year 3 Multi Skills Club**.

Signed by parent/carer: Date: Contact No.

At the end of the afternoon:

My child has permission to go home alone

I will collect my child

I have arranged for a member of After School Club to collect my child

My child will go home with (name of adult)

I give permission for my childto attend **Thursday Year 4 – Year 6 Tennis Club**

Signed by parent/carer: Date: Contact No.

At the end of the afternoon:

My child has permission to go home alone

I will collect my child

I have arranged for a member of
After School Club to collect my child

My child will go home with (name of adult)

I give permission for my childto attend on Thursday **'Look Who's Talking'**

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