



Learning Together to Achieve our Best  
Stonesfield Primary School  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Farewell to Mrs Binnian**

Sadly, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Beth Binnian at the end of this academic year. Mrs Binnian has had a long association with the school since 2001, first as a parent then class teacher, Deputy Head and Acting Head. She has had a huge impact on the life of the school and will be greatly missed. Taking advantage of her children growing up and leaving home, Mrs Binnian is planning to take a break from teaching for a while and take a sabbatical with her husband. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

**Paul Quibell-Smith**

Our sports coach, Paul Quibell-Smith, sadly remains unwell and will not be returning in the short term. For this reason, we are unable to offer after school sports club next half-term. We're all thinking of him and wish him a full recovery.

**TTRockstars**

Congratulations to Johnny (Chestnut), Rowan (Beech) and Hermione (Rowan) for having the highest number of correct answers in their classes this week. Children in Chestnut, Beech and Rowan are encouraged to keep playing little and often over half-term to develop their quick recall of multiplication facts.

If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?

**TIMES TABLES OF THE WEEK**

How many ways can you represent each fact?

$5 \times 9 = 45$

45									
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

$45 \div 5 = ?$

$9 \times 5 = 45$

45				
9	9	9	9	9

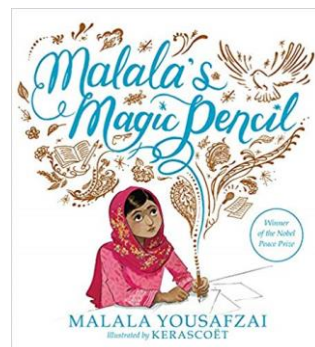
$45 \div 9 = ?$

## Parents evenings

Thanks to all who have successfully signed up for the forthcoming parents' evenings via Parentmail. If you have not yet had a chance, please make an appointment at a convenient time. If you need any help to make an appointment, please come and speak to us in the school office.

## Malala's Magic Pencil Writing Competition

Over half-term we're setting a writing competition inspired by the books *Journey* and *Malala's Magic Pencil* which we have read this half-term. Using the title *What would I do with a magic pencil?* we would love children to either write creatively or describe the changes they would make to the world. Children have up to 200 words and we would like entries handed in by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Happy writing!



## Year 5 and 6 Athletics competition

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February some year 5 and 6's went to Marlborough School to take part in a sports hall athletics competition. There were many schools and many races. There was an obstacle course, chest push, speed bounce, relay and many more. Stonesfield School came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8. We all had an amazing time cheering each other on.



By Jess and Reggie

## Book Sale

The Year 6 book sale for IMPs raised £44.81. Many thanks to everyone who donated and bought books. We sold well over 100 books on Tuesday but still have some more so are planning to hold a further sale next term.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/impsoxford

Oxfordshire I.M.P.S.  
Fundraising for Oxford Hospitals Charity

Donate Share

**Story**

Thank you for visiting the Oxfordshire I.M.P.S. fundraising page

I.M.P.S. empowers young people to take personal responsibility for assessing and managing their own risk and equips them with the skills to cope in an emergency

We believe children and young people should be given the opportunity to take personal responsibility for their own safety and that learning emergency life skills strengthens their confidence and self esteem.

Every donation helps train more children in these essential skills.

**Supporters** 73

Stonesfield Primary School Year 6 7 mins ago  
Year 6 children held a book sale at school on 12th February to raise our donation.  
**£44.81**

Anonymous 1 month ago  
**£16.50** + £4.13 Gift Aid

## Attendance

Well done to Chestnut class for having a superb 99.3% attendance this week. Attendance across the school this week was a brilliant 97%. Over the half-term attendance has been 94.9% which is lower than our target of 96%. Improving attendance will continue to be a key priority for the school. We strongly believe, and research and evidence confirms this, that children missing education has a significantly negative impact on their learning, achievement and future success. Every day counts!

### **Visit from an Arctic sailor**

Many thanks to David Long who visited the school on Tuesday to describe his adventures sailing the North West Passage and close to Greenland. Our children were fascinated to hear of his travels.

### **Look Who's Talking**

Following the success of 'Look Who's Talking' in previous years, Mrs Binnian will once again be offering this club. It will last for 8 weeks during which children will prepare 2 to 3 pieces (including poetry and a talk about something of personal interest) to perform at an evening celebration in May. It is open to children in year 4, 5 and 6, although places are limited to 20 and priority will be given to years 6, then 5, then 4 and will run every Thursday from 14th March between 3.15 and 4.30pm. There will a performance on Thursday 23rd May, when the school band will join us. If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Monday 4th March.

### **Thursday Woolly Club**

We will be running Woolly club for 5 weeks next term starting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April (3.15pm to 4.30pm) for Years 1 to 6, every Thursday with 15 places available. The cost will be £10.00. Please sign and return slip below, along with payment in cash.

**Wild Club** (AKA Forest School After School Club) will return after February half term for 5 weeks starting on Monday 25th February 4th, 11th, 25th March and 1st April from 3:15 to 5pm. It's open for years 2-6, maximum 12 places, costs £8.00/session, a total of £40, which needs paying in advance in the office. Please complete the permission slip below with updated medical/allergy/dietary needs and contact details. Please make sure that your child has suitable clothing for the session, including full waterproofs, wellies, gloves, hat, etc. We have some spare clothing if children need to borrow any.

### **Foss News:**

#### **Rags 2 Riches Charity collection**

FoSS is working with Rags 2 Riches to not only raise money for our school but to help children all over the world by sending our outgrown clothes, shoes and unused items such as jewellery, soft toys etc. In the new term we will be giving each child a collection bag and information flyer for this. Please keep this in mind over the half term and hang on to any old items for us to collect. Thank you in advance, The FoSS Team

#### **Save the date!**

Village Idiots to play Stonesfield Village Hall Saturday 27th April

The Village Idiots have kindly agreed to play a concert in aid of FoSS. Tickets will be available soon so save the date and watch this space!

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

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3	School finishes at 3.15pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 4 starts	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Vision Screening	Oak class am
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair in school hall	3.15pm to 4pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Beech class Swimming	Swimming starts for 5 weeks
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day	Children not in school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Weighing & Measuring for Reception and Year 6	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Book Day	Costumes required (more info to come)
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4	School finishes at 1.30pm
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term 5 starts	

I give permission for my child .....to attend **Thursday Woolly Club – Year 1 - 6**

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

My child will go home with ..... (name of adult)

I give permission for my child .....to attend **'Look Who's Talking'**

Signed by parent/carer: ..... Date: .....

At the end of the afternoon:

My child has permission to go home alone

I will collect my child

My child will go home with ..... (name of adult)

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I give permission for my child .....to attend **Forest School (Wild Club) on Mondays** from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> April from 3.15-5.00pm. This club is open to Years 2-6 only

Signed by parent/carer: ..... Date: .....

At the end of the afternoon:

My child has permission to go home alone

I will collect my child

Medical conditions and allergies .....

Parent/carer contact number .....

My child will go home with ..... (name of adult)

I enclose payment of £40.00 for 5weeks