



Learning Together to Achieve our Best
Stonesfield Primary School
Friday, 14th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Classes for 2019-20

The staff and governors at school have been reviewing our class structures in order to plan for next year. In this review we have considered cohort sizes, specific needs of all year groups, the curriculum, staff skills, and teacher workload. In light of all these factors, the staff and governors have made the decision to alter our class structures slightly next year and they will be:

Class	Year group(s)	Staff
Oak	R	Anne Ede, Jade Rivett
Willow	1/2	Michelle Boughtflower, Beth Brockall, Tracy Fenemore
Chestnut	2/3	Jane Merritt, Ben Trevail, Claire Pote
Beech	4/5	Victoria Bailey, Michelle Boughtflower, Rachel Fox
Rowan	5/6	Sarah Saunter, Jackie Clark, Claire Soanes

Although a year 5/6 mix is a change to the last few years, it has often happened before in our school and is the current teaching arrangement in most local schools (amongst Marlborough feeder schools all but one have mixed year 5/6 – or even mixed 4/5/6). This means that class sizes across the school will be similar with a maximum of 26 (based on current numbers). Furthermore, as a school we have been working hard on our mixed age teaching and exploring and implementing the most effective strategies to ensure all children's needs are catered for.

The decision about which class individual year 2 and year 5 children will be in will be made soon and communicated to parents on Friday 28th June. As always, we will consider multiple factors (such as maturity, attainment, friendships, gender balance) and staff will make a professional decision for each child.

Children will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers in their new classes on 'Shuffle-Up-Day' on Wednesday 10th July.

Stratford



Year 5 have had a wonderful trip to Stratford this week. Wherever we have gone they have been complemented on their behaviour, manners, kindness towards each other, curiosity and knowledge. We are sure that you will hear more from your children, but all the staff wanted to say thank you to them all. It was a privilege to accompany them.

Mrs Binnian, Mrs Merritt and Mrs Langley

School nurse weights measures

Hopefully by now parents of Reception and Year 6 children have received letters with results from the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). If you have not received the letter please contact our school health nurse Margaret Denley.

Her email address is: Margaret.denley@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Attendance

Attendance has much improved this week: 96.2% across the school. Well done to Chestnut class for having the highest attendance with 98.1%.

School painting and maintenance

We would like to invite you to join us on to spruce up the school site, particularly the early years.

Friday 5th July 3:30-5pm: sanding and preparation

Saturday 6th July 9am-5pm: painting

Please drop in for however long you can spare, 30 mins can paint quite a few gate posts!

If you are able to bring a paint brush, cardboard/painting cloths to catch drips etc that would really help. There also may be some repair work needed on the play house and one of the sheds, so if you have the equipment to fix these then please bring that too.

Refreshments and cake will be provided. You are welcome to bring your children to play on the school grounds, you will be responsible for their supervision.

Drastic Plastic

Beech Class is very worried about the environment and how plastic affects it. Plastic takes hundreds of years to break down, enough plastic is thrown away each year to wrap around the world four times, single-use plastic kills at least 1 million sea birds each year and 60 million plastic bottles are thrown away every day. The list of shocking facts is endless, and it is everybody's fault! We have decided that we need to reduce the amount of single-use plastic that we use in school. Over the next week you will see posters asking

you to 'Ban the Bottle' (so please bring drinks to school in re-usable bottles) and 'Reduce the Wrapper' (please put lunch and snack items in reusable pots rather than bags and cling film). We are also going to collect empty crisp packets to be recycled by Walkers Crisps.

We collected all the single-use plastic from school for one week and were shocked that it weighed 1.5kg and filled a bin bag. We will do this again at the end of term and hopefully there will be much less.



We need to do something now before it is too late.

By Evlyn, Jess, Molly and Abi



Bake for Heroes Cake Sale

After school on Friday 28th June there will be a cake sale to raise money for Help for Heroes. All cake donations, home-baked or bought, would be appreciated. Please bring some pennies along on the day to support a good cause.

Musical Allsorts- Wednesday 10th July

Our Summer Musical Allsorts concert will be held on Wednesday 10th July at 6pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for children from all year groups who are learning to play a musical instrument to perform to an audience. If your child would like to perform, please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Wednesday 3rd July so that they can be included on the programme for the evening. All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of music performed by our talented musicians!

Chance to Shine Cricket Club – All years

Chance to Shine Cricket Club is running during term 6 from Monday 10th June until Monday 15th July 3.15 to 4.15pm. There will be no charge for this club; this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to receive coaching from a very experienced player. Please sign the permission slip below if your child is interested.

Community News

Scout Group Duck Race & BBQ Saturday 20th July.

Come and join an evening of family fun down by the river! Ducks are available from any Beaver, Cub or Scout for £1 a duck and will be available from outside the shop on Saturday mornings in July. All proceeds help us raise essential funds for equipment and activities for our young people. Don't miss the BBQ and bar, cake sale, amazing raffle and stalls open from 5pm. Ducks released at 6pm! You'd be quackers to miss it!

Monday 17th to 18th June	Hill End Residential Year 3&4	
Wednesday 19th to Tuesday 25th June	Art Week	
Wednesday 26th	Art Gallery Open evening	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 27th Friday 28th June	Art Gallery open	Thursday 8.30 – 8.50am and 3.15 – 4.00pm Friday 8.30 – 8.50am
Friday 28th June	Bake for Heroes cake sale	3.15pm
Monday 1st -5th July	Sports week	
Friday 5th – Saturday 6th	Spruce up the school	See details above
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports day	1pm
Wednesday 10th July	Shuffle up day	Children meet their teacher(s) and classes ready for September
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 performance of Pantastic	Afternoon 2pm and Evening 6pm

I give permission for my childto attend **Monday Chance to Shine Cricket 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)

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Name: Class:

Instrument: Name of piece:
