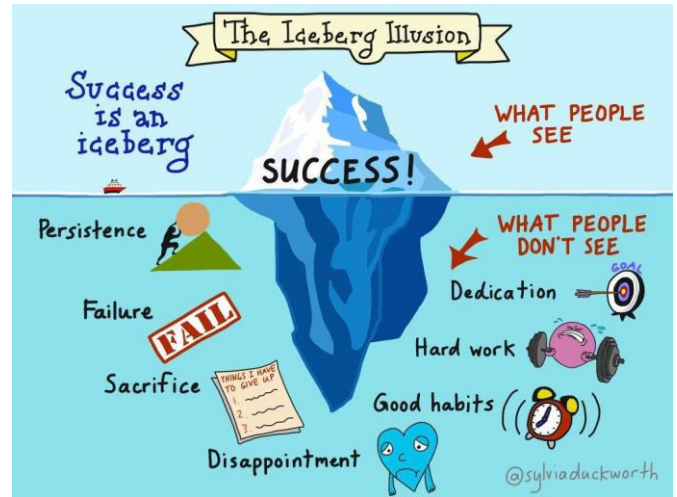




**Learning Together to Achieve our Best  
Stonesfield Primary School  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Dear parents and carers,

First of all, I'd like to wish all our pupils and families a Happy New Year, I hope you enjoyed a fantastic festive break. Our children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm which has been great to see, and we've had a super first week. Our older children have been enjoying reading and listening to a variety of poems and have had a go at writing their own. We're looking forward to some performances in next week's assembly. In assembly this week I discussed the word 'epiphany' and its two meanings before talking about the hard work and persistence which is required for successful learning. I shared this diagram with children which highlights our expectations for our children and the skills and qualities which we are seeking to promote and instil in order to foster great learners. It would be fantastic if you could reinforce this message at home and discuss what the diagram means to you as a family.



**Attendance**

Raising attendance continues to be one of the school's priorities for this academic year. The good news is that our attendance for autumn term was 96.4% which was an increase of nearly 1% from autumn 2018. That may not sound significant but amounts to 75 days of schooling. Well done to Beech class for having the highest attendance last term. Well done to Chestnut class for having this week's highest attendance with a super 98.2%.

Class	Autumn term attendance
Oak	95.0%
Willow	94.7%
Chestnut	96.7%
Beech	98.1%
Rowan	97.3%
School	96.4%

**Fast Facts**

This term we will continue to promote the importance of fast facts in Maths. From experience we find that children who don't have quick recall of number bonds and times tables really struggle with the demands of the Maths curriculum. Spending time on these key skills is time well spent. As part of their homework we are expecting children in years 3-6 to complete at least 25 sessions on TTRockstars a week (5 minutes, 5 times a week).





### Rowan Class

This week Rowan Class have been identifying fractions, calculating ratio and proportion, and converting fractions, decimals and percentages all with smarties. They enjoyed the final challenge the most however, as they

were able to eat the smarties but only after they had exhausted their brains with all that maths! Well done Rowan Class.



Save the Children®

### Save the Children

We raised a total of £82.20 on our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December for Save the Children. Thanks for your support.

### Forest School

If you have any old gardening tools, especially trowels, spades, forks, garden trugs or sturdy buckets please consider donating them to Forest School. Also, wellie socks in all sizes and gloves would be useful.

### Oak class

We would like empty handwash pump dispensers in Oak over the next few weeks, for a classroom activity. We also need regular contributions of junk modelling. Thank you.

### Your old Christmas Trees

If you haven't got rid of your real Christmas tree yet, please donate the top 50 -60cm to Forest School for a craft project. Just drop the top cutting over the gate to Forest School and I'll collect them

Thank you  
Sarah Walker

### Congratulations



We are very pleased to announce that following an inspection by the Food Standard Agency of our school kitchen on Thursday, we have been awarded a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 (Very Good) by West Oxfordshire District Council. This record has been maintained for three consecutive inspections. Huge congratulations and thank you very much to Ms Bolter and Mrs Worton for running an immaculate and safe kitchen!

## Unwanted Tins

If you have any unwanted sweet/cake/biscuit tins, Mrs Pote can give them a good home. Thank you.

## Wild Club

Wild Club starts again on Monday 13th January until 10<sup>th</sup> February (5 weeks). The cost will be £40.00. Please complete the form below and return along with payment to school office, 12 places max. Snow boots or extra warm welly socks are recommended! Have a wild and wonderful break.

## Woolley Club

We will be running Woolley Club on Tuesday's starting 21<sup>st</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. (3.15pm to 4.30pm) for Years 1 to 6, with 15 places available. The cost will be £30.00. Please sign and return slip below, along with payment in cash.

## Multi Skills Sports Club – Year 3 -6

We will be running a Multi Skills Sports Club led by a sports coach from Oxford United in the Community. This club will be on Wednesdays starting on 15<sup>th</sup> January until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Please sign and return slip below.

## Community News:

### Coffee Morning

Coffee and biscuits are served at the St James' Centre every Monday morning from 8.45-11.30am. It is totally free and a place to pop into after school drop off for a chat and refreshments. Term-time only.

### Pancake Morning

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - 10am-12 - St James Centre. Pancakes -hot and cold drinks -cake stall -handmade gift stall - craft activities – raffle.

Raising money for Stonesfield Pre School and After School Club.

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Rowan class and Year 3	Swimming starts (for 6 weeks) Witney Leisure Centre
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Stay and Learn	8.50am – 9.30am Parents invited in for a morning task and look at books
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Oak Class	School eye test - afternoon
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> February	SEN reviews	Parent-teacher meetings for pupils on the SEND register
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	The whole school	Safer Internet day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February		Last day of term 3
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February		Term 4 starts
Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents evenings	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair	School Hall 3.15pm to 4.00pm

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I give permission for my child .....to attend **Forest School (Wild Club)** on Mondays starting 13<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 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 .....

Second contact and tel number .....

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

I enclose payment of ..... (£8 per session)

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I give permission for my child .....to attend **Sports Club – Year 3 – 6 Wednesday**

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)

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I give permission for my child .....to attend **Woolley Club** on Tuesdays, starting 21<sup>st</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.15- 4.30pm

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

At the end of the afternoon:  
My child has permission to go home alone

I will collect my child

Parent/carer name and contact number .....

Second contact name and contact number .....

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

I enclose (cash only) payment of .....