



**Learning Together to Achieve our Best.  
Stonesfield Primary School  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Dear parents and carers,

This week it was a pleasure to welcome Reverend Ralph Williamson, the new vicar of Stonesfield, to our school. Revd Ralph introduced himself to each class and told us of the warm welcome he has received since moving to the village and the differences with his previous parish in the centre of London. We look forward to working closely with Revd Ralph over the coming months.

Mrs Brockall and I also had an extremely positive meeting with our English advisor who visited us for an update on the work we are doing across the school to strengthen our English curriculum. Our visitor was blown away by the quality of writing being produced by our children across the school. It's always so pleasing and reassuring to hear that the hard work of our teachers is paying off. We're aware that the downside of the virtual parents' evenings was that parents did not have the opportunity to browse through pupils' books. Hopefully we can find a way next half-term to showcase the incredible writing by our budding authors across the school.

This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of connecting with nature. It's such a pleasure to witness children immerse themselves during our Forest School sessions and be so knowledgeable about nature and the environment. Rain or shine, hopefully we can all find time over the weekend to connect with nature. Have a lovely weekend.

Ben Trevail



### **COVID Update**

Next Monday England takes its next step out of lockdown with further restrictions lifting. Here at Stonesfield most of our current restrictions will remain in place and we thank you for adhering to these arrangements during drop-off and collection. Children will remain in one of two bubbles (Oak & Willow / Chestnut & Rowan) with contact restricted between the two. Staff will continue to test twice-weekly and wear masks where social distancing with other adults is impractical, for example in communal areas. With children we will continue to encourage good hand hygiene and limit sharing of resources.

Changes:

- The school is now able to welcome more visitors, for example advisors, and parents for meetings.
- Year 1 pupils in Willow and Oak are now able to mix indoors.
- School trips are allowed, together with overnight residentials.

## Forest School Year 1



Karmani said: "We have been pond dipping and we have caught lots of dragonfly larvae. Some of them have wings, they are the bigger ones."

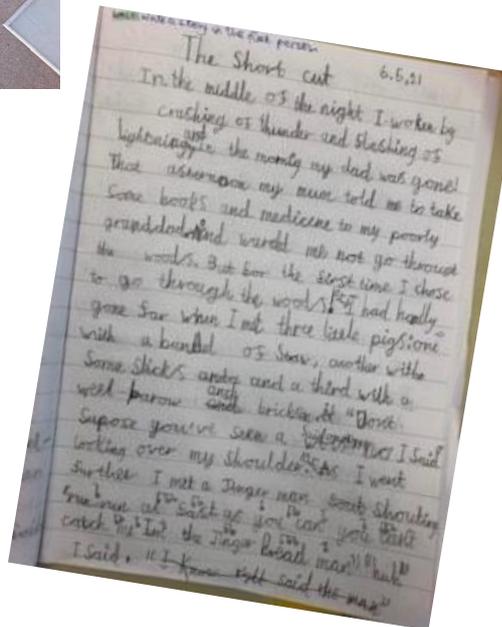
Maddie & Oscar found some newts! "They had spikes on their back, and they had orange tummies! We found out they were called *smooth newts!*"



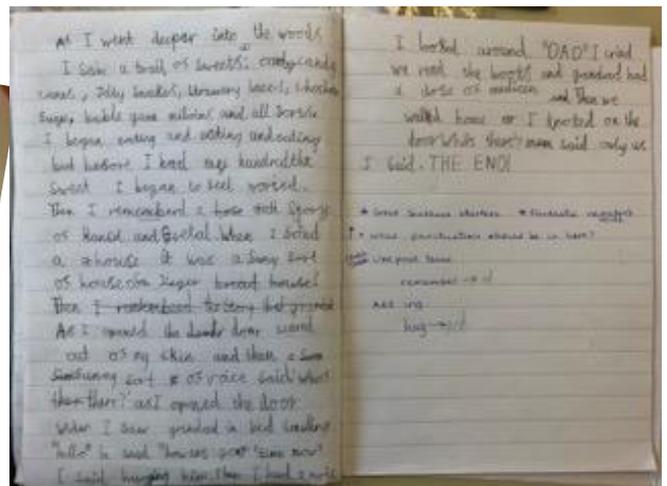
## Willow Class



Willow class have written fantastic stories this week. They have used a story we shared in class as a model and added their own characters and events. We have also enjoyed using Google Earth to find and explore places around the World.



Orin's story



## Year 5 Brass

Year 5s are sounding great on Friday afternoons and loving their brass instruments. Children can now take their instruments home so listen out for the Star Wars theme tune being played on a trombone while you're walking around the village!



## Woolley Club for Year 1 and 2

We will be running Woolley Club on Thursdays starting 10<sup>th</sup> June for 5 weeks until 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021. (3.15pm to 4.30pm). There will be 10 places available. The cost will be £15.00. Please sign and return slip below, along with payment in cash.

## REQUEST FROM OXFORDSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ROAD SAFETY TEAM

We want to continue to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so we are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide.

If you are a parent / carer of primary school aged children, please provide us with your feedback by answering the questions in this survey. We would be grateful if you would encourage other parents / carers you know to complete the online questionnaire. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive will guide our future Road Safety work.

To take part in the survey please visit

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Footsteps/consultationHome>

The survey will remain open until 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Thank you from the Road Safety Team

## New After School KS2 Storytelling Club starting June 10th with Georgie Steele.

The theme for the term will be Voyages and Adventures. Come along to hear and share some stories: old stories, new stories, stories you make up. Pick up some tips for making your storytelling even better, get more confident at speaking out and have fun. Thursdays 3.30-5pm until July 15th. Contact Georgie at [georgiesteele11@gmail.com](mailto:georgiesteele11@gmail.com) to book your place. £24 for 6 weeks, concessions available in confidence. Limited to 10 places. See you there!

## Community News:



### Pre School 100 Club

Our 2021/2022 registration forms are now available. If you wish to participate or renew your existing entry, please email [stonesfieldpsad@outlook.com](mailto:stonesfieldpsad@outlook.com)

## School diary

<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Induction at Marlborough School</b>	<b>Year 6 (done in school)</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	National Child Measurement Programme	Reception and Year 6 9am
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of Term 5	
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Inset Day	School closed

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Start of Term 6	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Induction at Marlborough School	Year 6 (done in school)
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Induction at Marlborough School	Year 6 (at Marlborough)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last day of Term 6	School finishes at 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul</b>	Inset Day	School closed

I give permission for my child .....to attend **Woolley Club** on Thursday from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 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 .....