



Stonesfield Primary School
Learning together to achieve our best.



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NEWSLETTER: Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe my first term here has passed so quickly! And I am so pleased to be ending the term with the great news that I my contract has been made permanent. Thank you all for your support and I am looking forward to getting to know you all and becoming properly part of the school community.

This week I want to say thank you to the Friends of Stonesfield School (FoSS). They have been raising money for projects to support the children in school and, I am really pleased to say they have agreed to subsidise Rowan Class's upcoming trip to Cadburys' World. In today's financial climate, with cost spiralling, I feel it is important for us to keep costs for parents as low as possible and I am very pleased that FoSS agree and are supporting us with this. Trips are such a valuable part of school life, giving the children access to different experiences and supporting the children to develop independence and curiosity. Thanks again to FoSS for helping us provide these experiences at an affordable price. I look forward to letting you know the other projects FoSS and the school will be working on together, once we have firm plans.

I want to start my tenure here as headteacher by focussing on the school being proud. Stonesfield School has so much to celebrate and be proud of; intelligent and ambitious children, caring and supportive parents as well as knowledgeable and dedicated staff. We are also a school that takes pride in the environment. Our Forest School is second to none and the children have learnt, through this, a deep respect for nature and the local environment.

However, I feel, on occasion, our school building itself has fallen short of the high standards we promote, and I would like to see our school environment consistently model organisation to the children and reflect the high standards of education we have across the school.

Last week I asked you, the parents, to help clean out any excess footwear/coats in the cloakrooms as part of this push to ensure all areas of the school reflect the high standards we strive for. This week, the teachers have also been working on this, tidying and decluttering areas around the school. In the new term, we also have aspirations to revamp the library; a project I would love to get parents and staff involved in together.

I know, working together we will make the school shine. We will reignite the school's passion for learning and make the whole school community proud as we move towards securing Stonesfield School as the best school around for your children.

Have a great break and I will see you all when we return.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March it is World Book Day. We would love it if children could dress up in something linked to their favourite book. Please see below for dress up ideas.

By the end of the week, all children should have received a book token for £1 which can be used as money off a book of their choice or to buy one of the £1 books available in shops (details of which stores can be found on the voucher).

We would also like to invite children back to school at 6pm on Thursday 2nd March for a book at bedtime. Children can come in their PJs with a cuddly toy and cup for hot chocolate. We will serve drinks in the hall before going into classes for stories with teachers. We hope to see lots of you there!

Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child....

....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

.... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Footsteps – Oxfordshire County Council's child pedestrian Road Safety scheme

As the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, it's a great chance for you to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users. Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**, aimed at parents and carers.

When children are at primary school, they are normally walked to school by their parents who ensure they cross the road safely by *telling* them where and when it is safe to cross. This does not prepare children for the time when they start to walk to school without an adult.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Visit [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) for the Footsteps parent guide.



Rowan Class

We surprised our teacher on Wednesday with a rainbow cake, cupcakes, cookies, and a card for her birthday. We lit candles and the whole class along with Mr Jarvis sang Happy Birthday. Aaliyah, Iris, and Leo

Forest School

The new parent volunteer sign-up sheets for this term are on the Forest School notice board by the office. If you are available and would like to help, we would be very grateful. The more helpers we have, the more fun things the children can do like go to the woods.

Term 4 – Forest School Dates

Reception (Oak)	Wednesday mornings	22.2, 1.3, 8.3, 15.3, 22.3, 29.3
Year 1 (Willow)	Tuesday mornings	21.2, 28.2, 7.3, 14.3, 21.3, 28.3
Year 2 (Willow)	Tuesday afternoons	21.2, 28.2, 7.3, 14.3, 21.3, 28.3
Year 5 (Rowan)	Alternate Wednesday afternoons	22.2, 8.3, 22.3
Year 6 (Rowan)	Alternate Wednesday afternoons	1.3, 15.3, 29.3

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Dates	Year groups	Time	Cost
Monday	French Club Juliet.taylor2@btinternet.com	20 th February to 20 th March	3 to 6	3.20 - 3.50pm	£17.50
Monday	Drama Club (this will run 15 weeks until 12 th June 2023)	23 rd January to 12 th June	3 to 6	3.15 – 4.30pm	£37.50

Tuesday	Stonesfield Strikers – Little Kickers Football Club		28 th February to 28 th March	Reception to 1	3.15 – 4.15pm	FREE
Tuesday	Wild Club (Forest School) with Sarah Walker		21 st February to 28 th March	3 to 6	3.15 – 5pm	£54.00 4 places available
Wednesday	Dodgeball Club – Andrews Active		1 st March to 29 th March	1 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	£20.00
Thursday	Woolley Club (Craft activities) with Mrs Fenemore		23 rd February to 30 th March	2 to 6	3.20 – 4.30pm	FULL

FoSS News

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Cake and Uniform Sale last Friday. We raised a total of £132.61!

We have lots of events in the planning for this year, if you would like to get involved in any way then come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 21st February 8-9pm at Stonesfield Sports & Social Club.

We will continue with our preloved uniform sale throughout the year and plan to start a uniform catalogue as we have so much of it looking for a new home. If there is anything specific, you need then please email us or contact us on Facebook.

Community News:

STONESFIELD WINTER WARMER

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have come along to support the Winter warmer. We think about 70 people are coming each week, although we can't always tell because the evening passes so quickly!! We really hope you are enjoying the crafts, food, and company of the village. We have been working with the Oxford Food Hub to source as many of our ingredients as possible, so we are preventing a huge amount of food waste which is brilliant. We are looking at the possibility of opening the main hall for a bit of a run around session, but more on that later. We are also looking at running a children's baking event, so we may be looking for your views on that. We will be closed for the next two weeks for half term and then to avoid a clash with the pancake event at the St James Centre, so we look forward to welcoming you and your families and neighbours back on 28th February.

Thanks, and see you soon, Winter Warmer Team.

St James the Great, Stonesfield


Pancake Party for children and adults

at the St James' Centre

Shrove Tuesday 21st February

3pm to 5pm

Dates for your diary

Friday 10 th February	Last Day of Term	
Monday 20 th February	Start of Term 4	
Tuesday 21 st February	FoSS Meeting	Stonesfield Sports & Social Club 8pm
Friday 24 th February	Chestnut Class	Start Swimming until 31 st March
Wednesday 1 st March	Chestnut Class	Visit to Warwick Castle
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day and Book at Bedtime 6pm	 Dress up as a character from a book!
Tuesday 21 st March	Oak Class and Year 6	National Childhood Measuring Programme 9.15am
21 st March to 23 rd March	Parent Evening	More details next term
W/C 27 th March	Year 5	Elkeability Cycle Training

I give permission for my childto attend **Little Kickers Club – Year Reception to 1**

Signed by parent/carer: Date:

Contact No.

At the end of the session:

I will collect my child

My child will go home with (name of adult)

I give permission for my childto attend **Drama Club – Year 3 -6**

Signed by parent/carer: Date:

Contact No.

At the end of the session:

My child has permission to go home alone (y5/6 only)

I will collect my child

My child will go home with (name of adult)

I give permission for my childto attend **Wild Club Year 3 - 6**

Signed by parent/carer: Date:

Contact No.

At the end of the afternoon:

My child has permission to go home alone (y5/6 only)

I will collect my child

Medical conditions and allergies

My child will go home with (name of adult)

I give permission for my childto attend **Woolley Club – Year 2 -6**

Signed by parent/carer: Date:

Contact No.

At the end of the session:

My child has permission to go home alone (y5/6 only)

I will collect my child

My child will go home with (name of adult)

I give permission for my childto attend **Dodgeball – Year 1 -6**

Signed by parent/carer: Date:

Contact No.

At the end of the session:

My child has permission to go home alone (y5/6 only)

I will collect my child

My child will go home with (name of adult)
