



Stonesfield Primary School
Learning together to achieve our best.



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NEWSLETTER: Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term seems to have flown by very quickly and I am very pleased with the progress we have made as a school. Firstly, the children have settled well and worked hard over the term and, despite COVID hitting the children and staff at the school hard, the children have made strong progress. As a staff team too, we have been working hard to develop curriculum areas, especially writing and we have lots of new strategies and intervention which I hope will be making an impact over the next term.

This week I have been at Yenworthy Lodge with Rowan Class for the residential trip. The children have been a real credit to the school. They have behaved impeccably; listened well, shown great determination, and really worked as a team. It has been heart-warming to see the children encouraging each other and caring for each other so well while making sure everyone achieves. I think this encapsulates what Stonesfield School is about. What a lovely way to end the term and thank you to all the children of Rowan Class for giving me, Mrs Wiseman, and Mrs Smith such a lovely time. Just try to sleep a little more for your teacher's next time!



Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Jarvis

Oak Class

This week in Oak Class we have been thinking about how we've changed since we were a baby. We thought about how we had grown, how our features have changed and about the things we can do now that we couldn't do when we were babies. It was lovely to see all the baby & toddler photos!



Willow Class

This week in Art Willow have been printing using paint. We have been investigating mixing prime colours and making secondary colours. Here are some photos of us printing using Lego this week. We had great fun!



Chestnut Class

In DT this week, we made fresh ravioli. Fresh pasta only uses two ingredients: all-purpose flour and eggs. First, we measured out the flour (100g per egg) then made a well in the flour and added the eggs, gave it a good mix, and kneaded it for 10 minutes. While the dough rested, we

made the filling using ricotta cheese, lemon zest, basil leaves and seasoning. Finally, we rolled out the pasta sheet nice and thin, added a small dollop of filling then sealed the edges

before cutting the little pillows out. They will be ready to eat once they've cooked in boiling water for a few minutes.



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Forest School

"We emptied the leaf mulch crate and put the mulch around the young trees to feed them. Hopefully today's rain will help the nutrients go into the ground to feed the trees. Now the crates are ready to collect this autumn's leaves. We also helped planning the new Forest School area." Lucy, Arthur H, Charlie (Eco Council).

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for your support we raised a total of £129.41 for ShelterBox last Friday

<https://shelterbox.org/>




Writing Competition

We know Stonesfield School is full of lots of fabulous, young writers. Today in assembly, we mentioned the BBC 500 words story competition. The challenge is to "Write a story you would love to read" in 500 words. The deadline is Friday 10th November. See the website below for

details on how to enter and don't forget to email your story to the office so we can share it with the school too!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Dates for your diary

Monday 30 th October	Inset Day	School Closed
Tuesday 31 st October	Start of Term 2	
Tuesday 31 st October and/or Wednesday 1 st November	Parents Evening	Tuesday 3.30pm to 5pm Wednesday 3.30pm to 7pm
Thursday 2 nd November	IMPS (in school) Year 6	9am to 11.30am
Wednesday 8 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.30am to 10.30am (serving refreshments at 9.30am)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need 	Wear something spotty to school and bring a £1.00 to support Pudsey

After School Clubs available for Term 2

Day	Club	Dates	Year groups	Time	Cost
Monday	French Club – Please book direct. juliet.taylor2@btinternet.com	6 th November to 11 th December	4 to 6	3.15 - 3.45pm	£21.00
Tuesday	Football Club	31 st October to 5 th December	3 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	Free
Thursday	Yoga Club Please book direct at Natalie.meylan001@gmail.com	2 nd November to 30 th November	1 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	£30.00 (5-week course)

Drama Club is currently fully booked on Wednesday's.

Community News:

Spooky Family Ceilidh

Don't forget the Family Ceilidh that is happening on the last Sunday of half term! Come along for a dance, a drink, live music, and some yummy chilli, or just a catch up with your mates at the end of the holidays! (spooky dress optional!).



Charlbury Cricket Club Fireworks Night

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Charlbury Cricket Club fireworks night taking place on Saturday 4th November. This year there will be a low noise display at 18:00 followed by the main display at 19:00. Food and refreshments will be available.

Discounted advance tickets can be purchased online at: <https://fixr.co/event/charlbury-fireworks-2023-tickets-570227399>

Thank you from the Witney Food Bank

Firstly, I would just like to thank those of you who donated to us for Harvest Festival. We really appreciate the continued support and so far, this month, your donations have helped us feed 215 adults and children!

It's that time of year again where we are sending out our Reverse Advent Calendars to everyone! If you're not sure what that is, then let me tell you!

A reverse advent calendar works in the same way that a Christmas Advent calendar does, but instead of getting a chocolate or present each day, you put an item into a box that we can use in one of our food parcels, and then at the end of the 25 days, you donate the box to the Foodbank!

To get your donations to the families in need in time for Christmas, we need to receive them in good time, which is why we do the advent calendar in November instead.

Winter is the hardest time for people and families facing poverty, as often they must choose between staying warm and buying food. Last year, from October 1st to February 28th, we fed 2609 people. That's 1521 adults and 1088 children. Please, help us to help those in need this Christmas season, and spread the spirit of giving!



I give permission for my childto attend **Football Club KS2**

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)

Medical conditions and allergies
