



Stonesfield Primary School
Learning together to achieve our best.



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NEWSLETTER: Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a relaxing break.

As you know, we are working hard to improve outcomes in writing this year. As a way of raising the profile of writing with the children, I have introduced the Writing Award into our Friday Celebration Assembly. I will be choosing at least 1 piece of writing a week to read out in assembly as a model to the other children and, the first pieces will be any entries we have for BBC Radio 2's 500 Words Competition. This is a great competition and all the children have been encouraged to write an entry for it as homework. If your child hasn't written an entry yet, please encourage them to write one. To submit the entry to 500 Words, it will need to be an electronic copy and if you just email it to me at the same time, I will make sure they get their moment on the spotlight.

Happy writing and have a lovely weekend!

Mr Jarvis

Remembrance Day

Children from Rowan class will be selling Poppy's for Remembrance Sunday at school during morning break from next week.



Forest School-Eco Council News and a few thank yous!

In an assembly recently we talked about the pros and cons of leaving the front field as a wildlife meadow and a large majority of the children and staff voted to continue to develop the habitat, increasing its biodiversity for local species. We contacted a team of local scythers from the Stonesfield Environment Group, who usually look after Stonesfield Common. They spent two long sessions scything and "brush-cutting" the overgrown meadow. The year 2 children watched and asked questions about the different tools and learned about how the traditional method allowed wildlife time to crawl away from the blades, unlike with the faster power tools. The year 4s helped rake and remove the grass cuttings, so that the composting nutrients don't "feed" the soil too much - wildflowers and grasses don't like a rich diet! We were also very fortunate to receive a generous donation of yellow rattle and other wildflower seeds from Southill Solar, Charlbury, thank you Frances (Orin and Madeleine's mum) for putting us in touch.




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

Wednesday 8 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.30am to 10.30am (serving refreshments at 9.30am)
Friday 17 th November	Footy Kids Taster Session	All classes
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need 	Wear something spotty to school and bring a £1.00 to support Pudsey
Saturday 25 th November	FoSS U/D Disco	Village Hall 5pm to 7pm
Thursday 30 th November	Vision Screening	Oak Class
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Performances	Oak class 10am Willow class 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch	
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert in the church	Afternoon 2pm and Evening 6pm
Tuesday 19 th December	End of Term	School finishes at 1.30pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Inset Day	School Closed

After School Clubs available to book 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)

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

Rachel Fox has a limited number of places still available. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact her via email: rachelfox59@gmail.com or text her on 07811 763300.

FoSS News

Friends of Stonesfield School (FoSS) - Exciting updates!

We have had a busy start to the school year... sending off the lovely festive artwork designs, planning a disco and thinking about the year ahead.

We will have space on our committee for some **new members** from the new year and would love to hear from you if you are interested. Currently we have two Co-Chairs, two Co-Secretaries and a Treasurer.

Our Treasurer and a Co-Chair will be stepping down in December and so we are looking for someone confident with numbers to manage our finances, as well as an enthusiastic leader. You can read about what the roles are here- [PTA+ PTA committee roles and responsibilities](#). Please do email us to find out more.

It is a lovely team, so rewarding, and it's great to work with all the others who make FoSS a success. We will hold our Annual General Meeting in December, where new members will be voted in, and will soon advertise the date.

Also, we are holding a **UV disco** for the children on Saturday 25th November. Please see below for further details.

And finally, we are funding the **Forest School expansion** and are looking forward to what that will look like!

From the FoSS Committee:

Chairs - Adam Hopkinson and Chris Skerrett, Treasurer - Hannah Crowe, Secretaries - Sarah Lydiat and Robyn Venables

Email us at info@fossteam.org

UV Disco in three weeks' time!

FoSS are holding a UV Disco on Saturday 25th November and you're all invited! Please see the poster attached.

Tickets are £6 per child and include entry, a hot dog, drinks (squash and water) and UV face paint. All children must be accompanied by an adult please (no charge for adults). Tickets will be available soon to buy online and you will be able to note any dietary requirements then.

There will be a bar open for the adults and a tuck shop open for everyone! We will let you know more details closer to the time. If you have any Halloween treats (still packaged) that we could sell at the tuck shop, then please do drop them in the box in the office next week... thank you.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the evening, so please do let us know if you would like to. As a thank you, you will be offered a complimentary drink at the disco!

If you are a first aider, will be coming along, and would be willing to be a named first aider for the event, then please drop us an email.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



Best wishes

Sarah Lydiat (sarah@fossteam.org) and Robyn Venables (robyn@fossteam.org)

Community News:

Stonesfield Pre School

We are pleased to announce that Stonesfield Pre School has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School to raise funds for our Christmas Celebrations.



Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

Bag2School will be collecting from **Stonesfield Pre School on Thursday 16th November**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Stonesfield Pre School by 9am on 16th November and help us have a good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Community Cafe



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