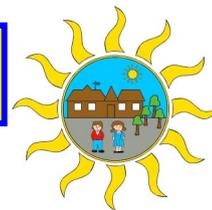


Stedham Primary Newsletter 4



20 January 2017

Dear Parents,

Sorry, but I must start with the ongoing issue of....

Parking

You will have noticed our new parking sign on the fence and the A-boards, which are out from 8.15am to 4pm. Despite making our best endeavours to improve the parking situation, we are still having regular complaints from the residents of School Lane.

As mentioned at the end of last year, there is an agreement in place that **school cars will not park more than 5 cars down (from the zig zags towards the Common View junction)** however, if residents choose to park their cars on the other side of the road outside their houses, it may mean that the road becomes too narrow with cars on both sides so please be aware of this.

As a reminder to both parents/carers and the village community who read this newsletter on our noticeboard, if you feel parking is dangerous or is blocking access, it can be reported to the police on the non emergency number (101) or on their website.

School Website

It is a statutory requirement for a school to have a website and for it to contain certain information. During the summer last year, our website provider, who we had been with for many years, sadly went out of business, leaving us with initially an out of date website and then towards the end of the year, no website at all. Over December we have been working with a new company to design and set up a new website which this time, we have complete editing control over. Over the Christmas holiday I updated all the information which had been moved across and added lots of new items. This week our new website finally went live, which we are really excited about!

The web address remains the same;

www.stedham.w-sussex.sch.uk

If you could take some time to have a look at

the site we would appreciate it, so that you become familiar with what information it contains and where you can find things. This is a starting point, it is work in progress, so things will be added and developed as time goes on, but it is a good starting place.

E-Safety Evening

Don't forget on Monday (23rd January) at 7pm in the school hall it is our E-Safety evening.

Our guest speaker is Jill Gosnay from entrust. She is very interesting and knowledgeable and I would strongly recommend that if you are able, you come along (sorry but no children please). If you know anyone else who is not a parent but interested (grandparent, neighbours, parents at other schools, etc.) please bring them along too. The wider audience the message reaches, the better.



Parent Forum and Coffee Mornings

My apologies for having to postpone the parent forum last week due to the weather. I am also mindful that we haven't had a coffee morning lately. January has been very busy but I will look in the diary and set some new dates soon.

Contacting School

We have had a couple of instances lately where parents have emailed the school office with information that teachers needed to know before the school day started. Although Mrs Brett tries to check emails before 9am, it is not always possible and that email address is not checked at all on Fridays as Mrs Brett is not at work. If you have important information that we need to know, such as your child has an injury or can't do PE, please ring the office and leave a message if no one answers rather than emailing. Non urgent items can still be communicated via email to the office.

As a reminder, we have an absence reporting line to take messages too. Please do leave a message (as early as possible and before 9am). You do not need to ring through to the office to speak to someone if you are just reporting absence.

Unwell Children

We are suffering particularly at the moment with several different viruses and as a result, lots of children are off or being sent home during the day. Although attendance is of course important, if your child is unwell, they should not be in school.

If your child has a temperature, that is a sign that their body is fighting an infection. Giving a dose of paracetamol will only get them through a few hours and then we will have to ring you for them to be collected anyway. Sending unwell children to school just spreads the viruses and this situation will continue.

If your child is sick or has a stomach upset, they should not return to school until **48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea**. Again, returning earlier will just spread the virus.

As a working parent myself I understand the inconvenience of having to take time off work or arrange for childcare if they are too ill to come to school, but it is not fair on an unwell child to have to come to school where they probably won't be in a fit state to learn anything anyway, and it is not fair on anyone else who may then catch their virus.

We appreciate your co-operation with this and hopefully we will all be back to full strength soon.

Help Wanted

We are always keen for parents to volunteer to come in and support us by hearing readers. Volunteers will need to be DBS checked and will have to take part in a short safeguarding training session. If you think this is something you could help us with, please come and talk to me.

Our school library is also current unmanned and we could ideally do with a voluntary librarian who could give us a morning or afternoon of their time, either once a week or fortnightly. Again, a DBS check and safeguarding training would be required. Our library runs on a very simple computer programme to check books in and out. Duties would include helping the children to choose and check books in and out, adding new books to the system and keeping the shelves tidy. Again, if you think this could be for you, please come and let me know.

Headteacher's Conference

It is the annual West Sussex Primary Headteachers' conference next Thursday and Friday so I will be out of school both days. In my absence, Mrs Dinnis-Searle has responsibility for the school.

Adverse Weather

Also coming home with this newsletter is a reminder of our procedures in the event of snow or other adverse weather. This information is also on our website.

Book Week

Advance warning—Book Week will soon be upon us and we have dressing up day (as a book character) on **Friday 3 March**. Please don't go out and buy expensive costumes and dressing up is **optional**.

Key Stage 2 Production

Mr Noble has finally decided on our Key Stage 2 production which will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

Have a good weekend with your children.

Regards,

Sally Dreckman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23 January—E-Safety Evening 7pm

Tuesday 7 February—Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 15 February—Welcome Wednesday at 3pm

Thursday 16 February—Little Big Sing at MRC for Y3—details to follow

Monday 20—Friday 24 February—HALF TERM

Monday 27 February—INSET DAY

Tuesday 28 February—children back to school

Friday 3 March—Book Day Dressing Up

Tuesday 7 March and Thursday 9 March — Parent Consultations (details to follow)

Tuesday 14 March—KS2 performance for grandparents and villagers 2pm

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March—KS2 performance for parents 6pm—details to follow

Wednesday 29 March—Rabbits' assembly to parents 3pm

Wednesday 5 April—Welcome Wednesday at 3pm and SATs meeting for Y6 children and parents 3.40pm

Friday 7 April—end of term.