



Friends Learning Together

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The Owl - Issue 8

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Looking to the future—Celebrating the past.



CALENDAR

- 24th Jan 2020 - Quiz Night 7pm - TONIGHT!!
Stoke Orchard Community Centre
- 27th Jan 2020 - Maths Problem Solving Workshop
- 30th Jan 2020 - Mr Crouch Class Assembly 08.45am
- 30th Jan 2020 - SATs Presentation - Yr 6 only
- 06th Feb 2020 - Mrs Walsh Class Assembly 08.45am
- 06th Feb 2020 - Support your child with Reading KS1
- 13th Feb 2020 - Reception Class Assembly 08.45am
- 14th Feb 2020 - End of Term
- 24th Feb 2020 - New Term Starts
- 19th Mar 2020 - Support your child with Maths, EYFS & KS1

Celebration 'open' Assembly 30th January 2020 08.45am

Children who have been nominated for the Celebration assembly for the **30th January 2020** are as follows-



Emily, Lyla, Archie, Vienna, Fyfe, Leila, Natalia, Maisy, Victoria and Rafe

The celebration assembly is an open assembly and can be attended by all parents/carers.

Tonight!!

24th January 2020 7pm Stoke Orchard Community Centre



Come and join us tonight for our Quiz Night

Fundraiser!! Now at Stoke Orchard Community Centre at 7pm. You are welcome to bring your own alcohol, come along have fun with friends all while raising money for the school.

Y6 SATs

Thursday 30th Jan '20 SATs Presentation Year 6 only

Mr Harwood is running a Year 6 presentation evening on Thursday 30th January to discuss with Parents/carers and pupils about SATs and what is involved. Pupils are also advised to attend. Mr Harwood has released times to meet with parents individually before and after the meeting so he can hand out and discuss the year 6 mock results with you all. Please call the office to book in your 5 minute time slot. (Times are between 4.30pm - 5pm & 5.30pm - 6pm)

Friendship

The children will focus on one value a month in line with our school Vision and Values. This value will be imbedded in all learning and the focus of our assemblies.

This month's value is **Friendship**.



Lunchtime KS2 Choir

We are introducing a lunchtime choir for all our key stage 2 pupils. Please come and join us on Monday lunchtime in Mrs Harrison classroom.

DATES at the GATES Friday 14th February

is Valentine's Day and we will be holding a "Blind Date with a Book" fundraising event at drop off and pick up that day.



The "dates" are all lovely books for children, specially wrapped in brown paper....with a few clues as to their identity on the outside. For £1 your child can choose whichever mystery package takes their fancy. The books will be grouped for age/reading ability and we'll also have some for grown ups and babies/toddlers too! So bring £1 per family member and everyone can have a little Valentines gift to take home. Pick up your mystery package at 8:15-8:45 or 2:45 - 3:15 at the gate that day.



Please clear your debts.

No parentpay account should be in a negative. Your account should always be in credit.



Please check your parentpay account and clear any monies owed.

Currently we have more parents in debit than credit, as a school with a deficit budget this needs to be sorted asap.



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What has changed since OFSTED? What progress have we made?

From the OFSTED Parent Meeting, many parents were left with the feeling what happens now.

In school the following actions have been taken:

- Regular interim reports to update your child's progress and how you can support your child. Staff training is planned throughout the year and has been ongoing since September 2019.
- Parent workshops are planned and now taking place in: Phonics, Early Reading KS1, Reading KS2, Maths R/KS1, Maths KS2, SATs Preparation KS2 and Internet Safety.
- Communication for the whole community is through a weekly update The Owl, and for class teacher/parent communication through the Class Dojo.
- A weekly Class assembly has been introduced to share and showcase our children's learning.
- Extra-curricular activities have been extended to include a wide range of after school activities in addition to a lunchtime KS2 choir.
- The school has audited and has planned audits for points raised in the report: Safeguarding, SEN, Pupil Premium, Phonics, Early Reading and Maths.

The school is now part of the GLOW Maths Project – a Gloucestershire based group to support the teaching and learning of Maths; the Mangotsfield School Hub – a DfE approved English Hub to support the teaching and learning of Phonics and Reading and the local Talk for Writing Project to support the teaching and learning of Reading and Writing.

The local authority (LA) is working closely with the school to support and implement the improvements needed to become OFSTED ready and to improve the quality of education in our school. The LA has appointed Jane Farren (Head of Norton Primary School) to support the school in developing the leadership and improving the quality of education in the school.

I would at this point like to thank Richard Vaughan (Head at Twynning Primary School) for all his support in helping to develop our Leadership team over the Autumn term and his continued support during the OFSTED process.

The school is working closely with the local authority to action the points made in the report. Below is the link to the OFSTED section 8 handbook which is relevant to our school.

The OFSTED section 8 handbook covers monitoring inspections of schools in category (p44).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/section-8-school-inspection-handbook-eif>

Thank you for your continued support and ideas. Many parents and friends are stepping forward to help with extra-curricular activities, supporting our reading in class and becoming more involved in the life of the school. If you see a gap, an opportunity or experience that would enrich our children's experiences then step forward and suggest your idea. A thought shared may become a stepping stone to a child's imagination.