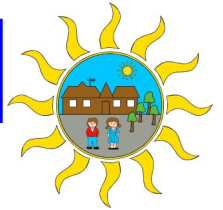


Stedham Primary Newsletter 3



23 January 2019

Dear Parents,

Our Spring Term has started well; the children have all settled back down to work after their two week break and are enjoying their new topics. You will have by now received the topic letter for your child's class which outlines their learning for the term.

This term we welcome two new members of staff, Mrs Strachan who is our new PPA and leadership cover teacher and Miss Hetherington, our new teaching assistant in Foxes.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this charity in December. We raised £66.

Online Safety

I sent an email out at the beginning of the week to notify you of a last minute online safety workshop we are offering for parents and carers (and other family members if they are interested). It will run **9-10am on Wednesday 30 January**. I hope some of you will be able to attend as I think it will be a very useful update for us all.

Severe Weather School Closure

There has already been snow in some parts of the country. If this weather affects us, we will make every effort to keep our school open but because we are in such a rural setting and some of our staff travel from quite a distance, this may not always be possible. As a reminder, we have the following protocol in place should we experience severe weather:

We will notify parents and carers in as many ways as possible. This will include an announcement on our website, notification to the local radio station (Spirit FM) and notification on the West Sussex CC website – the direct link is <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/emergency-school-closures/>
A text will also be sent to all parents and carers using our Teachers2Parents service.

If the school is open but due to your location your child is unable to get in, please notify any absence by telephone before 9.10am.

Very rarely the weather changes unexpectedly during the school day. If this occurs, parents and carers will be contacted by text to let them know that an early closure decision has been taken, followed up by a phone call if texts are not delivered.

Supervision will always be in place up to 3.30pm for children who need to remain in school if they cannot be collected immediately.

Dates for the term

I have included the key dates currently in the diary for this term at the end of the newsletter. There will be other dates added as the term goes on so please look out for emails, texts and other letters updating you.

New drum kit

You may have seen on social media last week that we have a new drum kit in school for the children who have lessons with Steve Thornley to use. Funds for the kit were raised by some of the 'drum mums' who successfully applied for two grants from Midhurst Lions and The Grange Association. The kit has now very kindly been gifted to the school.



The Red Box Project

Many of you may have heard of the charity The Red Box Project which provides free period products to young people who need them. Having put boxes in all local secondary schools, the project is now working with primaries. As of this week, we now have a mini red box in school. Our pupils can access sanitary products at school should they be needed and there are also products that can be taken home to cover the entire period. The ultimate aim of the charity is to end period poverty. If you wish to access these resources, please come and speak with me in confidence. For more information, please see their website at www.redboxproject.org

Out of Office

I will be out of school for the rest of the week, attending the annual Primary Leadership Conference for Headteachers. In my absence, Mrs Hines will have responsibility for the school.

With regards

Sally Dreckman

The Badgers and Foxes classes have a shared topic (Potions) this term and so are doing lots of mixed class teaching. Here are a few photos from a series of literacy lessons. The resulting work is of a fantastic standard; the children are really benefitting from the ideas and expertise of their peers. We hope you can come and see this and their other work at Welcome Wednesday on 13th February.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 30 January— Parent and Carer Online Safety Workshop 9-10am

Wednesday 30 January—Year 5 to MRC for the 'All Sing' event 9.45-12.00

Friday 1 February—FOSS film evening 5.45-7.45pm

Tuesday 12 February—Year 3 to MRC for the 'All Sing' event 9.45-12.00

Wednesday 13 February - Welcome Wednesday 8.45-9.00am

Monday 18—Friday 22 February—HALF TERM

Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 (Badgers only) and Thursday 7 March—parent consultation meetings. Details to follow nearer the time.

Friday 8 March—Book Day—come to school dressed as a book character

Monday 25 March—Owls' assembly to parents and carers 3pm

Friday 29 March—Year 1 and 2 music performance to parents and carers 11am

Wednesday 3 April—Welcome Wednesday 8.45-9.00am

Friday 5 April—term ends 3.30pm