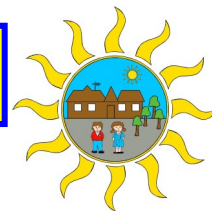


Stedham Primary Newsletter 2

10 November 2017



Dear Parents,

Uniform

Thank you for continuing to support our drive to improve the standards of uniform across the school. As a reminder, please ensure that you let us know if your child is not in correct uniform and how long you anticipate the situation going on for.

Coats

A few children are still not bringing a coat to school. We aim to go outside in all weather (except torrential rain or dangerous conditions). Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day and that it is named.

Parking and safe driving

We had a phone call last week from a very upset village resident who said that they were almost knocked off their motorbike by a parent of the school driving off dangerously. I have no jurisdiction over the roads and can only remind you to drive and park safely and with consideration. In this situation, the resident has reported the incident to the police, as anyone is entitled to do if they feel parking or driving is dangerous. Please help our school to continue its currently harmonious relationship with our neighbours by showing care and consideration at all times.

Children in Need

CIN Day is next Friday but that is also our school photograph day so we are limited in what we can do! We have decided therefore that we will hold our CIN day on Wednesday, 15th November. Children can come in own clothes or pyjamas (spots are strongly encouraged but not essential!) in return for a minimum donation of £1.



Sickness Absence

It is that time of year again when we are inundated with bugs. Please can I remind you that if your child has a sickness and / or diarrhoea bug, they should not return to school until **48 hours after the last episode** to avoid spreading the virus.

Arriving for Breakfast Club or School

We have noticed that a few people are starting to arrive a little too early. As a reminder,

breakfast club is not open to take children until 8am and the buzzer will not be answered before then. Children coming to school can access the grounds from 8.45am when the gate unlocks. Please do not buzz to get in before that or follow a member of staff in. The teachers need this precious time in the morning to get ready and may not be in their classrooms.

Parents' Evenings

Next week we are holding the first parent consultation meetings of the school year. We are trying a new system which we have 'borrowed' from another school to avoid running late. At the end of each 10 minute appointment, a bell will be rung to indicate that you need to end your conversations and leave the room. We do not intend this to seem rude, but we also know how frustrating it is when we are running very late. Hopefully this will minimise lateness. If you feel you need longer than 10 minutes to discuss an issue, you need to make an appointment with the teacher to come back at another, mutually convenient time.



We are also asking that you **do not bring children with you unless you have absolutely no other option**. Now that we have After School Club, we have less space. ASC will be in Foxes Classroom during Tuesday and Thursday and Mr Noble will run his meetings from the hall. This means the waiting area for him will be the front reception area and for everyone else, the library, so we won't have room to accommodate an unofficial crèche in the library as we have done in the past. If you do bring your child(ren), please ensure they have something quiet to do while waiting outside the room when you are in your meeting.

As a reminder, due to less space being available, books/work will not be out to look at during these meetings as you can now do this at Welcome Wednesdays.

Rotary Music Evening

Congratulations to my little choir of 10 who did us proud last night, singing at the Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Music Festival at MRC. They were amazing.



Aspire Coaching

Aspire are running a Wednesday evening session, 5-6pm at the Midhurst Rother College sports hall. It is a football pay and play session for both boys and girls, from Reception to Year 3. The cost is £2.50 per session. There is no need to book. It will be a chance for them to learn new skills and play fun games.

Westgate Leisure Centre

We have been asked to pass on the following information by the Leisure Centre in Chichester:

Everyone Active Westgate Leisure Centre knows how important it is that children have the opportunity to feel safe and confident around water. Our group swimming lessons allow your children to learn while having fun and the continuous development programme will help them move on and up the scheme as quickly as they can once achieving certain awards. With swimming lessons 6 days a week we have something that hopefully everyone can book into. Our Interactive Aqua Passport allows you to see progress and help see what skills they need to develop in general swimming session to reach the next target. We have spaces available now for you to join your children (or yourself should you wish too). For more information please contact stephendumville@everyoneactive.com and we can contact you with all the information you need to know and get your little one/s (or yourself) started as soon as possible.

If you join on lessons before the end of November you will be entered in to win a Children's Bike for the child doing swimming lessons and one for you as the parent!!! Don't miss out this is a great prize!!!!

Big Maths Day

This week we had our termly Big Maths Day. Foxes had a Bake Off theme. Before I sign off, I wanted to share a few photos of the day.

Have a good weekend.

Regards

Sally Dreckman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 14 November—Parent Consultations 5-8pm

Wednesday 15 November—Children in Need non Uniform Day

FOSS Quiz Evening at the Hamilton Arms

Thursday 16 November—Parent Consultations 4-7pm

Friday 17 November—School Photographs

Wednesday 22 November—Foxes' Assembly to Parents at 3pm

Friday 24 November—FOSS Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 28 November—Badgers' Assembly to Parents at 3pm

Wednesday 29 November—Badgers and Foxes' trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Saturday 2 December—FOSS Christmas Fair

Monday 4 December—Parent Forum (Homework focus) at 3.45pm