



Stoke Row C.E. School

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Dear Parents and Carers

First of all - welcome to all staff, parents and children at the start of a new school year! Everyone seems very happy to be back, and it has been really good to see everybody in school, new, old, or just relocated, welcomed and helped to fit in and find things. Blue class children have been almost swamped by the offers of help, protection and kindness. It's just great, as are the new toilets. Thanks to all parents who helped raise funds for them. The children's reactions when they saw them ranged from seraphic smiles to screams and comments like: "They're so cool!"

Mr Edwards, Miss Cook and Mr Gayford are fitting in very well. The word 'on the playground' is that they are really nice, very interesting and really good teachers. So far, so good!

Coming up soon we have an adventure day for Green and Red Classes at 'Adventure Dolphin' in Pangbourne. This will involve canoeing on the River Thames and lots of outdoor activities. Then comes official opening of the new school toilets, complete with our local MP and all recorded by the press. Harvest Festival follows closely behind; the mid Autumn break and then it's into the Christmas season, via Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night and School Plays. The search is on for talent!

We have already had a display of lost property. Thankfully, most things have now disappeared, but please be aware that all unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of each term! Please encourage your children to take responsibility for their belongings and above all- **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED!**

Those of you who want to book school dinners should be aware that we do encourage payment in advance. Arrears over a certain point may attract an additional charge.

Unfortunately, there has already been a case of nits discovered in Yellow. Please check your children's hair; these are the sort of visitors we do not want!

Bearing in mind that it is extremely wet and looks likely to remain so for the near future could you please ensure that your children come to school with a pair of shoes or trainers for outdoor use and a pair of fitted, leather or similar shoes for indoor wear. Again, it would be helpful if the shoes were named.

We strongly encourage parents of children in Green and Red Classes to leave their children at the external doors to the school. You will find that your child will learn how to stack, store and stow away their belongings. Parents coming into the classroom can disrupt early morning work. Teachers are usually available at the end of the school day to speak with parents and messages can be sent through the office.

Best wishes,

Steve McTegart
Headteacher

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Dates For Your Diary

Monday	15 September	Last day for Tesco Vouchers
Thursday	18 September	Canoeing Day for Red and Green Classes
Tuesday	23 September	FOSRS AGM – evening; time and venue TBC
Thursday	25 September	Tempest Photographers in school for individual photos
Monday	29 September	2pm, Official opening of the new toilet facilities
Thursday	2 October	2pm, Harvest Festival in the church, everyone welcome
Friday	3 October	No children in school today – INSET for staff only
Monday	6 October	Sign up sheets in classrooms for parents’ evenings
Tuesday	14 October	3.30pm to 6.30pm – Parents’ Evening
Wednesday	15 October	3.30pm to 6.30pm – Parents’ Evening
Friday	24 October	Last day of Term One
Monday	3 November	First day of Term Two
Thursday	4 December	6pm – Christingle in the Church, followed by the Christmas Fayre in the school. All welcome
Monday	15 December	9.30am in Yellow Class – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas plays
Monday	15 December	6.30pm in Yellow Class – Christmas Nativity
Tuesday	16 December	6.30pm in Yellow Class – Christmas Nativity
Thursday	18 December	Christmas parties, all classes in the afternoon
Friday	19 December	Last day of Term Two. Service in the Church at 1.30pm, all welcome. Early finish at 2pm. Collect children from their classes.

Look out for further details of all the events nearer to the time.

