



# Stoke Row CE School

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**26 May 2017**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Spring Clean Day**

A massive thank you to everyone who turned up to spruce up the school on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Fifteen parents helped to garden, paint, clean and polish - it all looks fantastic! A special thanks to Louisa and Adam for sorting out the library and putting up the new noticeboard in there.

### **Twitter!**

Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see all of the exciting things we have been up to at school this week including a digital music workshop, writing in the woods and the year 5/6 Quadkids athletics competition.

Just search 'StokeRowPS'.

### **Congratulations! Chloe Cormack**

Chloe recently entered the RHS Young Photographers competition and was awarded Highly Commended for her fabulous photo of red kites. Chloe's photo has been on view at Chelsea Flower Show this week and can be seen at Wisley Gardens later this year. Well done Chloe!

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**REMINDERS:** for w/c 5 June 2017

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*Monday:*

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*Tuesday: Bright Sparks Science Club starts after school*

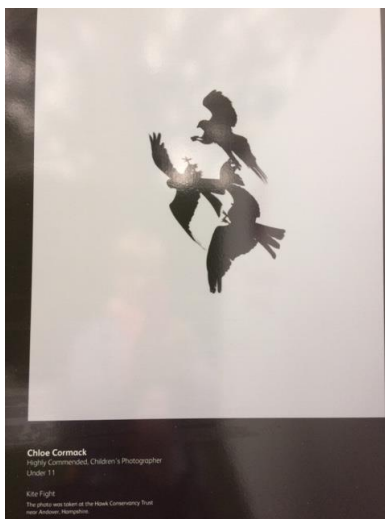
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*Wednesday: Berzerk drama club continues*

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*Thursday: Class photos*

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### **Tennis Tournament**

Well done to year 3/4 who participated in our partnership tennis tournament. Despite some initial nerves, everyone played brilliantly! Well done to Bethany A who won the value award for perseverance.



### **Suncream/Sunhats!**

As summer approaches with the promise of some good weather, please make sure your child wears sunscreen and covers their shoulders when outside – a hat is a good idea too. Please encourage children to drink plenty of water and remember they should have a water bottle in school with them every day that they can refill. Some parents put their bottle in the freezer overnight to ensure their child's drink stays cold all day.

### **RDA Horse Riding**

Pam very kindly takes a few children riding every week and Cara at Henley RDA thought we all might like to see how well Conan is getting on!



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### **Request from Miss Doe**

Miss Doe would love to receive any unwanted maps for Bubble class. If you have any unused or unwanted geographical folding maps, please hand them to Miss Doe or the school office.

### **Parent Survey**

The Parent Survey has been resent to a few parents who have commented that they have been unable to read the survey on their iphones. Please let the office know if you are still experiencing problems.



### **Co-Op Scheme - More Great News!**

Our application to secure funding for a school greenhouse to be put on our new allotment (scheduled for implementation mid May) has been successfully chosen by the Co-Op. A big thank you to Rachel Lambert for putting together and submitting the application.

To raise money you need to be a Co-Op member, which costs £1 and is very easy to do, this also entitles you to a 5% reward on purchases. You can ask for a form in store. You then have to choose the Stoke Row Greenhouse Project to your account when you go on their website. Then 1% of what you spend is donated to our cause. You can only register one project at a time. We have raised £535.68 so far!

### **Cycling Proficiency**

Once again we are looking for volunteers to train up for cycling proficiency. Volunteers will need to attend all six sessions which we are starting again on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please speak to Sarah Joyce or Gary Chater if you are interested or pop into the office. Sarah and Gary would be very grateful to find another parent who is willing to train over the six sessions. Please remember that this is a really important skill we offer to the children and it would be such a shame if we were not able to continue! Alternatively, if you are not able to attend all the sessions but would be happy to come along to help out for one or two sessions then please come and speak to the office.

### **Ride for Reuben**

Yvette Kershaw, parent and a Governor of our school, is taking on a mammoth fundraiser for 'Reuben', a little boy who was diagnosed with aggressive neuroblastoma just before his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Today, Yvette will be cycling 750 miles in six days from John Radcliffe Hospital to the very tip of John O'Groats on her own, to raise funds for Reuben. Please donate if you wish to <https://www.gofundme.com/xtkdkh4y-reubens-fight>. GOOD LUCK YVETTE!

### **Stars at the Well**

This year our Stars at the Well performance evening will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. For those of you who have not experienced 'Stars at the Well' before, it is a yearly event held at Stoke Row Village Hall where children have the opportunity to perform a talent of their choice alongside their friends or alone. Children of all ages are welcome to perform. Last year we had acts such as ballet dancing, piano playing, singing and dancing. It is a really enjoyable evening which the children really look forward to.

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If you are interested in your child taking part they need to start practising for the auditions, no longer than 3 minutes per 'act' which will take place in the first week back after half term, during lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Music to accompany performances (preferably copied onto CD) must be handed in to the class teacher by Tuesday 6th June so we are able to make a playlist. As in previous years, Debbie Callender- Akers (Noah's mum) has kindly offered to help with music, rehearsals etc.

### **School Photographs**

On Thursday 8 June our school photographer, Charlotte Snowden, will be in to take pictures of our Year 6 leavers, whole school and class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform with long hair tied back.

### **Does your child suffer from Asthma?**

If your child suffers from asthma, please make sure that the office is aware and that they have the appropriate inhaler and aerochamber here in school. There is a booklet on the Asthma.org.uk website entitled 'Asthma and my child' which you may find useful. Also please could you pop into the school office to complete a School Asthma Card for our records. Many thanks.

### **ParentMail**

Please could you notify the school office if you are unable to receive messages or notifications.

### **Sickness**

Just a reminder to say that when your child is ill, parents are still required by law to phone the school every day. Also please don't forget to cancel their lunch on the Aspens website.

### **Animal Antics - Langtree Team Churches 7-11 Holiday Club**

Langtree Team Churches are holding a holiday club at Woodcote village hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 9.45-3.30pm at a cost of £5 each day. Please contact Janet Casson on 01491 681483 for more details.

### **Checkendon Fun Run – 11 June**

Please find attached details of the Checkendon Run being held on 11 June.

### **Rugby Camps**

London Irish will be holding summer rugby camps for U7-14S at Henley RFC on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August. For more details Call 01932 750 100 or visit [www.london-irish.com/rugbycamps](http://www.london-irish.com/rugbycamps).

### **The Elms Holiday Camps**

Please find attached flyer with details of the Whitsun Multi Sports Camp being held at Woodcote Primary School at the end of May.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR**

- Stars at the Well (whole school event)- Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 7pm
- Ocean Class Play - 5<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm & 6<sup>th</sup> July 6pm
- Sport's Day- 7th July (Friday) - 1.30pm

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- Backup in case of rain (Monday) 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Leaver's trip – (Tuesday) 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Leaver's Service (Friday) 21st July-1pm

## FOSRS

### FOSRS Meeting

Thank you to everyone who turned up for the last FOSRS meeting last week. It was much appreciated and great to have your input and help into our planning for the forthcoming events. Our next FOSRS meeting is to be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at The Cherry tree Pub. This is a really important meeting to discuss the Motorsports event which is taking place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please come along!

### Motorsports – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – HELPERS REQUIRED!

Sophie Bowman is organising the school's Motorsport event this year with the help from the FOSRS team. **This is an enormous fundraiser for the school** serving refreshments all day at the local classic car rally. Again we will be providing a BBQ and a sit down hospitality luncheon for the drivers themselves. We will require a lot of help which can be in form of on the day itself, in the run up with planning or simply from cake baking and donations.

More information will follow shortly. If you know already that you are able to give up some time (or all day) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July to help, please let Sophie or a member of the FOSRS team know. Last year we had a terrific turn out of volunteers, on what was a very hot sunny day, including Miss Harris and other members of staff, who served tea and cakes all day.

A list for donations and cakes will be put up week commencing June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to everyone who has already offered their time and help on the day. If you are able to offer, even a couple of hours, please let Sophie know. It is a long day and we do require people anytime from 8am to 5pm.

**Sheets for cake donations and food donations will be posted up week commencing May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### Stars at the Well

FOSRS will be supporting this school event on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June and would be grateful for a couple of parents to help man the refreshment and sweet stall during the evening. If you are able to help, please let Lou or Sophie know.

### Summer Fayre – Book Tombola

Our Summer fayre will take place after Sports day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. FOSRS plan to run a book tombola this year. Please sort out your nearly-new / new factual or fictional books to donate to this stall. Vanessa Jones (Eddie's Mum) has kindly offered to collate all the books for us. Please could we request that any book donations are in good condition and not marked. Thank you so much!

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### **School Library**

Our school library is nearly complete and FOSRS have funded the purchase of some wonderful items which will decorate and transform the library. FOSRS would like to say a big 'thank you' to Louisa Dosanjh who has been labelling all the books and sorting them into categories.

### **Bags2School Collection**

**Our next Bags2School collection will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8.40am to 9.00am.** The bags will arrive in school week commencing the 15<sup>th</sup> May. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the school which we participate in twice yearly. Please collect your unwanted clothes, paired shoes and good quality curtains, bedding and towels over half-term. Last year we raised over £300 from our two collections.

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