



Stoke Row CE School

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20 October 2017

NEWSLETTER

Reminders: For week commencing 31st October 2017

Monday: INSET day

Tuesday: Return to school 8.50am

Wednesday:

Thursday: Forest School - Bubble class – am. Raindrop class Group A – pm

Friday: DT Day

2.45pm Celebration Assembly in the church

Reminders: For week commencing 6th November 2017

Monday: River class swimming

Wednesday:

Thursday: Forest School – Bubble class – am Raindrop class Group B – pm

Friday: 2.45pm Celebration Assembly in the church

Don't Forget INSET Day Monday 30th October!! We return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

'Parent Power' Day

A big thank you to all the parents who turned up to help last Saturday including Martin Doe, (Miss Doe's Dad) who did countless fiddly DIY jobs, Chris Harris (Miss Harris' dad) for painting the front of the Sapling building) Gary Chater who jet-washed for six hours and Martin Jones who painted the ends of Sapling Building. Along with these people we are extremely grateful to Sophie Bowman, Laura Poulton, Louisa Dosanjh, Nadjia Abdelhalim, Vanessa Jones, Becky Jenkins, Nick Blaker and our little helpers, Nathalie, Eddie and Alex.

New TA Appointment

We are delighted to announce that we have now formally appointed Chelcie Barefield as a one-to-one Teaching Assistant in Ocean class. We welcome her to our staff.

Forest School

Raindrop and Bubble classes have had wonderful time at Forest School this term as usual; we thought you might like to see the beautiful artwork that they produced yesterday in the rain!



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Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended the service and to Sophie Bowman, Tracey Preedy, Andy Wallis, and Louisa Dosanjh for decorating the church so beautifully. We were delighted to donate our Harvest to the Henley Food Bank.



Operation Christmas Child

Once again, we are supporting 'Operation Christmas Child' shoe box appeal. This is a voluntary gift and a lovely thing for the children to do with you. Last year we took 26 boxes from the children to the warehouse in Thame, where 15,862 boxes were checked and sealed from our local area. This swelled to 31,037 when checked boxes arrived from Reading and Maidenhead ready to join the 900,000 boxes from all over the UK. These were distributed in six countries to children not as lucky as ours here in Stoke Row. So, please read the leaflet (which you should find in your child's bookbag or there are some spares in the office) and choose which age group and whether your box will be for a boy or girl and then fill it with some of the suggested gifts. It is very important to include £5 to help with transportation. This can be paid as cash or a cheque which is put inside the box or can be paid online. If you need any more information or would like to see a completed box, please come and see me in River Class. Don't worry if you don't have a shoe box, I will put some spare ones in the office. The boxes need to be in school ready to go to the warehouse by **Friday 3rd November**. Thank you. Jane Prior (River Class).

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Stoke Row School Band

A letter has been sent out via ParentMail regarding Mrs Shipway's intention to set up a Stoke Row School Band. Band practice would be held after school on a Thursday afternoon until 4pm and would involve the children having the responsibility to practise music at home. The expectations would be 5-10 minutes a day during weekdays. Please return the form to the office or email the office if you have any queries.

Music Stands Wanted

Mrs Shipway would be grateful for any unwanted music stands for the Stoke Row Band.

Breakfast Club

For those new parents who might not know, we offer a breakfast club here at school from 8-8.40am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week. Children are offered cereal, waffles, toast, yogurts, fruit juice, milk. Please see the office for more details/enrolment form. Please enter Breakfast Club via River class door in the playground.

Aspens

Please let the school office know if you are still having issues logging your child's lunches via Aspens. Just a reminder that the PIN number for our school is 671548 and if you are using the App to look at the menu, the reference number is 71779313. Please note the Aspens App will only allow you to view the menu and not place an order, unless you upload the web page to your phone. Please can we ask that all parents correctly label their child's class on the Aspens site when they log in (ie class name Bubble etc). If you have trouble ordering your child's lunch please come into the office and order it first thing as we can manually add on a lunch choice. Please note that Key Stage 2 children will be charged £2.50 per day per meal. This can be taken off your credits with Aspens or you can pay cash.

South Oxfordshire Music Centre

This is just a reminder that South Oxfordshire Music Centre is up and running again for the Autumn term based at Wallingford School in the Music Department from 9.30am - 12pm on Saturday mornings. They run a variety of ensembles for beginners to grade 5+. Come along for a free trial tomorrow....

- * Lots of fun music - tomorrow they are trying a new arrangement of the Game of Thrones theme and a piece from Home Alone with the Senior Orchestra!
- * A yummy tuck-shop
- * A great opportunity to make like-minded musician chums

For more information, please go to: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/south-oxfordshire-music-centre> or email; lorna.waters@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Health Conditions

If your child has had any changes to their current health condition or a change in their medication then please let us know as soon as possible. If your child suffers from asthma and requires an inhaler, please bring it named and to the school office where you will also be required to complete a School Asthma Card.

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Co-Op Scheme - More Great News!

Just to remind everyone that 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

Checkendon Fireworks – Friday 3 November

Checkendon C of E Primary School are happy to announce this year's fireworks event will take place on Friday 3rd November. Gates open at 6pm and the fireworks will start at 7pm. There will be a BBQ, a bar selling wine, beer and mulled wine and the school hall will be transformed into a games room with stalls including face painting and tombola..... fun and games for all. Please come and share an evening of fireworks and fun, even if you are not connected to the school or the village as the event is open to all. All proceeds from the evening will go towards outside play and learning equipment for the children at the school.

GoTri The Oratory School

Please find attached the flyer for the upcoming Aquathon as well as the online link below to sign up.

https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/go-tri-the-oratory_8818

Open Morning – Cranford House

Cranford House will be holding an open morning on Saturday 4 November from 10.00-12.00pm. Please contact them for more details on 01491 651218.

Saturday Morning Masterclasses

Open to boys and girls in Years 5 and 6, these completely free sessions are designed to stretch, challenge and inspire.

- 4 November 2017 – Blast Off! Space Science
- 11 November 2017 – Big Voices English/Drama
- 18 November 2017 – Sporting Superstars
- 13 January 2018 – Thinking Skills
- 20 January 2018 – Crash, Bang, Sing!
- 27 January 2018 – 'Orrible 'Istory!

The sessions are free and run from 9am -12 noon. Places are limited so please book online in advance on www.cranfordhouse.net/information/stretch

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SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR

Nativity – Wednesday 6th December – 4.00pm
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Christingle service – 14th December – 6.00pm followed by Christmas Fayre

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 21st November 3.30pm-6.00pm (child led)
Wednesday 22nd November 3.30pm-6.00pm (child led)
Tuesday 6th February 2018 3.30pm-5.00pm (parent only)
Wednesday 7th February 2018 5.00pm-8.00pm (parent only)

Pancake Day – Tuesday 20th February 2018 – 2.00pm
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February 2018
Grandparent's Day – Friday 9th March 2018 1.00pm – 3.15pm
Easter Service – Wednesday 28th March 2018 1.00pm
Stars at the Well (whole school event) – Friday 8th June 2018 7.00pm
River Class play – Wednesday 21st March 2018 1.30pm
River Class play – Thursday 22nd March 2018 6.00pm
Ocean Class play – Wednesday 11th July 2018 1.30pm
Ocean Class play – Thursday 12th July 2018 6.00pm
Sports Day – Friday 6th July 2018 1.30pm (back up Monday 9th July)
Leaver's Service – Wednesday 25th July 2018 1.00pm

FOSRS

FOSRS dates:

PTA Meeting – Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm at The Cherry Tree
Bags 2 School – Tuesday 21st November at 8.40am
School Disco – Friday 24th November 5pm – 6pm (KS1) & 6.15pm – 7.30pm
(village hall)
Raindrop class cake sale – Thursday 18th January 2018
River class cake sale – Friday 9th March 2018
Bubble class cake sale – Friday 27th April 2018

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PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm at The Cherry Tree pub. We were delighted with such a fantastic turnout for the last meeting and welcome you to join us on the 9th.

100 Club - have you bought a number?

We are now selling our 100 Club numbers for 2017/2018. Thank you to everyone who bought a number last year. Vanessa Jones (Eddie's mum) will be selling our 100 club numbers in time for the first draw on Friday 1st December. It will be a roll-over draw of three draws for October, November and December. The cost is £12 (£1 a month) and payable in full. Cheques made payable to 'FOSRS' please. The monthly prize for the 100 Club is £25 cash. All monies raised from the 100 Club will buy a large colourful rug for each classroom.

Bags 2 School - Tuesday 21st November

Please start collecting your unwanted good condition clothes and paired shows for our Bags 2 School collection on 21st November at 8.40am. Your child should have bought home a bag last week in their book bag. We receive money for the items which are weighed in the bags. This is such an easy and profitable fundraiser for the school and we would be delighted if everyone could fill a bag for us.

Parent Power Day - A big thank you!

A massive thank you to all the parents who turned out to clean our school last weekend. The school looks so much better for an Autumn clean. FOSRS are very grateful for the hard work which everyone put in.

Another thank you! Harvest Festival

FOSRS would like to also thank the small team of parents who decorated the church in the evening prior to Harvest Festival. We are very grateful for all the greenery, pumpkins and flowers which were donated.

School Disco - Friday 24th November

FOSRS will be organising our school disco on Friday 24th November at the village hall. The disco will be in two sessions. Bubble and Raindrop class disco - 5pm - 6pm and then River and Ocean class disco 6.15pm - 7.30pm. Buy a ticket on the door for £4.00 which includes snacks and a water bottle. Buy a glow stick for £1.00. Bertie Slippers will be running the disco for us and we have a team of parent helpers helping us on the night. Please put this date in your diary.

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