



Stoke Row CE School

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6 October 2017

NEWSLETTER

Reminders: For week commencing 9th October 2017

Monday: River class swimming

Wednesday: 9am Harvest Festival in the church

Arts & Crafts Exhibition in the chapel

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

Friday: 2.45pm Celebration Assembly in the church

SATURDAY 14th – Parent Power Day – 10am-4pm Please come along to help!

Reminders: For week commencing 16th October 2017

Monday: River class swimming

Wednesday: Individual School Photographs – am

Flu vaccinations – Reception/Raindrop/River classes - pm

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

Friday: 2.45pm Celebration Assembly in the church

Partnership Cross Country

It was fantastic to have so many enthusiastic runners participating from Stoke Row and we finished overall 5th. We are looking forward to the next run in the series which will be at Langtree in November. We were so proud to host over 200 runners in the first partnership event of the year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a marshal and parents from FOSRS who provided the refreshments.



'Parent Power' Day – Saturday 14 October 10am-4pm

We would like volunteers to pop along to school during these times to help 'Autumn clean' our school! Please come dressed in your scruffy gear and ready to be armed with a broom or paint brush. We shall be leaving a clipboard on the office windowsill to sign up although we would be

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happy for you to just turn up on the day. Please come into the office if you want to know more details on how you can help.

Free School meals and Discounts on School Visits and Activities

Did you know that by registering for Free School Meals your child not only has the opportunity to enjoy a free school meal but he/she could also be entitled to a substantial reduction in the cost of residential visits, music tuition etc.? The school also benefits from additional funding for all students who are registered for free school meals or who have been registered in the past 6 years. This funding is given to schools to raise the attainment of children and enables us to provide many additional support mechanisms such as one to one tuition and booster classes along with financial support for educational visits and activities. If you have a child who may be eligible for free schools meals please let us know. Also please note that Year 3 pupils are no longer entitled to universal free meals. Please also check that you are paying to avoid building up any debit balances.

School Photographs

Please note that the children will be having their individual and sibling photographs taken on Wednesday 18th October in the morning. We kindly ask that the children come to school in full uniform with long hair tied up.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in the church at 9am on Wednesday 11th October. We would like to invite all parents to join us and share in our thanks to God for the harvest. We also ask for small food donations which will be taken to a local charity by children from Ocean Class. This year we are supporting the Henley food bank. Please could we ask for no fresh food as they do not have the capacity to store them however we would be very grateful of donations of:

Hot Dogs/Meat Balls, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tuna, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Tinned Peas/ Sweet corn/, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Soup, Tinned Spaghetti & Beans, Dried Pasta/Rice/Noodles, Instant Mash, Tinned Peach/Pineapple, Jam/Marmalade/Honey Choc Spread/Peanut Butter, Breakfast Cereals, Biscuits/Snack Bars, Crisps/Bread Sticks Sweets/Chocolates, Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate, UHT Milk/Fruit Squash, Long life Fruit Juice, Angel Delight/Custard/Jelly and Ketchup. In addition to this, Toilet Rolls, Hand Soap, Washing Up Liquid, Washing Powder/Fabric, Conditioner, Shampoo/Conditioner, Shower Gel/Bubble Bath would be great.

Please could you drop off your donations in the church before registration. We would really like biscuits / chocolates as these are used in the Christmas Food Parcels.

FOSRS would like to decorate the church for the service and we would appreciate it if you could provide any 'greenery' on Tuesday 10th October at school drop off, in the church.

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

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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)

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.

Message from Miss Siv

Miss Siv asks that all Bubble childrens' water bottles are filled with water and not squashes or fruit juices as part of our policy to promote healthy eating.

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.

ParentMail

It is really important that every parent is receiving ParentMail messages as this the method in which we send home all school notifications of meetings and information about your child's schooling. ParentMail is available on email and via phone app. If you are not sure if you are registered or if you have problems receiving messages via ParentMail, please tell the office immediately.

Assembly – Reminder!

Just to remind you that celebration assembly will now take place at 2.45pm – 3.10pm on Friday afternoons in the church. Parents, grandparents and siblings are welcome.

Choir

Choir (for Yr2-6) started on Wednesday 20th September and will run every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30-1.00pm. Mrs Shipway and Lou Chater will be running the choir sessions. The choir are learning two songs for Harvest Festival called 'A Beautiful World' and 'A Picture of Autumn'. All children in the choir have been given the words of the songs so they can practise at home.

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Guitar lessons

Our guitar teacher, Russ Payne, recently gave a demonstration before assembly to the children to encourage them to learn. Please pick up an enrolment form from the office and return to Russ directly.

Healthy Snacks

All children from Foundation Stage Key stage 1 (Bubble and Raindrop class) are provided with fruit and vegetables daily under the Government scheme.

For Key Stage 2 children (River and Ocean class) you are welcome to bring in a healthy snack but please no fizzy drinks, chocolate or sweets.

Autumnal Road Safety Letter from IMPS and BRAKE

Please see attached the latest Road Safety letter.

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



Cases of headlice have been reported in school

You are advised to check your child's head today. It is important that all children are cleared at the same time otherwise this problem will keep recurring. Headlice can be an ongoing

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problem in schools where children and staff work closely together. Lotions give a temporary solution but headlice soon become resistant to the lotions. A better solution is to use a 'nit comb' with hair conditioner, two or three times a week, on a regular basis. These combs are available from the chemists, or from the school office. Headlice lay eggs which hatch so combing needs to be regular to break the cycle. Also long hair should be tied back. We would really appreciate your support, especially if you notice your child scratching!

Allergies/Intolerances

Please can you let us know if your child has an allergy or any food intolerances so that we can update our records and manage accordingly.

Severe Nut Allergy

There is a child in school with a severe nut allergy. Please do **not** bring in any nuts to school in any form. If you have had nuts or foods containing nuts we ask kindly that you wash your hands before coming to school.

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.

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. You can also notify us of any absence via ParentMail.

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. Miss Doe has kindly uploaded the Raindrop parent notes to Twitter from Wednesdays meeting. Just search 'StokeRowPS'.

New Year – New Water Bottle!

Have a fresh start in September with a new Stoke Row water bottle! Bulk purchase means that we can offer bottles for only £1.80 each at the moment or 2 for £3.40. Please see the office.

Reminder - Parking

Please can we also remind you to park considerately to our neighbours. We strongly suggest you do not use School Lane, which gets very congested and where the only options to turn is in residents drives. Please ensure you don't block drives or park on grassed verges to ensure we remain good neighbours. The village hall car park is a short walk from school and is available for parking at drop off and pick up. Wendy, our Lollipop lady has asked that you wait with her until she says it is safe to cross. Thank you!

We have received several complaints from residents on the main road who are upset that the disabled parking bay in front of the bungalows is being blocked and used by parents cars. **THE PARKING BAY MUST BE KEPT CLEAR AT ALL TIMES!**

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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 have raised £634.99 so far!

Stoke Row Chapel Exhibition



Each year the chapel holds an Art & Craft exhibition – we encourage pupil participation and will be taking the children down to see the exhibition when it is on. Please put it in your diary to visit!

Labelling Clothes and Shoes

Finally, please could you ensure your child has their name on all the school clothes and shoes – we already have children mislaying brand new shoes that don't have names in them! A laundry pen or Sharpie pen will do the trick! Please come and check the lost property box in the office as it is already full!

The Nettlebed Colour Run

Please see attached flier and information with regard to Nettlebed school's colour run on Saturday 7 October at 1.30pm.

Open Mornings – Langtree School

Langtree School will be holding Open Mornings on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October at 9.15am and 11.15am by appointment only. Please contact them on 01491 680514 or office@langtreeschool.com

Open Mornings - Pangbourne College

Pangbourne College will be holding an open morning for Years 7-8 on Saturday 14 October from 9am-12 noon. For further details please contact the college on 0118 984 2101.

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Didcot Girls' School

Didcot Girls' School will be holding school tours on Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th, Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October from 9.15am – 11am. Please contact them directly on 01235 812092 or email events@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk

The Oratory School – Taster Day

The Oratory School will be holding a Taster Day for Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday 11 October from 9.15am- 2.45pm. Please contact the school directly on 01491 683522 for more details or email registrar@oratory.co.uk

Open Morning – Cranford House

Cranford House will be holding an open morning on Saturday 7 October from 9.30am-12.00pm and 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

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR

Harvest Festival – Wednesday 11th October – 9.00am in the church

Nativity – Wednesday 6th December – 4.00pm

Nativity – Thursday 7th December – 6.00pm

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)

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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
Ocean class Cake Sale – Friday 20th October
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

Greenery and flowers are required for the Harvest Festival

We would be very grateful for flowers, greenery and produce to decorate the church for our harvest festival on October 11th. Please leave your greenery in the school office on Tuesday 10th October. If you are loaning us a vase, please make sure that it is not your best china or crystal and that all items are clearly named. Thank you!

PTA Meeting – Thursday 9th November

Please join us for our second PTA meeting of the school year. We have lots to discuss including our school disco, Christmas Fayre and numerous fundraising ideas. Thank you to everyone who came to our last meeting. We had a fantastic turn out. Please join us at 7.30pm at The Cherry Tree pub.

Ocean Class cake sale – Friday 20th October.

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Ocean class will be holding the first cake sale of the school year. Please could we kindly ask that all Ocean class children bring in a cake or plate of cookies and fairy cakes to sell for their class cake sale. All monies raised will be going directly to the classroom to purchase resources. Jenny Lowe and Jo Carter, Ocean class reps are organising this sale. Please let them know if you are able to help sell the cakes.

100 Club – 2017/ 2018

Thank you to everyone who made our last 100 Club such a success. We were able to purchase wonderful maths resources across all year groups. We had twelve lucky winners, each winning £25. Vanessa Jones (Eddie's mum) has kindly offered to organise the membership for this year. Vanessa will be contacting all current 100 Club members to ask them if they wish to renew their existing numbers. **Please note that the deadline to renew your existing numbers is Friday 13th October.** If FOSRS have not received confirmation of reserving your existing numbers by Monday 16th October, then they will be put on general release to be sold.

The cost to join our 100 Club is £1 a month, payable in total of 12 months at £12.00. Please pay by cash or cheque (payable to FOSRS) and give your payment to Vanessa, Sophie or Lou. On the first Friday of each month, FOSRS hold the draw and every member has a chance of winning every single month. The prize is £25 cash.

The 100 Club money will be spent on purchasing four beautiful rugs, one for each of our classrooms.

The 100 Club is open to all family and friends of Stoke Row School – so please help us sell 100 numbers. **The first draw will take place on Friday 8th December and it will be a roll-over draw of three draws for October, November and December.** Please contact FOSRS on fosrs@hotmail.com if you are interested or would like to reserve a ticket. Vanessa will be armed with a clipboard at pick up each day, so please do ask her for a number!

School Disco – Friday 24th November

Our school disco, organised by FOSRS will take place on Friday 24th November at the village hall. The disco is split into two sessions. The first session is Bubble and Raindrop children and will run from 5pm – 6pm. The second session is River and Ocean children and will run from 6.15pm to 7.30pm. Entertainment and dancing will be with Bertie Slippers and children will be provided with snacks and a water bottle as part of the ticket price. Please pop this date in your diary and more information will follow shortly.

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