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26th January 2018

NEWSLETTER

Reminders: For week commencing 29th January 2018:

Monday: River Class swimming

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Reminders: For week commencing 5th February 2018:

Monday: River Class swimming

Tuesday: Safer Internet Day

Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5pm

Wednesday: Parents Evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday: Raindrop class cake sale 3.15pm

Friday: Whole school cross country (**EXCEPT BUBBLE CLASS**)

Ocean Class Trip to Oxford

On an extremely wet and windy Wednesday, Ocean class visited Oxford Christchurch Cathedral and the Oxford Jewish Centre. They had a wonderful day and learned a lot about the history of both places and all the links to 'Alice in Wonderland'. Today they have produced some fantastic writing recounting their day.



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River Class visit by Owen's Animals



At the start of term, River class launched their topic about 'Biomes' with a visit from Owen's animals. The children learned about all kinds of animals and their habitats and had the opportunity to touch and hold them. Owen was very impressed with how calm and quiet River class were so all the animals felt at home.

Yr 3/4 Girl's Football – Langtree

Yesterday River class and a few Raindrop class girls went to our partnership year 3/4 girls' football tournament at Langtree School. We played five matches and finished with a closely fought draw against Checkendon. The girls tried really hard and improved in their play at the tournament progressed.



Pop-up Gallery –

On Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February we have arranged for a professional artwork company to hold an exhibition of the children's framed pictures in the church. Parents will be able to view and purchase the artwork from 3.15-5.45pm on Tuesday 6th and 4.45-8.15pm on Wednesday 7th. All profits made will go to the school but it will only be possible to purchase them on these two days.

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Change of Date for Book Fair

Please note that the Book Fair will now take place from 24th April for a week. More details to follow nearer the time.

Spelling Evening – 1st March

One of the key areas we are working on this year is spelling. As part of this on Thursday, 1st March school council will be organising a spelling bee in school. This day is also World Book Day where we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters. **In the evening at 6pm, we will be holding a phonics and spelling information evening for parents** where teachers and pupils will share ideas of how to support spellings at home and explain the strategies we use to learn spellings at school. It would be great to see as many parents there as possible so please add the date to your diaries!

Parent Power Day – Saturday 28th April

Once again we are planning on holding our Parent Power Day on Saturday 28th April from 10am – 4pm. If you are new to the school it is a great time to come along and meet other parents whilst sprucing up our school for Spring! We are going to concentrate on Bubble class outdoor play area but there are lots of other jobs that will also need attention throughout the school. There will be a clipboard of those jobs in the office. Even if you can only come along for a short time we would love to see you. Please hold the date in your diary!

In case of school closure ...

In extreme weather conditions closure of Stoke Row School will be announced on local radio stations, BBC Radio Oxford (95.2 FM), Heart FM (102.6 or 97.4 FM) and Jack FM (106.8 FM). Parents are asked to listen in to these stations from 7.00am onwards on the day to receive confirmation. A list of schools that are closed, or partially closed, may also be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website (<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/school-closures>). The Stoke Row School website will also be updated with closure details.

School Photographs

School photos are now available on the website www.ordermyphotos.co.uk . Enter the code 1262 9710 3334 A to view. Parents requesting digital copies should contact Charlotte Snowden directly at www.charlottesnowdenphotography.com or on her mobile 07933 327437.

Request from Mrs Shipway

Mrs Shipway has asked for the following for a music project:
unwanted shoeboxes, long cardboard tubes, thick card, polystyrene strips, clear glass jars with lids (with labels removed), beer bottle tops, empty tin cans (no sharp edges) and any old pencils of varying lengths. Please drop them off in the office. Thank you!

Clubs in January

Please see below a list of the extra-curricular clubs we will run in term 3. All after school clubs will finish at 4.15pm, unless stated separately by individual providers. Before school clubs, have varying start times which arranged with the specific organiser - Chris Lee for Running Club and Jo Mace for Art Club. Please do drop Miss Harris an e-mail if there is a specific club you would like to see at Stoke Row.

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		Before School	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Relax Kids Chill Club From 22 nd January (Yr 1-6 in the church)		Roller-Ski Club (All ages) From 15 th January
Tuesday	Breakfast Club (from 8am - £4 per child)	Running Club (All ages) 8am at the rec		AFC Football Club (Yrs 2-6) From Tues 16 th January Gymnastics Club (Yrs 1-6)
Wednesday	Breakfast Club (from 8am - £4 per child)		Choir Year 2 upwards	Berzerk Drama Club Year 2 - 6
Thursday	Breakfast Club (from 8am - £4 per child)	Art Club (All ages) 7.50am Ocean Class		
Friday				

Relax Kids Chill Club

Further to Sophia Cleverly's session at assembly and letter circulated, if your child would like to join her classes on Monday mornings from 22nd January from 8.00-8.45am, please contact Sophia directly on 07811 268990 or www.relaxkids.com.

Managing Abusive Parents Policy

We would like to draw your attention to a new policy that Miss Harris, alongside the governors, has put in place regarding parental behaviour towards staff members. It is available on our school website if you would like to read through it and outlines key procedures to deal with any disrespectful behaviour towards our staff members. It can be found at:

<http://www.stokerowschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SR-Managing-Abusive-Parents-Carers-Visitors-Policy-2017-V00-00.pdf>

Cool Milk

If your child would like to receive fresh milk (189ml semi skimmed) daily, you need to register your child online at www.coolmilk.com. School milk is free for under five years and is available at a subsidised price of 22p a day for over five years. Once you have registered you will receive a payment request direct from Cool Milk. If you require any further information, please speak to Lou in the school office. It is the parent's responsibility to cancel any orders or amend their orders once their child reaches the age of five years old.

ARCh Appeal for Reading Helpers

ARCh is now in its 10th year of operation and they aim to mark the occasion to inspire a record number of Oxfordshire children to read. To do this they need to recruit more Reading Helpers and are asking schools to help with this. We have had two volunteers who have recently been helping

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here at Stoke Row so if you are interested and would like to have a chat with them, please let the office know or visit the ARCh website www.archoxfordshire.org.uk or telephone on 01869 320380.

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 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!

Chiltern Edge Cross Country Series

Saturday 24th March. Yrs 1-6 Separate boys/girls races. 10 start. Remember that if you have a child in your car attending the races you do not need to pre-register with the school. If you are turning up just as an Adult in the car, then you must register with the school at office.2450@raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk. For race details please check the RAF Benson Primary School website.

Primary Cross Country

This will be the 12th County Championships and they are again taking place at Chiltern Edge School, Reades Lane, Sonning Common Reading RG45BB on Saturday 24th February 2018. Any number of pupils can be entered, but in order to score points in the team event, we will need a minimum of three pupils. There will again be races for Year 1 and Year 2, BUT they will not count towards the team events and overall team results. In order to fund the medals and trophies, they are asking that all cars donate £2 towards this. Please put the money in the collecting box at either the "café" or registration area. Any balance of monies will go to The Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service. The school Parents Association will again be running their "cafe", selling tea, coffee, cakes and bacon sandwiches etc.

Please can parents double up on lifts and stagger their arrival times for the later age groups. If the car park is full, they will either need to drop off the runners and park in the village, or better still, park in the village and walk to the school. If you are parking on the Tennis court side please do not walk between the buildings. Walk via the front of school. **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON SITE.** Registration opens at 09.00. No envelopes are needed for Years 1 and 2. Years 3 - 6 will be given out on the day.

There will be separate races for boys and girls.

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME.

09.45 Year 1 B/G - 640m approx.

10.00 Year 2 B/G - 640m

10.30 Year 3 B/G

10.45 Year 4 B/G – 1100m

11.00 Year 5 B/G – 1500m

11.20 Year 6 B/G – 1800m

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Certificates will be handed out to all racers and medals for the first three in each race. Years 1 and 2 will be presented at approximately 10.20; the rest at approximately 11.45. They will need course marshals for the day PLUS 4 Adults to man the car park 09.00 - 10.20. Please help if you are able because if they do not get support then the race will not be able to go ahead.

Aspens School Lunches

Please could we ask that you ensure that your child knows what you have ordered for their lunch every day as our lunchtime supervisors are experiencing problems with children who do not like what has been chosen for them. Thank you!

Woodcote Pantomime

Please see attached flier for Woodcote Pantomime taking place on 27th and 28th January and 2nd and 3rd February.

Brookes Science Bazaar

The Science Bazaar will take place at Headington Campus on Saturday 24 February from 10.00am to 4.30pm. This free event will be packed with exciting activities offering something for everyone, from fitness to healthy foods, building the highest spaghetti marshmallow tower and learning about your genes. Examples of their activities are:

Operation! Try some fun interactive activities with our Operating Department Practice team. Fake blood included!

Looking through the eyes of a modern paramedic: A practical hands-on experience exploring the world of modern paramedics. Learn basic life support and other useful life-saving skills.

Augmented Reality: The Performance Augmentation Lab (PAL) demonstrates how past experience can be made visible again today.

Oxford Brookes Racing Simulator: Race the OBR 2014 car around different tracks and set the fastest lap

What coffee is in your cup? Find out about different types of coffee and how ethical choices around this everyday drink can help save wild animals and places.

The Outbreak: See how viruses can spread from your hands using glitter.

The Psych Booth: Come along to learn about your brain, and have fun with mirror tracing and optical illusions!

Rocket Cars: build your own rocket space car and make it fly the furthest to win the challenge!

Brookes Science Bazaar is organised and run by staff and students at Oxford Brookes University and the Oxford Academic Health Science Centre (A network which coordinates clinical and academic excellence within Oxford Brookes University, the University of Oxford and two local NHS Trusts). Their researchers are looking forward to meeting you and talking about their work. The activities will be engaging and hands-on and while everyone is welcome to participate, they will be aimed at children aged 4-12 years old. All information can be found on their website

www.brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar.

Queen Anne's School

Junior Dance Workshop - Saturday 3rd February 9.30AM-12.30PM.

This workshop is open to girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and has limited spaces available.

Please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/queen-annes-school-junior-dance-workshop-tickets-42352805381 for more information and if you would like to reserve a space.

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Junior Lacrosse Coaching Camp - Saturday 21st April, 9.30AM-12.30PM

This workshop is open to girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and has limited spaces available.

Please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/queen-annes-school-junior-lacrosse-coaching-camp-tickets-42348109335 for more information and if you would like to reserve a space.

Bezerk Productions – Easter School

School Drama Club providers Berzerk Productions are pleased to announce booking is now open for our Troll's Easter School for 2018 – "You Can't Stop The Feeling". Limited places available and with many parents disappointed last year it's best to book quickly and take advantage of the early bird booking until 1st March.

Be happy with yourself as you dance, sing and act. This four-day theatre course will be based on the hit film Trolls. Our fun filled week will include games, mime, music, singing, dance, confidence building, make-up, costume and so much more. Trolls are the happiest creatures in the world, spending their days singing, dancing, and hugging. They are the polar opposites of the Bergens, ogre-like monsters that are miserable for a majority of their existence. The only way for the Bergens to find bliss is by eating a Troll, and the citizens of Bergen Town come together on a holiday dubbed Trollstice, where the main Chef picks out the best one for each Bergen. Gristle son of the king is eager to take part in the festivities, since he has never eaten a Troll before. Unfortunately for him, the Trolls devise an escape plan on Trollstice, leaving Gristle upset and Chef banished from the town. When their village is invaded by the grumpy Bergens, two mismatched friends must work together in perfect harmony to save the day. Featuring hit songs performed in the film by Justin Timberlake, Anna Kendrick and more, TROLLS is the critically-acclaimed, feel-great event of the year.

This Easter school promises to be spectacular, working on scripts, songs and dances from the film. Trolls is solid, visually stunning entertainment for children, with a positive message. So it's time to be happy with yourself and jump straight in, meet new friends and go Berzerk!

Tuesday April 3rd – Friday 6th 2018
Showcase on 6th April at 3.30pm
Location: South Street Arts Centre, Reading
Age 6+

Limited place available. £125.00 Per Child - EARLY BIRD PRICE: £110 if you book before 1 March. ONLINE BOOKING - <http://www.berzerkproductions.com/drama-classes/easter-school-2018> - www.berzerkproductions.com. If you have any questions regarding the course please do get in touch with them.

Half term Active Camps at Henley College

A new series of specialist training and coaching sessions aimed at children who want to improve their skills in a particular area. Please check their website at www.active-camps.com for more information.

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Master builders Lego Club

Master Builders Club provides fun and engaging brick building events for children aged 5-11 using LEGO®. Their workshops are creatively themed to provide children with stimulating play experiences. They currently run workshops at the weekends and during school holidays and these operate from village halls. Please find a copy of the flyer attached with more details of their holiday clubs.

Half term Cricket Camp

The Oratory School will be holding a February Half Term Cricket Camp from 12th - 16th February for 7-13 year olds. They are offering a **15%** discount if you book before 31st January and also provide Early Drop Off & Late Pick Up. For more information, please email info@danhousegocricketcoaching.com or to book please visit <https://www.danhousegocricketcoaching.com/booking-form/>.

St Joseph's College – Open Morning

St Joseph's will be holding open mornings on Friday 23 February and Tuesday 13 March from 10.30am – 12.00pm. To reserve your place please call Admissions on 0118 984 6910 or email admissions@sjcr.org.uk.

Saturday Morning Masterclasses

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

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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

Parents Evenings

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

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FOSRS

FOSRS dates:

Thursday 8th February 3.15pm - Raindrop class cake sale

Tuesday 20th February 1.30pm - Pancake races on the village green

Tuesday 6th March 7.30pm - FOSRS PTA meeting at The Cherry Tree

Friday 9th March 3.15pm - River class cake sale

Friday 23rd March 7.00pm - Stoke Row School Quiz Night

Friday 27th April 3.15pm - Bubble Class cake sale

Sunday 15th July - FOSRS at Motorsports

Raindrop Cake Sale

Laura Poulton and Rachel Mannall (Raindrop class reps) will be organising the Raindrop class cake sale on Thursday 8th February. Raindrop parents, please remember to bring in your baked goodies to sell at 3.15pm. Please drop your cakes and cookies into the school office at drop off. We kindly ask that you clearly label any containers and tins that you wish to have returned.

Pancake Races on the Green!

Thank you to everyone who has kindly said they would happily donate a batch of pancakes for our annual pancake racing on the green. More information will follow as to when to drop off your pancakes. We still need some volunteers to help serve pancakes and tidy. Most importantly, we do require helpers to clear away at the end of the races. If you are able to help, please let Lou know in the school office. Thank you!

PTA Meeting

Our next FOSRS meeting will be on Tuesday 6th March at The Cherry Tree pub at 7.30pm. Our last couple of meetings were lacking in faces and so we would love it if more people could make the meetings. Please just turn up. We have lots to discuss as always and everyone is welcome.

Put the date in your diary! - Stoke Row School Quiz Night.

The class reps will be selling quiz night tickets straight after half term. The date is Friday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the Pavilion. It is always a popular social evening and we shall be running the same format as the previous year. Please bring a table picnic to share with your table, buy drinks from the FOSRS bar (as opposed to bringing your own) and pay £5.00 for a ticket. Grant Westall- Reece and Andy Wallis are kindly organising the quiz itself and if it is anything like last year, it will be lots of fun. Tables of 8 maximum. We can place you on a table if you have not been able to join a team.

Please contact FOSRS via their e-mail fosrs@hotmail.com

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