



Stoke Row CE School

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9th March 2018

NEWSLETTER

Reminders: For week commencing 12th March 2018:

Monday:

Tuesday: Raindrop visit to Earth Trust – please make sure you have paid your £13

Wednesday:

Thursday: Forest School (Bubble & Raindrop Group B)

Spelling & Phonics Evening 6pm-7pm Ocean Class – ALL PARENTS

Friday:

Reminders: For week commencing 19th March 2018:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Forest School (Bubble & Raindrop Group A)

River class play – 1.30pm – ALL WELCOME!

Friday:

Sports Relief Day

Pancake Race



Congratulations to all our winners of the pancake races held on Tuesday 20th February – Owen Connolly, Chloe Howe, Charlie Collins, Ellie May Lucas, Casper Poulton, Lily James, Rocco Shaw, Lydia Carter, Noah Akers, Ebie Roper, Gavina Semonella, Cameron Reed, Matthew Vaughan Davies, Bella Cuthbert, Fernandes Semonella (mum & toddler), Rachel Mannall, Simon Johnson, Judy Fox and Miss Harris!

Thank you from Miss Siv

Miss Siv wanted to show everyone the wonderful Storybook bags that Bubble class have just bought. Thank you to FOSRS for the funds to purchase them!

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Spelling Bee

On Thursday finally we held our Spelling Bee (after the delay of the snow days last week!). The winners were Reception – Sebby Bacon, Yr 1 – Josh Vaughan-Davies, Yr 2 – Casper Poulton, Yr 3 – Lydia Carter, Yr 4 – Dominic Joyce, Yr 5 – Cale Dosanjh, Yr 6 – Connie Jones. Well done to everyone who took part; the teachers were so impressed with the effort everyone put into learning their spellings.

Stonewall School Champions

On Monday, 19th February, our INSET day, all teaching staff and some support staff took part in some training provided by the Department of Education through The Stonewall Organisation. Stonewall has a particular focus on preventing homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. At Stoke Row the safety, welfare and well-being of all pupils is a key priority. We actively promote values of respect and equality and work to ensure that difference and diversity is celebrated across the whole school community. We want to enable our pupils to become responsible citizens to prepare them for life in 21st century Britain. One of our key school development priorities this year is to focus on our core school value of kindness and develop our pupils' understanding of bullying and the different forms it can take. Over the upcoming weeks, we will continue to do work on the principle of 'all different, all equal' and fostering a respectful and thoughtful attitude towards difference.

Parent Pelican Crossing

As you are aware the school currently has no crossing patrol on the main road, at the beginning and end of the school day. Laura Shaw (Rocco and Ophelia's Mum) has been putting together a group of parent volunteers, whose main aim will be to make traffic aware of the 'zone' in which our children will be crossing. Many London school have adopted this approach and it has made a big difference to driver's behaviour. We would like to trial the idea at Stoke Row School, until Easter. The role carries no legal or personal responsibility for crossing any child or interacting in any way with the traffic. Our main aim is to make it very obvious to drivers where they need to take extra care. Laura would like to thank all the parents who have positively supported this idea so far.

Teaching assistant support

We are happy to share that Mrs Chater, whilst continuing to work in our school office, will also be supporting pupils in Raindrop class as a teaching assistant one morning a week on a Friday. We are always looking to deploy our staff to ensure maximum impact on pupil progress and Mrs Chater will be working alongside Miss Doe to support the class.

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100 Club Winner

The winner for March was Mia Fullick with ball number 65.

Lateness addition to policy

Please can we ask that all parents collect their children on time, particularly from after school clubs. We have had several cases recently where parents have been over ten minutes late and the after school club provider has had to leave, leaving the pupil with office staff or a teacher. From a safeguarding perspective, it is not acceptable to have children left with staff after school hours so we ask that you make every effort to collect your child on time. Thank you.

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.

Parking in School Lane

We have had more complaints from our neighbours in School Lane saying that parents are still parking on the white lines leading to the main school gates. It is really important that these white lines and the corner is kept completely free of parked cars for the safety of drivers and all pedestrians.

We would be grateful for your support with this matter and ask that if you park along School Lane that you do so considerately and not on any white lines or in front of our gates.

Plastic water bottles

Please could you continue to bring in your unwanted 2L drinks bottles into school as we still require more for a class project. Bring your empty bottles to the office. Many thanks.

Spelling Evening – Thursday 15th March

One of the key areas we are working on this year is spelling. On Thursday, 15th March 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!

Sport Relief – Friday, 23rd March

Friday, 23rd March is Sports Relief. Sports Council have been working with Sam Clothier to plan some special events for that Friday afternoon, whilst we are also running our Spring cross country. More details to follow soon!

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Clubs in March

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.

		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/Afterschool Rugby

Further to Sophia Cleverly's session at assembly and letter circulated, if your child would like to join her classes on Monday mornings from 8.00-8.45am, please contact Sophia directly on 07811 268990 or www.relaxkids.com. Unfortunately due to lack of enrolements we are unable to go ahead with rugby after school club on Thursdays.

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>

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.

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

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.

.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.

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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.

Checkendon School Run

Please find attached flyer regarding this.

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.

Chiltern Edge School Press Release

Please find attached a press release with regard to Chiltern Edge School.

The Oratory School – Open Morning

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The Oratory School will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 10 March from 9.30am-12.00pm. Please contact Janet Martin at registrar@oratory.co.uk or 01491 683522.

St Joseph's College – Open Morning

St Joseph's will be holding an Open Morning on 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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR THE YEAR

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:

Friday 23rd March 7.00pm - Stoke Row School Quiz Night at Stoke Row Pavilion
Friday 27th April 3.15pm - Bubble Class cake sale
Sunday 15th July - FOSRS at Motorsports

Gift Aid forms - please return them!

Please complete your gift aid forms and return them asap to the school office. FOSRS have recently registered with HM Revenue and Customs for gift aid. This is great news as we can now claim back pennies on your donations with your consent. It would be great to have lots of forms returned before the quiz night which is our first event where we can claim against donations.

Thank you!

A really big thank you to all parents who helped serve pancakes at the pancake races. A special thank you to all parents who made extra pancakes for everyone to share.

Quiz Night!

Tickets are on sale from your class reps for the annual Quiz night. This is on Friday 23rd March at the Pavilion at 7.00pm. Bring your own table picnic, purchase drinks from the FOSRS bar and join in with the fun. Suggested donations of £5.00 each please. Please chat to Louisa Dosanjh if you have any questions about the quiz night.

Thank you from the classes - 100 Club rugs and storybooks.

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FOSRS have received a lovely thank you from Raindrop, River and Ocean classes for their wonderful new classroom rugs. Bubble class children and Miss Siv are thrilled with their new story book collections and hand puppets to match. Thank you to everyone who has purchased a 100 Club number this year. We were delighted to be able to purchase the items for each of the classrooms.

Co-Op Funds - Greenhouse

We have now received our new greenhouse (yet to be installed) from the Co-Op funds. This will be positioned in the garden next to the Bubble play area to accompany our new raised flowerbeds which are now in place.

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