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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term, what a shame we weren't blessed with good weather for it but I hope you all enjoyed a good break!

You haven't missed the May newsletter: because the April Newsletter was so late, there wasn't enough news for the May edition so I have combined it with the June edition!

Kirsti Nelson

FOSS table top sale

FOSS have organised a table top sale for Saturday 12th July at 2pm. This will run similarly to a car boot sale. Vendors can buy a table and then sell their goods, more details will follow nearer the time.

Change your jumble into cash for the school

I mentioned back along that we had the opportunity to have old clothing and unwanted textiles collected from the school and that this jumble would mean money for the school (they give us £300 per ton of clothing) I know that lots of you have been storing up this for the school and I am pleased to inform you that a collection date is set for Tuesday 15th July. Special blue bags will be coming out in the next week and we ask that you fill these and bring them into school on the set Tuesday.

We have no room for storing the bags so they can only be accepted on this one day. A further collection has been booked for Wednesday 25th February 2009 so you can plan your next wardrobe clear out!

Life Education Bus

The life education bus will be with us from Tuesday 3rd June giving each class the opportunity to explore age appropriate health education in a purpose built outdoor classroom. The programme is delivered by fully trained educators and is an excellent opportunity to promote healthy living in our healthy school.

If you are interested in having a look at this facility there will be a parents session from 8.45- 9.05am tomorrow (Wednesday 4th June). Please take this opportunity to explore what your children will be part of!

Grovers

I want to open the Grovers after school club for an extended time to give parents even more flexibility when using this facility. I no longer have to register with OFSTED, as the quality control of this childcare will be covered by the team inspecting us as a School. If you would be interested in using the club if it was open for longer- maybe 5.30 or 6.00pm could you please let me know by the end of this week. If I have enough demand we can go ahead but if there is not sufficient interest the club will remain at its current finish time of 5.00pm.

Confirmation of classes for September

I am now in the position to inform you of the class structures for September. We are very lucky that we are going to be able to maintain 7 classes in September and therefore we will stay as straight year groups. The class teachers will be as follows although last minute changes may still happen if unforeseen circumstances occur.

Elm	Miss Moneagle	(FS)
Beech	Mrs Law	(year 1)
Rowan	Miss Potter	(year 2)
Cherry	Mrs Harvey	(year 3)
Oak	Miss Triggol	(year 4)
Cedar	Mr Sullivan	(year 5)
Willow	Miss Bolton	(year 6)

Parents complaints

We hope that you are happy with the education provided for your child at Staplegrove and that the Class Teachers and myself are accessible to you if you have any queries or concerns. We have a clear policy on parental complaints led by the Local Authority, this policy and further information is available on the school website should you wish to access it : www.staplegroveprimary.co.uk

Mrs Oxley

Mrs Oxley has been a Teaching Assistant at our school for 18 years now .She is the person that many people remember when they think of staff –past and present! Usually it is for her care of the children and her fantastic sense of humour that she sticks in peoples minds amongst her many other talents!!

I am sad to inform you that Mrs Oxley will be leaving us at the end of this term to embark on a new personal adventure!! She will be very sorely missed but we wish her loads of love and luck in the future- “Good Luck, Chuck!!”

If you would like to make a contribution to a leaving present, please seal it in an envelope with “Mrs Oxley” on the front!!

Fit2ride pack

A fit2ride pack has been developed by Somerset Road Safety Partnership that endeavours to give cycle training to as many children as possible. Due to the high demand, they have produced a pack that provides practical ideas to help parents teach their children road safety. If you would like one of these packs, please let the office know by Friday 16th May and we will order in a copy for you.

This is also a good opportunity to remind you that children must wear cycle helmets if they are coming to school by bike.

Vouchers for Sainsburys and Tescos

The voucher scheme for these two stores is nearly at a close so please make any vouchers you have count. They provide us with lots of valuable resources that benefit all of the children in our school. The collection boxes are outside the office!

Piano backdrop

Mrs Taylor is starting a new project for the school which will be to make a backdrop for our school piano. The idea is that this will be made up of many panels that will show relevant symbols to our school. We hope that each panel can be completed by very clever parents or people associated with the school who could either come into school for sewing afternoons or complete at home!! More information will follow but if you would like to take part, please could you let the office know.

TLP carnival and carnival week!!

As I have already mentioned, Staplegrove Primary will be taking part in the TLP carnival on Tuesday 24th June. All schools in Taunton will be involved and it should be a fantastic event. Approximately 1,000 children will parade through the town celebrating the TLP focus on carnivals. Our carnival week will be the week beginning Monday 16th June when your children will be taking part in lots of fun activities to support our carnival entry!!

Flower and Bells Festival

Just a reminder that the church is holding its Flower and Bell Festival on the weekend of Saturday 14th June. This will be a lovely village event and on Saturday there will be lots of fun family events to take part in, including a hog roast and children's activities. Please support this village event if you can.

Bishops Lydeard Open Gardens

The village of Bishops Lydeard have got an Open Garden Event on this Saturday morning between 10-12 noon. There will be a children's competition run to design a miniature garden for which there is a prize. I know that some of you really enjoy these opportunities to help your children take part. Entry forms are available at the office or for more information please ask Mrs Banks.

INSET days

Several people have asked about the INSET days for the next academic year. Staff will be deciding upon these in the next few weeks and we will let you know as soon as possible. I can confirm that the first day of the Autumn term - Wednesday 3rd September and Friday 24th October will both be an INSET day (Please note that Friday 24th October will be an inset day for all Taunton Primary Schools).