

# Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable 2 weeks break and that you have enjoyed the rest and freedom to spend time with your children! I must say that the holiday came at just the right time for the staff at Staplegrove as we had all worked even harder than normal with the two inspections we received last term! (more information to follow!) Obviously, it was very worth it but a chance to recharge the batteries was very much needed by the end!!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

### Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools inspection (SIAS)

When a Church of England School has an OFSTED inspection, it automatically triggers an inspection by the Diocese of Bath and Wells called SIAS. We had our SIAS on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March when our provision for Collective worship, care and well being of the children in our care, the school ethos and the teaching of Religious Education were all assessed. I am very proud to tell you that our school was graded as an Outstanding Church School !!!! Thank must go to Kate Taylor, who works tirelessly at co-ordinating our collective Worship and RE as well as all the staff, pupils and parents who were interviewed by the Inspector!! The report will be published on the website as soon as it becomes available!

### School Photos

Just to remind you that the school class photos will be taken on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. These will be class groups and not individual portraits but it is still just as important that children come to school looking as smart as possible! The smartness and manners of the children at Staplegrove have been mentioned at both of our recent inspections! There is an album outside my office of all of the class photos of the last 2 years if you would like to look at it!

### School Days DVD

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008, a very exciting day is planned. A professional camera crew will be at school to film all the children (and adults!) at work and play. A high quality DVD will then be made for release before the end of term which aims to give parents and children a wonderful movie record of their school days at Staplegrove as well as being a resource to promote the school, "Schooldays" films are generally only made every 4 years. This is an unrepeatable opportunity to own such an archive record but there is no obligation to purchase the film. Further details will be available after the film release.

If you would prefer that your child is not included, please let the school office know in writing before next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### Talent Show

On the afternoon of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April the School Council held the finals of our school talent show. There were so many acts signed up for this event that we held auditions on the previous Thursday! Fourteen acts made it through to the finals and we were entertained by singing, dancing, magic, recorder playing, clowning and football skills. All participants received certificates for taking part and the overall winners were Joe Morris and Tom Arthur who were the "Cheeky Boys!"

Congratulations to Joe and Tom who I will not be able to talk to again without having images of pink skirts appearing in my head! Well done to all who took part and to the School Council for organising the event!

### Cycling to school

Just a reminder that if children are cycling to school, they must be wearing a cycle helmet for their own safety. They will be asked not to use their bicycle if they are found without a helmet. Children must not cycle their bikes or use their scooters on the school site, especially in the playground after school as there have been several near misses.

### Play Equipment

A further reminder is that children are not allowed on the play equipment after school as there are no school staff supervising them. This is very important for health and safety reasons. Please supervise your children and ensure they are not using these pieces of equipment. Thank you.

### Wild about walking

We will be re-suming the "wild about walking" scheme the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May. This will give children the opportunity to gain their second bronze, silver and gold walking badges and a certificate. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the slip enclosed with this newsletter. There can be no back dating so it is essential that you complete this so your child will have their card for the start of the scheme.

### FOSQ quiz night

This will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Please support our school PTA to raise money for the school. The night is always great fun and only costs £6.00 for a team of 6 players!! Please register your team and pay the team cost at the office as soon as possible!

### Tescos and Sainsbury Vouchers

Please continue to collect these tokens for our school. We are getting quite a number and this will enable us to get additional equipment! The promotions end on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May for Tescos and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May for Sainsburys.

### Sponsorship results!

A big thank you to Harrison Law and Jack Rigby, Cedar and Willow Classes, and Frances Rigby, at Ladymead School, for their fundraising efforts for our school. They decided that their abseil from the church tower in Hillfarrance would be a perfect opportunity to raise money for our outside area. They raised a brilliant £204.50 for their efforts.

### Advance notice of Sports day

Please put these dates in your diary – Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July (weather permitting) with a reserve day of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. As usual KS2 Sports events will be held in the morning, with KS1 in the afternoon. Times will be confirmed in due course.

### Teamtheme – Football

This course will be run by Teamtheme after half-term, on Tuesdays after school, on the following dates : 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. This will be open to pupils in Years 1 – 4. More details and the booking form will be sent home from Teamtheme in due course.