

# Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope your children have settled back into the routine of school life. This term is rapidly going by and half term is just around the corner. The school is closed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October as the teachers will be on an INSET day which means that the children are getting an extra day for their half term! Lets hope that we get some good weather in before the Autumn really hits in!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

#### Family Advice and Liaison Worker (FALW)

We are very lucky to have been allocated some regular time with a Family Advice and Liaison Worker (FALW) from immediate effect. Betsy Hardingham will be in school every Monday from 9.00-11.00. She will be based in the Den and is available to offer support and provide information for all parents. There is a separate leaflet coming home explaining what sort of things Betsy might be able to help with. She can also work with children if you feel they might need support. We are very lucky to have this time and I know it will be very useful.

#### School Prefects

Our year 6 prefects have been selected for this year. Each child had to apply for the position stating why they would be suitable for the position!

The successful candidates were:

Daniel Matthews	Katie Ball
Ryan Scuffil	Zoe Ware
Katie Lant	Louise Peake
Elizabeth Owen	Sam Dunett
Jasmine Bage	Nikola Berzina

Did you see their picture in the Somerset County Gazette this week !

Congratulations to each of them and you will all have the opportunity to meet them for Parents Evening in November when they will be available to take you to your appointments.

#### Art Competition

We have been sent details of an Arts competition for the Brewhouse Theatre. Young aspiring artists are invited to submit work to the competition before the closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007. Details are available from the school office if your child is interested.

## FOSS

The AGM of "Friends of Staplegrove School" takes place at 6.00pm tonight in Oak classroom. The current committee have worked really hard and have raised lots of money which we have used in school to enhance the learning of every child. A huge thank you is due to all of them!! We are desperate for some new members that will enable us to continue with this work. Please support us by offering some time!

## Parents forum meetings

Thank you to all of those parents that supported the meetings I held last term. I would like to take the opportunity to run another set of these meetings to share with you new ideas in school developments planned for the academic year. They will take place during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November and is an opportunity for you to share in the plans we have for the school. Your input is very important and I hope you will find it interesting and informative.

## Healthy Schools Week

I hope that your child has told you about the exciting events that took place during our Healthy school week. There was so much going on and I do think that the message of healthy eating and healthy lifestyles was really emphasised in every class. It is so important that the children learn these important messages at a young age to encourage them to lead healthy lives as they grow up.

Our Healthy Schools policies will be on the school website in the next week including our policy on being a non-smoking site.

## School day

This is just a reminder that the school day starts at 8.55a.m. The whistle and hands up will take place at 8.50a.m to enable the children to get inside and to start their "wake and shake". The classroom doors will be shut at 8.55a.m and anybody that arrives after this time will need to be taken to the office who will then take the children to their classroom. It is really important that the children are in school for 8.55a.m as they will be marked as late if arriving after this time.

## Special Menu – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Our school meals providers are offering a special themed "Bonfire" Menu for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to all children in school. If your child does not usually have school meals they can order lunch just for this day. The special menu will be sent home to all pupils on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, please note this menu needs to be returned, together with payment of £1.80 per meal (cheques payable to "SCS" please), to the School Office or your Class Teacher by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October so your order can be placed. Thank you.

### New ICT suite

The new ICT suite is now operating and is a fantastic resource! There are 18 brand new, flat screen computers which means that we can now deliver ICT to a whole class. The suite will be available after school for parents and children to work together on homework activities. More details of this will follow.

### Street and Pop Dance After School Club

Please note the times of the Street Pop and Dance club run by Debbie Aspey on a Thursday :

3.25 – 3.55pm Street and Pop Dance.

4.00 – 4.15pm Singing Group.

(these times were not listed in the September newsletter).

### After-School Clubs

Please can you ensure that children are collected promptly from After-School clubs. If the children are not picked up on time they will be taken to the Grovers after-school club and you will be charged for using this facility.