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Dear Parents,

Thank you all for supporting our numeracy workshops this month. We had a tremendous turn out and the children and teachers really appreciated having you in their classes! I hope you found it useful in giving you ideas to support your children with homework and that the homework booklet that was also sent home last week clarifies what you can expect in terms of homework in each year group. This came out of many of your comments on the questionnaire circulated last term that homework varied between classes. If you have any other queries about this or any other matter, please let me know!

Kind regards

Kirsti Nelson

Change of INSET date

Just a quick reminder of our change to the INSET dates published at the beginning of the year. We have had to change our INSET on Monday 1st June 2009 to Monday 23rd February 2009 as explained in the note sent home about the Christmas cards.

2008/09 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 children were presented to the Congregation in a very special service at St Johns Church Staplegrove in front of a church full of people.

The successful candidates were:

Becky Coyle	Josh Smith
Beth Littlejohns	Izzy Cope
Jordan Rideout	Jack Arthur
Melissa Harding	Katie Jones
Archie Walton	Rhys Coates
Callum Oswick	Dulcia Sweet
Chloe Peters	Harry Hull

I'm sure you will get to meet some of them at their first official job when they host parents evening and take you all to your appointments.

FOSS AGM

Last night FOSS held their first AGM since the group was reformed in January of this year. It had to fold after the last AGM due to lack of support which would have meant we would have stopped having the extras within school that benefit all children. Events such as school discos, the summer Barbeque and the Father Christmas visit would not take place without FOSS and of course the school would miss out on the money raised by the various FOSS events. A new committee was formed to oversee events with the idea was that other people would support them by

taking the responsibility for organising some of the events so that all of the work does not just come to the same few people. We need more people to take an active role in this support. I will be sending a letter home next half term asking you all to indicate which events you could help with. We also need more representation on the committee from parents in Beech and Oak classes. PLEASE HELP FOSS TO SUPPORT SCHOOL EVENTS-IT IS EVERYBODYS RESPONSIBILITY.

FOSS draw tickets

A reminder please to sell as many tickets as you can, more are available in the School Office. All tickets to be returned by Thursday 4th December at the latest please. Thank you.

Sponsored Hula Event

A sponsor form will be coming home with this newsletter for a special fund raising event for ICT resources. On Monday 17th November each class and the teachers will be taking part in a sponsored hula hoop event! We hope you can help your child collect as many sponsors as they can ! We are aiming to raise £1,000 so every penny counts!! Please ensure the forms are handed in by this date with the money to be collected as soon as possible after the event. Thank you.

Scout Group Firework display

Staplegrave Scouts have got their fireworks display on Saturday 1st November. The bonfire is being lit at 7.00pm and the fireworks are from 7.30pm. There is a charge of £3.50 per adult and children £1.50 payable at the event.

Staplegrave Remembrance Service

The 11th Hour of the 11th day of the 11th month will fall upon a school day this year and Kate Taylor is going to lead a special remembrance service in school on Tuesday 11th November. It will be at 10.30 and we will all join together for a minutes silence at 11 o'clock. If you would like to come and join us for this service and for coffee before 11 o'clock, you are very welcome.

Poppies will go on sale the week after half term and prefects will be going round to each class on a daily basis to sell them to everybody.

Poppy day is a reminder to think of all of people serving our country in the past but also at this current time. Local service personnel from 45 and 42 Commando's are currently in Afghanistan on active service including Mrs Claire Law's husband, Trev. We send our thoughts and support to all those currently serving overseas and to their families and friends.

Piano / Guitar Lessons in School

Adrian Brain offers piano and guitar lessons in School time on a Tuesday. The lessons are 1 to 1 and are £5 for each twenty minute lesson. (This is on average, £60 per term). If your child is interested please contact Adrian on 01823 332688 for more information. It is obviously important to have a suitable instrument to

practise on at home. For further information please contact Adrian Brain on 01823 332688.

- ❖ Piano lessons are available for children year 1 and upwards.
- ❖ Guitar lessons are available from year 4.

Gazette Christmas card competition

Entry forms for this years competition are available in the Gazette, please encourage your children to take part, we would love to win again !

Morrisons Vouchers

Miss Potter and the Eco-Committee are getting very excited because they have already collected nearly 1,000 tokens and are aiming for 1,700 tokens which will enable them to get a greenhouse and some coldframes. Please could you persuade everybody you know who shops in Morrisons to collect these tokens for Staplegrove. Thank you very much.

SchoolLink Book Orders

Today Schoollink catalogues will be going home, this offers you the chance to order books at bargain prices and at the same time raises funds for the School. You can either order direct online or return your orders to the School Office. If you return the order to School then you will not have to pay postage and packing ! Please return any orders to the School Office by Friday 7th November.

Bags2School

A big thank you to Mrs Smith (Mum of Amy in Cherry Class) for suggesting this money making scheme – we have raised £120.00 for all the old jumble which was collected in the Summer term, it was 400kg !! This also fits in with our “green” ethos and we are doing our bit for the environment. A reminder that the next collection will be in the Spring Term on February 25th 2009 – so start collecting now !

Data Sheets

Thank you to all those people who returned their data sheets on time. There were a lot of changes to contact numbers – please inform the School Office if there is a change to your contact details or for any new medical conditions, you do not have to wait until the annual data checking !

Cycling on School Premises

A polite reminder please that NO ONE should be cycling on School Premises, especially through the School Car Park. This is for your safety and very important. All bicycles brought onto the premises should be kept at the front of the school and securely locked. Thank you.