

Staplegrove C of E Primary school

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year!! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday with your children and that they have all settled back into their new classes. If you, or they, have any worries about anything to do with school, please do not hesitate to come in and see me or catch me on the playground. It is far easier to put things right before they become a real issue.

Kind regards

Kirsti Nelson

FOSS

This Friday there will be a disco for the children, run by FOSS. This will take place in the school hall on Friday 12th September. Children in Elm, Beech and Rowan classes will be from 6.00-7.00pm and then the KS2 children will have their chance to dance from 7.15 -8.30pm There is an entry fee of £1 and children have to be collected by an adult after the disco.

FOSS play a really important in the opportunities provided by our school. All children benefit from the events organised and the items that are bought for the school. Last year FOSS was disbanded at the AGM due to lack of support. We were lucky enough that a new committee was formed and the idea was that these people helped set up events but that others would run the events to stop it being the responsibility of only a few people. It is essential that we have a representative from each class on the committee and that these people are in addition to the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We need more people to support FOSS this year otherwise we will not be able to continue with events such as the barbeque and the school discos which would be a real shame.

You are needed at the AGM of FOSS on Wednesday 22nd October at 6pm in the school. Please support the school in this way.

If any parents still need water bottles – FOSS sell them at £1.50 each, they are available to buy at FOSS events and from the School Office.

Home-School Agreements and Data forms

The home-school agreement will be coming home in the next week. It is an essential document that sets down the role of the school and parent in your child's education. Please read it carefully, sign it and return it to school for myself to sign on behalf of the school. It will then come back for you to keep.

Also coming home will be the school pupil data sheet for you to check and return. This ensures we have got the most up to date information for your children on our

records. It is very important that these are returned with any amendments, as soon as possible.

School Trip / Visits permission and Photograph / Film Publication permission

To save on paper work, you are asked to sign the permission form for local trips and sports festivals as soon as possible.

If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used in any publications / newspapers or displayed on the school website please indicate this on the form. If we do not have any notification we will assume your permission has been given. Thank you.

Money for nothing!

If you are an internet shopper please can I ask you to use this "skill" to make money for our school. There is website called www.easyfundraising.org.uk which will make donations to schools if people access other sites through them. There is no additional cost to your purchases and all of the main companies are supporting this including Next, M and S, Comet, Amazon, Direct line to name but a few. There are hundreds of companies registered. All you need to do is type in the site above, search for the cause which is "Staplegrave Primary School" and then access your usual shopping site. For each purchase completed like this, they will send a cash donation to the school!! Shopping to support a school: what better excuse do you need to spend money! Last quarter we received £58.00 – thank you !

Christmas Cards

Sorry to mention the "C" word so early in the term, but we are participating in the Christmas card project again this year. Children will design their own Christmas cards and you will have the opportunity to order these in time for Christmas. The orders will be sent off before half-term and will be delivered back the first week in December. We hope this will help with your Christmas shopping !

Harvest Festival

This year, we are supporting the charity Open Door who provide support for homeless people. They have specifically said that one of the most useful items they can provide are pots of Pot Noodles! We are asking that all children bring in a pot Noodle for our harvest service led by Kate Taylor on Monday 22nd September in school at 10.00am. All parents are welcome to this service and Kate extends this welcome to anybody who wishes to attend the Collective Worship she leads every Tuesday in School, from 10.10- 10.30am.

We will also be running a Harvest workshop on Saturday 20th September, more details about this will follow.

Tea Group

Mrs Taylor is running an afternoon tea group in school that will take place once a month. The first one will take place on Thursday 18th September at 2.00pm and then on 9th October, 13th November and 11th December.

Come and have a cup of tea and a chat!!

Medication / Sickness

Please inform the School Office if your child requires medication such as inhalers or epi-pens. We require written instructions as to the dose required and when to be taken / administered, the medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. A register of inhalers is kept and reviewed to ensure all medication is in date. Any medication held is administered by a trained first aider.

Please note that we cannot administer eye drops / ear drops / pain relief or other medication. Where a child is on a course of antibiotics, they must have completed 3 days of the course before returning to school. Only then can a dose of measured antibiotics be administered during the school day, this must be clearly labelled with the child's name, class and time to be taken.

A reminder please that no child is allowed in school until a minimum of 24 hours after the last diarrhoea or vomiting episode.

Drama Group

A church Drama group for 8-14 year olds is starting up on the 2nd Saturday of every month. It will take place at Norton Fitzwarren school from 4-5.30pm. The cost for each session is £1. The group are trying to think of a name for itself. If you can think of a name, please write in down and post it in the gold box in the School Office.

Sir Ian Botham charity walk

Sir Ian Botham will be starting his "Beefys Great British Walk" on Friday 10th October in Taunton to raise money for childhood leukaemia. Sir Ian will be walking along Bindon Road at around 11am and the School will be supporting him and cheering him on. If you would like the children to contribute towards this cause please bring any donations to put in the collection tin held at the School Office.

Grovers

Our before and after school club, offers a range of activities for the children. Booking forms are available at the School Office. The club is now open until 5.30pm.

Piano / Guitar Lessons in School

Adrian Brain offers piano and guitar lessons in School time on a Tuesday. If your child is interested please contact Adrian on 01823 332688 for more information.