

# Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I apologise for the lack of newsletter in February, what with half term and the other letters that came out, there wasn't enough news for us to complete a February edition!

I am thinking about the format of the newsletter and your thoughts on how we can make it better would be very welcome. If you have any suggestions, please catch me in the playground or jot them down on a piece of paper and hand them in at the office.

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

### Sainsburys and Tesco's tokens

It is that time of year again when we are collecting both Tesco's and Sainsburys vouchers! Please help us collect a record number this time by asking all your family and friends to collect for Staplegrove. These schemes allow us to gain extra resources that really enhance the learning at our school. The collection boxes are outside the office.

### The Times newspaper free books for schools and Flora Cooking for Schools!

We are also collecting tokens from The Times newspaper for their books for schools project. Any tokens for this or any other school scheme can be handed in to the office! If we are not collecting, I will distribute them to another local primary school.

NEWSFLASH Flora cooking for schools scheme has just started up again providing cooking equipment and we are collecting!

### FOSS chocolate bingo

This Friday is a non school uniform day and children and adults can come to school wearing whatever they want for a fee of £1! Doors will open for the chocolate bingo at 6.30pm and it is eyes down at 7.00pm. There are still some places available so please speak to a FOSS member for tickets. It is a really fun night and even better as all of the prizes are chocolate!

### Comic Relief – Wear Your Pyjamas

The following week is Comic Relief and the School Council discussed with their classes what people wanted to do to raise money for this event. A range of ideas were suggested that each class voted on. The result was that Staplegrove will be having a "wear your pyjamas" to school day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please wear sensible shoes (not slippers) and bring a warm jumper or dressing gown. A voluntary contribution to the charity is asked for.

### Outside Classroom

Our outside classroom is gradually being added to! We have just ordered some more seating and plans are afoot for some art work to adorn it. Children can use this area before school but as it is a designated quiet area, the rule is that there is no running around up there.

Funding for the outside area has come from fundraising by Alison Norris, James Kapp, Francis Rigby, Jack Rigby, Harrison Law and the British Nuclear Group. Thank you to all of these people for raising over £700 for this cause.

FOSs are also planning to use some of the money they have fund raised for enhancing the outside area too.

### School Link Book Catalogue

We sent out a School Link catalogue in the Autumn term from The Book People. It enables you to order discounted books whilst raising funds for the school. Please have a browse through this latest edition and place an order if anything takes your fancy. All orders and payment to be returned by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### Bags for Schools

Thank you to all of you who collected your unwanted materials in the blue bags in February. We have not had a final total but hopefully it will have raised some further money for the school.

### Mr Hendry Retirement

I am very sad to inform you that Mr Hendry will be retiring as our Caretaker in the summer. He does so much for our school and will be greatly missed although I have made him promise to stay closely in contact with us!! More information will follow with regards to our collection for Mr Hendry but if you know of anybody who might be interested in taking over this role, please contact me at the office. Obviously, we would still need to formally advertise the position in the Summer term, but it would mean that I could make sure that interested parties were sent the information as soon as it was available.

### Race for Life

A group (now up to 25 people!) of Staplegrove mums and staff at the school have got together to run in the Race for Life at Millfield school on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July to raise money for cancer. It is brilliant that there is such a large group of people committed to this and if there is anybody else interested in joining us (yes, I am also "running"! please let me know. Places are going quickly so please don't leave it too long. If you are interested you can enrol on Race for Life website. There were about 600 places left at the beginning of the week. We are going to have a collection pot in the school office and you can sponsor all of us collectively on the sponsor form also held in the office! We hope you can support us as for some of us this is the first time we have attempted anything quite so fit!!

### Cycle shed

The new cycle shed is nearing completion and will soon have proper cycle racks, seating and pegs for cycle helmets! It is brilliant that more and more children (and adults!) are cycling to school but we do need to reinforce that children coming to school on bikes must be wearing a suitable cycle helmet.

### Foundation Stage play area

I am sure you will all have noticed our new foundation stage area outside Elm class. It is a fantastic new resource and will enable the children in Elm to play outside as part of their foundation stage curriculum. We hope that it will continually evolve and that the children will enjoy using it. For the safety of your children, please ensure that your children do not climb on the pencil fencing.

### Wild About Walking Scheme

Children are keen that we run the Wild About Walking Scheme again, new cards and stickers are on order. This scheme rewards children who walk or cycle to School from home or from an arranged point and encourages a healthy lifestyle. We hope that the scheme will start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. If your child would like to take part please return the attached slip by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### School Talent Show –Auditions

Staplegroves got talent is back by popular demand. Auditions for children in Cherry, Oak, Cedar and Willow Classes take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March during the afternoon. Children need to come prepared to show a brief part of their act to the judging panel. Those successful acts will go through to the final on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.30pm which will take place in front of the whole school. Parents are very welcome to attend the final.