

Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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I hope you are looking forward to the half term break. I know that the children are ready for it even though this has been a relatively short term!

During the second week back after half term, we will have our termly parents evening on Tuesday 2nd March and Wednesday 3rd March. The appointment list will go up on the Tuesday we come back to school so please sign up for your appointments. This is a really important opportunity to catch up with your child's progress and how you can help with their learning.

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

Staplegrove Beavers

This group meets every Tuesday between 6.00-7.15pm at the Staplegrove Scout hut (behind the Post Office). It is open to both girls and boys aged 6-8 years. For further details please contact Mark Foster on 01823 276888 (evening time only). I met Mark at the Education Service on Sunday and he said that the group has only got one person from Staplegrove in it even though Staplegrove is its name sake.

Staplegrove Rainbows and Brownies

Our Rainbow group runs for girls between 5 and 7 years old in the school hall on Wednesday evenings from 5.00 until 6.00pm. The group take part in a range of fun activities and games that are supervised by qualified leaders. If you are interested in your child becoming a Rainbow please contact Bea Barrington on 01823 277701.

The school also has Brownie packs that meet on Tuesday evenings in the school hall. Please contact Tina Brownlow for more details on 01823 288428.

French Club

I'm pleased to report that French Club has started up again, and will be running half hour sessions after school on Tuesday afternoons from now until the end of term. In the summer term it is hoped that the sessions may be extended to 45 minutes. The club leader is David Hincks (parent of a pupil at our school).

At present there are plenty of spaces for new members to join at any time, and if your child might be interested in joining for the rest of this term, or perhaps for next term, and having a shot at learning to speak a bit of French, application forms and leaflets are available from the school office.

Lent Collection

As you know every year our whole school community collects for the 40 days of Lent to support a local cause. The idea is we can give up something, no matter how big or small, that can be used to help other people. This year we are using our collection to support 40 Commando Royal Marines and their families, the Marines are being drafted out to Afghanistan this Spring. Each Tuesday the children will be able to put any loose change into our collection "boots" at the end of assembly. This will be given to support the families directly affected by this.

Our collection is called 40 for 40 Commando! There are several of our Staplegrove families that will be without a member of their family over the coming months so our support will really be directly affecting our school community.

There is a special Pre-deployment service on Wednesday 24th February at All Saints church, Norton Fitzwarren for anybody wanting to share in it.

Give it a Go!

This is a Government initiative to encourage children that are age 5-15 years old who are in receipt of free school meals to take up free out of school opportunities. If you are eligible for free school meals (even if you do not take this up) your child is entitled to up to 2 hours of out of school activities a week and 30 hours during the school holidays. When we have further details these will be shared with all eligible families. Please come into the office if you are unsure of your entitlement, even if you do not want to claim free school meals, if you are registered for free school meals you will qualify for these FREE activities.

Maths evening

Last term, Miss Bolton ran a very successful maths evening for parents to support you helping your children in this area. At this meeting our school calculation booklet was shared and explained. The area that parents indicated they would like more support in is fractions, decimals and percentages. Miss Bolton is running an evening on this, on Thursday 25th March.

Please come along. you will find that she will make it far easier to understand then when we all went to school!! If you are interested, please complete the attached slip so we can get an idea of numbers.

School Website

Our school website has all the relevant school policies and information that might be of interest to you. The most recently added is our school Accessibility Plan and Disability Equality Scheme. It is currently in draft form but if you have any additional comments, please let me know so I can amend this before going to full governors.

Facebook

Just a reminder to all parents that children who are at our school should be encouraged not to have Facebook accounts for their own safety and also to ask parents to be extra careful when accessing their own accounts when children are around. Several children have been aware of communications that have taken place between parents that are of a sensitive nature.

Playtimes

We have found that giving the children opportunity to play on the field this half term has been very successful and we intend to carry this on next half term. The children really benefit from being able to use the space which is a huge advantage for our school. From next term children will be able to use the field as long as they bring a change of footwear with them. We advise these are study outside shoes to enable them to be safe on the soft ground.

We are also aware that a growing number of children are not bringing fresh fruit or vegetable snack to eat at playtime. This is essential for them to achieve their best learning. Please strongly encourage your child to make the most of this opportunity to enhance their learning and to develop a life long healthy lifestyle.

Tea with the Head

On Tuesday 2nd March and Tuesday 23rd March I am running informal afternoon chat sessions for parents over a cup of tea. If there are any ideas you have for the school or questions you have about the things we do, please come along. Even if you don't, just come along for a chat!!

I will also share with you some of the things on the school development plan that you might be interested in for the future of Staplegrove. These will take place in the staffroom from 2pm, I look forward to seeing you then!!

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please remember to notify the school office, a telephone message can be left on 337313. Please inform us before 9.15am at the latest as we have to account for all children who should be in school and also cancel any meals with the kitchens in order that you are not charged.

School Meals

Please remember if your child has free school meals that it is your responsibility to return the menu choice slip. The collation is now being done at SCS Head Office and they will not order free school meals on your behalf.

Uniform – Special Offer !

On sale – one each of age 7/8 school fleece £8, cardigan £5 and sweatshirt £5 – all brand new. Please see Mrs Scribbins in the School Office.