

Staplegrove C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This term is whizzing by so fast, it's hard to believe that there is only just over a half term to go until the summer holidays! A big well done has to go to our year 6 who completed their SATs last week. These confirm the on going teacher assessments that are made throughout every year your child is at school. You will receive your child's annual school report in July when their progress will be reported to you for this academic year.

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

INSET day

Just a reminder to everybody that the school will be shut on Monday 7th June, the first day back after half term. This is an amendment to the original dates list and you were informed of the change in the November 2009 newsletter.

New Staplegrove Newspaper

A group of year 5 children came to me a few weeks ago and asked if they could do a Newspaper for the children of Staplegrove. This will be coming home shortly and is totally edited and published by the children. The editing team of Staplegrove Times are Mollie Bennett, Tomas Thirwell, Joshua Lyness and William Dedman.

Open day for school

Just a reminder that our school Open Evening is on Tuesday 20th July. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's next class teacher and see what is going on in our school. Your children can show you around and cream tea is available for you to enjoy as you tour the school and watch the different entertainments.

Whole School Photo

This will take place on Wednesday at 9.30am and we hope everybody can be in their smartest uniform for this occasion. This event only takes place every 4 years so everybody needs to look their best!!

Thank you for Bags 4 Schools

This continues to be a fantastic fundraiser for the school. Your blue bags were collected on the 22 April and our last cheque received was for £200.00 (for November 2009 collection). The next pick up is booked for Thursday 18 November 2010.

Armed Forces Day

This year Armed Forces Day does not fall on a school day but please support members of the Armed Forces on Saturday 26 June.

40 for 40 Commando

Thank you to those who supported our coffee morning held in aid of the welfare fund for the families of 40 commando. The coffee morning, the lent giving by the children to fill the boots and the name the teddy competition raised a grand total of £286.28. For those inquisitive people amongst you- the teddy was won by Mrs Annette Law and his name was Arthur!!!

Tesco's and Sainsbury's vouchers

These schemes are coming to an end now. Please can you send in all of your spare tokens by Friday 18 June so they can be added to our grand total. Last year we were able to get 4 "tough cams" for children to take videos with, a digital camera and lots of PE equipment. Thank you for your support.

Car Parking on the road

We continue to receive complaints from the neighbours of our school. People are still parking across drives and making it very difficult for residents to get out of their houses. They have all been advised now to contact PCSO Wearmouth and he will issue parking tickets to anyone found doing this. It is really difficult as our office staff are the people who have to deal with understandably cross people when it is not their fault. Please show consideration to those living close to our school.

Cycling Helmets and cycle shed

Children who are cycling to school must wear a helmet. We have seen several children turning up on their bikes without one. It is school policy that if children are allowed to ride to school that they take all necessary safety precautions. It is also very important that there is no cycling on site for the safety of others

We have a large cycle shed and all bikes must be stored within this. Elm class have their garden behind here and need access throughout the day. This means no bikes can be stored behind the shed.

Tennis Club

There are opportunities for children to have Tennis coaching at The Elms Tennis Club, off Staplegrove Road. Children in Elm, Beech and Rowan can attend 3.30-4.30pm and for Cherry, Oak, Cedar and Willow the times are 4.40-5.40pm. These take place on Fridays, cost £4.00 per session and more information is available from Ann Simpson on 01823 451 414.

Taunton Flower Show

This will take place in Vivary Park on 6th and 7th August. There are lots of children's competitions to enter. If you would like more information, the office have got leaflets available.

Change in administering medication

A slight amendment has been made to our "administering medication" policy. We can now administer paracetamol for children in year 5 and 6 only. This needs to be brought to the office and a form completed in advance of the medication being administered. We can only accept one dose for that day and can not store it on site for use "as and when required".

Give it a go Scheme

In the last newsletter I told you about a new scheme called "Give it a Go" for children who are entitled to Free School Meals. It enables your child to join in extended school activities such as Brownies, sports clubs, music lessons and can even support with residential trips and holiday clubs. I really encourage you to take up this opportunity if you are entitled to as it will really benefit your child. There is also a scheme supporting these families which offers them a free computer with internet access- to qualify you just need to be entitled to and registered for Free School Meals (even if you do not take up the meals). Please see Mrs Karen Scribbins in the School Office for more information.

School Meals

SCS have changed their menu for the summer term and have now stopped the main course only option, all meals are now main course plus a dessert option. If your child would like to take up school meals please see Mrs Claire Law or Mrs Karen Scribbins in the School Office.

Sun cream and sunhats

Now that Summer is finally here, please remember to send your child to school with sun cream on and for children to wear a hat. You can send in sun cream for the children to use but they have to apply it themselves, Staff are not allowed to do this (either at school or on school trips). Please remember to label both the sun cream and hat with your child's name.

INSET days for 2010/2011

We have not set all of the INSET days for the next academic year 2010/2011 but there will be INSET days where the School is closed on the following dates :

Wednesday 1st September 2010

Friday 22nd October 2010

Friday 17 December 2010

Monday 4th January 2011

A new school term and holidays dates sheet for 2010/2011 is enclosed.