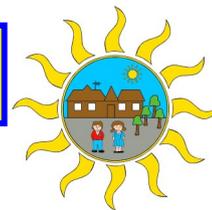


Stedham Primary Newsletter 4

24 April 2018



Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a good break from school; we have only been back a week but already the holiday seems like a distant memory!

Absence

Attendance was a significant issue for this school in our recent OFSTED inspection; our attendance is below national figures. The Spring term is often bad for illness and this year was no exception. Obviously, if your child is genuinely ill they should not be at school, but I still get many requests for holidays or days off for family trips out. As a reminder, we do not authorise this kind of absence.

We also have a problem with a small minority and lateness. School starts at 9am and your children should be here before that time—the gate opens at 8.45am. Anyone arriving after 9.10am when registration closes will be coded as 'U' - unauthorised absence. If 10 or more unauthorised absences are accrued within a 10 school week period, a referral will be made to the Pupil Entitlement Team for consideration of a fixed penalty notice.

Uniform

It is lovely to see the shorts and summer dresses are out already! Footwear can be an issue in the summer so as a reminder, our uniform policy states:

Shoes or ankle boots may be worn and should be a dark colour such as black, navy or brown. Trainers, flip flops, backless sandals or crocs are not permitted. Socks or tights must be worn at all times.

If your child is not in correct uniform or footwear, please ensure you notify us of this and how long you anticipate it going on for. As a school we are committed to ensuring high standards of uniform but understand in particular circumstances there may be an issue.

Safeguarding

This is such an important part of working with children and I was really pleased that it was

noted by OFSTED in January that we have good, rigorous and effective systems in place to safeguard our pupils.

As part of our next steps to further improve, I made a commitment that I would include safeguarding information or links to resources in each newsletter to help you as parents and carers to feel more informed.

I have recently discovered a (currently) free publication called #DITTO which is focussed on e-safety. There is an interesting article in this edition about the online game Fortnite which so many people seem to be playing at the moment. The magazine can be downloaded via the following link:

<http://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/DITTO-Edition-12-April-2018.pdf>

Sun!

We've had a few hot days and it won't be long before (hopefully) there are a few more, so I just wanted to run over a few sun safety points.



- If it looks to be a sunny day, please put sun cream on your child before they come to school.
- It is advisable to wear a hat in hot weather so please ensure they are named. Brimmed hats are more effective than baseball caps at protecting from the sun.
- You can send sun cream in to school for your child to reapply themselves but please ensure the bottle is named.
- We will not allow a child to get burnt—we monitor the weather each day and if necessary, reduce or stop playtimes in very hot weather.
- We encourage your children to drink as much as possible at all times but especially on hot days.

Birthday non uniform

As you know, children are allowed to wear own clothes on their birthday or the closest day to

it. For those who have a birthday during the summer holidays, we have one special non uniform day for them just before the end of term. If your child's birthday is between 17 July and 2 September, their non uniform day will be on **Tuesday 17 July**.

INSET Days

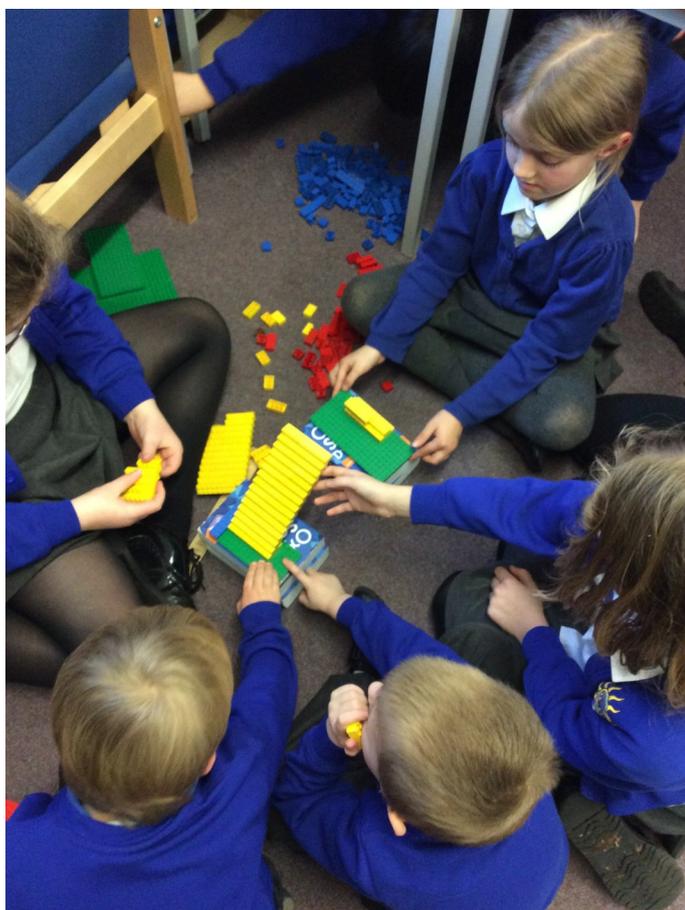
I can now confirm that I have set the last two INSET days of this academic year for **Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July**, so the last day of term for your children will be Friday 20 July.

As advanced warning, we already know the dates of the first two INSET days for 2018-19 which are **Monday 3 September** and **Friday 19 October**.

To end this newsletter, I wanted to share a few photos of the enrichment activities your children have been taking part in. This term's sessions are equally exciting, including American football, embroidery, tie-dye and gardening.

Regards,

Sally Dreckman



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 27 April**—FOSS Film Evening—5.30pm
- Friday 11 May**— Y5 Fun Maths at MRC
- Monday 14—Thursday 17 May**—Year 6 SATs
- Friday 18 May**—Whole school trip to Marwell Zoo
- Monday 21—Friday 25 May**—Science Enrichment Week
- Monday 21 May**—FOSS non uniform day—details to follow
- Wednesday 23 May**—Welcome Wednesday—3.15-3.45pm
- Monday 28 May**—Friday 1 June—Half Term