

Stedham Primary Newsletter

14 June 2024



Headteacher: Mr Malcom Meaby

Dear Parents,

Thanks so much for the warm welcome you have given Mr Leigh. Stedham is such a lovely and friendly place and he feels honoured to have joined you all temporarily.

In the panel opposite are some of the important dates for this term. As ever in a busy summer term, some of the dates for events shift around a little, but we are trying to keep this to a minimum. In a few cases, this has meant a cancellation or postponement of some events (e.g. today's fun run) and we're sorry about the short notice with which some of that has had to happen.

Book fair – On a brighter note, the book fair arrived this morning and is in school for just under a week (last chance to buy books will be next Thursday, 20th June 2024). Many thanks to FOSS who will be running this in the hall each day after school. Children will get time in class today to have a sneak peek.

House Hill Challenge – logistics, staffing and crucially, transport, mean we have had to move this to the **Friday, 19th July** as it was proving very difficult to find a minibus and staff for this to happen next Wednesday. We are still looking for some volunteer parents to come and hike the hill with us. If you are able to give up some of your time on this date that would be much appreciated – please email the office if you can help. A new letter with full details will be sent out on Monday, 17th June so we can collate these in plenty of time. We are hoping children will still be able to raise some sponsorship for their hill challenge but appreciate that recently we have run a number of sponsored events. If you can see your way to making a small donation if that's more suitable than that's fine too.

Before / After school clubs – these will finish as follows towards the end of term

Toys and Games	final session on Mon 15/07/24
Aspire	final session on 09/07/24
Cricket	final session on 17/07/24
Multi Sports	final session on 17/07/24
Early morning club	Final session 23/07/24

Staffing changes – The end of an academic year often brings with it a few changes and this year is no different. Both Mrs Dinnis-Searle and Mrs Cook will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We wrote to each class's parents about this first, but wanted to share this with everyone else as well. Mrs Cook is retiring after more than 12 years at Stedham and Mrs Dinnis-Searle has been appointed to a new post at a school in Hampshire. We wish them both well and thank them for their work at Stedham.

Best wishes

Ricky Leigh and Claire Murphy
Interim School Leaders

Dates for your diary

RV Aspire Stedham football tournament (selected pupils)	Thurs 20/06/24 9.15-12.30 (see letter sent to selected pupils already)
Hobbledown Farm whole school visit	Thurs 27/6/24 8.10am. to 4pm (see letter sent home)
School Sports Day	Fri 28/06/24 1-3 p.m. (letter to follow)
Year 6 Bikeability	Mon 01/07/24 Tues 02/07/24 and 04/07/24 (see letter sent home)
Transition Day Y6s to MRC – all day	Weds 03/07/24
Cricket Match at the Pavilion	Fri 05/07/24 from 1 p.m.
Rabbits Class Djembe drums performance to parents	Fri 05/07/24 11.15-11.30 a.m. (note to follow)
FOSS Summer Fair	Sat 06/07/24 12-3pm
Y6 swimming at Petersfield	8-12/07/24 15-17/07/24 inclusive
Foxes Class Summer production <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Tues 16/07/24 6pm Weds 17/07/24 2pm Thurs 18/07/24 6pm (letter to follow)
House Hill Challenge	19/07/24 Bignor a.m. Beacon p.m. (letter to follow)
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	22/07/24 2pm to 3pm
End of Summer Term	Tues 23/07/24