

# Stedham School News



14th February  
2022

## Weeks 5 & 6 at Stedham

As we move towards the end of the first half of this Spring term, we reflect on all that has been accomplished in these last few weeks; new outdoor climbing apparatus, picnic tables painted, new updated reception area, new phonics scheme delivered daily across the school, enrichment events at MRC, an active FOSS, a teacher dedicated to leading a weekly revision day for Year 6 in preparation for their KS2 tests, a greater focus on reading across the school and a new librarian, a new French teacher and an Aspire Sports coach ...the list goes on.

A huge thank you to our Stedham Community (parents, grandparents, friends of the school, children and staff) for your part in making Stedham school a special place to learn.



We are excited by the many learning opportunities that await us in the remainder of the Spring term. We can't wait to visit the Science Museum in Winchester, to get dressed up for World Book Day, for Gillian Keegan's visit (MP) and the different events organised by FOSS.

I wish you all a very special half term holiday. Please stay safe and well. Have lots of fun and don't forget to curl up with a good book.

*Malcolm Meaby*



*WELL DONE to all our Cross Country athletes. It was a challenging event and we are incredibly proud that you tried so hard and ran until the end.*

## Dates for your diary

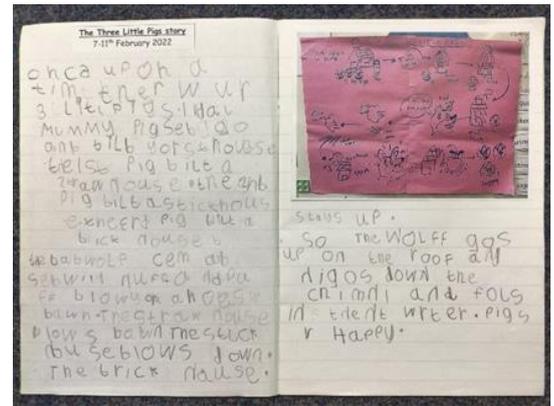
FOSS Cake sale (part 2)	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
FOSS Smartie tube challenge	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term holiday	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Rother Valley All Sing	Yr. 3 - Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Yr. 4 – Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March Yr. 5 – Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Parent's Consultations	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Gillian Keegan (MP) visit to Stedham	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
FOSS Movie Night	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Fair	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April

*Congratulations to our Cross Country team who represented the school at MRC.*

# What's happened in the last two weeks?

## Rabbits Class

Rabbits class have recently enjoyed a unit of learning on 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children loved reading the story, singing songs and then building the three houses made from straw, sticks and lego bricks. I was disappointed not to personally see the houses blown down by the garden leaf blower. The brick house made from plastic bricks remained strong! The children then produced some excellent creative writing.

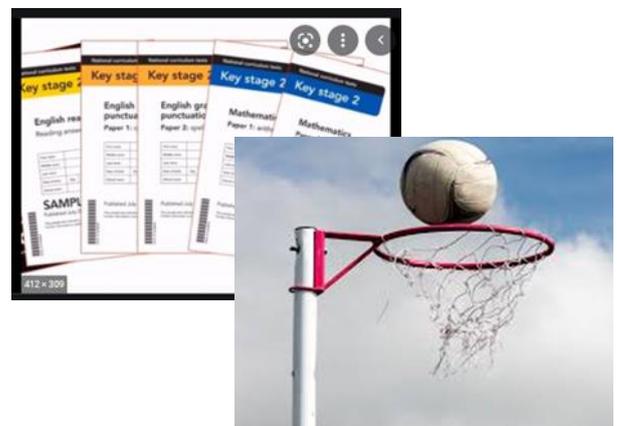


## Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been learning about the history of flight and have studied the Wright brothers. To celebrate National Hedgehog Day, the children have written poems in literacy. They have also been working on equivalent fractions in maths.

## Foxes Class

Recently Foxes have been focusing on creative writing, developing stories based on the Titanic. A good deal of time has been devoted to completing practice SATs papers in the last couple of weeks. The children have also enjoyed playing netball in their PE session.



## Phonics Bug Club!

Don't forget to access Phonics Bug Club, to support your child with reading at home. Further reading is available if you log on and access the Phonics Bug Club E-Books.

## Times Table Rockstars and Numbots!

We also have access to TTRockstars and Numbots, so the children can practice their times tables and number bonds.



## FOSS news

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Valentines Cake Sales. It was a very special atmosphere on Friday with cakes and smiles being shared across the school playground. It was a huge success raising nearly £200 towards school funds. A HUGE THANKS to our dedicated FOSS team.

### Future FOSS events:

- Smarties tube 20p Challenge on 18<sup>th</sup> February; A non-uniform day will be awarded to the class that raises the most money. A prize will be awarded to the best-decorated tube in each class. Please return the tubes in a named bag after half term.
- We will have a 'Movie Night' on 18<sup>th</sup> March. It will take place immediately after school. More details to follow.
- Easter Fair on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. More details to be shared nearer the time.



## Further school news/updates:

**SCHOOL TRIP:** Winchester Science Museum is booked for a whole school visit on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. This visit links with our topic of 'Where will your imagination take you?' The museum is an experience for all ages and the day includes Discovery workshops, a live Planetarium Show and plenty of time to explore the two floors full of interactive exhibits.

**YEAR 6 PREPARATION FOR SATS:** The efforts to do all we can in readiness for the SATs in May continue. Having completed their practice SATs papers in the last couple of weeks, we intend to pass these on to the children to work on in their half term. We kindly ask that the children correct their mistakes (showing their workings) on each of the papers. This should not take too long especially with the help of their CGP revision book.

**READING/PHONICS PRESENTATION TO PARENTS:** Mr Noble and I will be presenting reading/phonics to all parents on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March straight after school. This will be an important meeting and we hope that all of our school community can attend.

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** This is planned for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We ask that all children come dressed as their favourite character from a book. It will be a great day. A '£1 World Book Day Token' was taken home by your child tonight so it can be used over the half term holiday – please check in their book bags.

**CLEANING STAFF REQUIRED:** Are you interested in a cleaning job? Our current cleaners will be moving on shortly which leaves vacancies for two cleaners each evening after school. For more details please contact Paul Masters from Churchill Contract Services on 07522 223914. There is also scope for further work in the area.

## Cross Country Report:

*“On Friday the 4th of February, Stedham Primary took part in a challenging but fun ‘Cross Country event at MRC.*

*Most schools from the Rother Valley competed in the four different races: Year 3 mixed race, Year 4 mixed race, Year 5 & 6 boys race and Year 5 & 6 girls race.*

*A special mention to Emelia who showed a true ‘Stedham Spirit’.... After finishing her event, she then accompanied some of the younger children to help them keep running all the way to the finish line.*

*The children had an awesome time and should be proud of their achievements.”*

## Magical moments at Stedham Primary



A first go with our new outdoor climbing apparatus





Cakes and smiles at  
Stedham Primary  
Thanks to our amazing  
FOSS team



Mr Gago enjoys a delicious cup  
cake (generously bought by a  
pupil in Foxes) with Bronte