

# Stedham Weekly news.



26th November  
2021

## Weeks 10 and 11 at Stedham

A fun couple of weeks has been enjoyed by all at Stedham as we celebrated two key events in style: The 'Odd Sock Day' and 'Children in Need Day'.



The colourful and various socks worn on 'Odd Sock Day' helped celebrate and remind us what makes us unique in Anti-Bullying week.

Our Children in Need Day was made extra special with a chocolate treasure hunt. Many thanks to all the children who brought in their pound donation to this very important cause.

SportsCool, our 'After School Club', had a specialist yoga instructor to lead a session that everyone enjoyed. Thankfully no one got twisted into knots.

Hockey Match report written by Esmee: *The hockey tournament was great and a perfect opportunity to meet new people. It was fun and competitive. We were up against a mix of players which made it fun. It was an amazing time to represent Stedham Primary School.*

Science Day at MRC written by Ted: *I had an amazing experience at MRC. We had to learn about all the different parts of the heart and had to test our heart rate by running around. We finished our day with a dissection of a lamb's heart. It was really fun!*

Foxes class are looking forward to Mr Gago's return on Tuesday. Malcolm Meaby

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### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Rabbits class Parents Evening 3:45 – 4:50pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Rabbits class Parents Evening 3:45 – 4:50pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	FOSS – Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations for the Christmas raffle
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Post boxes available for children to post Christmas card to their school friends
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Welcome Wednesday for Hedgehogs and Foxes classes
10/12/2021	Christmas Jumper day.
14/12/2021	Nativity service at Stedham



*Congratulations to all those children who received a 'Caught you Being Kind Certificate' this week. I hope it has pride of place displayed at home.*

## *Exciting developments / Staffing updates*

For those of you that were unable to attend the two Federation meetings held recently, I have added some of the points that were discussed regarding staffing. I've also included some exciting Stedham developments.

Further Stedham developments:

- Early next year new boilers will be installed
- The attic area will be made into a work area for staff to complete PPA and operate as a quiet area for them
- A survey is about to complete for the installation of solar panels
- The play equipment will be replaced in the spring term
- The play area will have the markings refurbished
- The picnic tables will be replaced
- The EYFS external area will be refreshed, that is partially complete
- Re-painting of the school will be completed
- LED lighting has been installed

Future Staffing:

- Today we interviewed for a 3 day a week office person to operate with Rachel. They will overlap on Wednesdays
- We are recruiting a member of staff to replace the Janice Helas position, a full time person for interventions and class cover for year 2,3 and 4 (this is a registration group with Yr2 being taught separately in all mornings) and a half time TA. The adverts are out for the start of the Spring term.

Current Staffing:

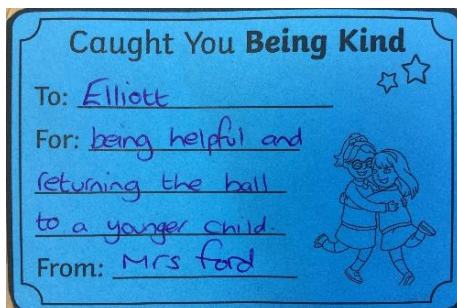
- With two members of staff currently off ill we are going through the sickness processes.
- The process involves:
  - The use of supply teachers which we have agreements for as long a period as is possible given the sickness legal processes.
  - Once the sickness process gives us prognoses – West Sussex Occupational Health will provide these – we can arrange better security of staff.
  - Of course the staff are free to return as and when they are well enough to do so.



# What's happened in the last two weeks?

## Rabbits Class

This week Rabbits class have enjoyed forest school and developing number bonds using numicon. The children's work will soon be shared with parents at this week's parents evening. I am sure you will be proud of their hard work and efforts in class.

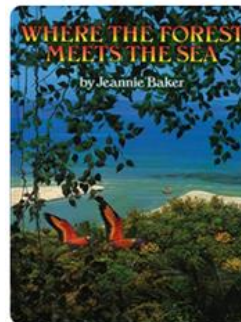


## Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs have been developing texts on the theme of Anti-Bullying Week. Congratulations to all those Hedgehogs who received a 'Caught you Being Kind Certificate' which reflected World Kindness Day at the start of the week.

## Foxes Class

Foxes have had an exciting week using inspirational photos to develop a creative writing text. They have enjoyed a gymnastics session in the hall using the wall frame and other apparatus. Sport didn't stop there as they enjoyed their Friday swimming session.



## Phonics Bug Club!

Don't forget to access Phonics Bug Club, to support your child with reading at home.



## Times Table Rockstars and Numbots!

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



