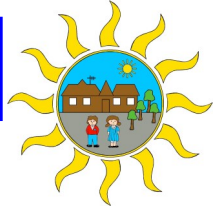


# Stedham Primary Newsletter 2



## 28 November 2018

Dear Parents,

My apologies—I had intended to write this half term's newsletter straight after half term, but time has got away with me!

### Parking

Sorry, but I need to begin with a reminder about parking. I was recently contacted by a very angry School Lane resident who was unable to get safely in or out of their drive due to the parking of parents at 3.30pm. School Lane is very narrow between the Common View junction and the grass triangle end of the road, so it is not safe to park on the opposite side to the houses and it is certainly not acceptable to park across the residents' driveways. Please park safely and with consideration as the school has to exist in harmony with our neighbouring residents and that is a challenge when a small minority of our community are parking dangerously and inconsiderately.

### Rotary Music Festival

Very well done to the twelve Key Stage 2 pupils who represented our school earlier this month at the annual Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Music Festival. They sang beautifully and I was very proud of them.



### Staffing

Mrs Dinnis-Searle is due to go on maternity leave soon—her planned finish date is Friday 7 December. Her cover, Ms Lucy Fenwick, starts with us on Monday 3 December, so they have a week to hand-over. We wish Mrs Dinnis-Searle and her husband all the best and look forward to hearing when he or she arrives!

Since half term, we have also been joined by Mrs Emma Ford as TA in Rabbits class, by Mrs Ali Button as additional TA in Badgers class and by Mrs Rachel Edmonds as Premises Officer. We are also currently trying to recruit a TA in Foxes class and a PPA teacher to join our team as soon as possible.

### Going Nuts!

We have recently been asked by a few people if we are a nut free school. To clarify, at this time, NO,

**we are not a nut free school.** If this should change, you will all be notified.

### PE Kits

We have noticed lately that a significant number of children do not have all or part of their PE kits in school. Kits should be in school every day, but definitely on a Thursday when everyone has an Aspire PE lesson.

We have very recently added a new item to our uniform shop with School Trends ([www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk)), which is a blue fleece at £12.99. This is intended to be worn for PE but is **optional**, as is the blue PE t-shirt. The correct PE kit is set out below—please ensure you follow it as we currently have children also wearing items which are not correct PE kit.

### Kit List

Plain white or royal blue logo t-shirt\* - no vest tops  
Black shorts, skort or sports leggings  
Trainers  
Plimsolls (optional)

For colder weather:

Dark colour (black, navy, grey) jog bottoms and jumper/sweatshirt/hoodie – plain design  
\*Royal blue PE fleece with the school logo

\* available from School Trends

### Break Time

We have made the decision that from January, we will be moving our morning break time to 10.15-10.30am, to make the two sessions in the morning more even.

### Education City

This week, every child in Years 1-6 will be re-issued with their log in for Education City, the online learning platform we buy into. FOSS very kindly subsidise our subscription to enable us to have home access as well. There are lots of games and activities online to support your child's learning so please make good use of it.

### FOSS Christmas Fair

We are only a few days away now from our Christmas Fair. The FOSS committee have been working hard to prepare. We hope to see you all on Saturday, 1-3pm. We will have a special visitor (ho, ho, ho) and there will be lots to do and eat! Please spread the word and encourage neighbours, friends and family to come too.

I am sure there will be more letters and emails coming home before the end of term as it is such a busy time, so keep a look out. Don't forget you can also find all the dates for the year on our school website:

[www.stedham.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.stedham.w-sussex.sch.uk)

I will leave you for now with the upcoming dates and some photos of what has been going on in Key Stage 2 recently.

With regards

*Sally Dreckman*



Mummifying tomatoes



War time cooking

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 1 December**—Christmas Fair 1-3pm

**Friday 7 December**—Owls class drumming display for parents 11am

**Friday 7 December**—Carols and Cakes for grandparents and villagers—contact school to book a seat! 2pm

**Monday 10 December**—nativity service at St James' Church, Stedham. 2pm

**Wednesday 12 December**—Welcome Wednesday 8.45—9.15am

**Wednesday 12 December**—Panto in Guildford—more information to follow

**Friday 14 December**—Christmas/Winter Jumper Day for Save the Children—£1 donation

**Wednesday 19 December**—Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 19 December**—End of term

**Thursday 3 January 2019**—Spring Term starts

**Wednesday 9 January**—Open Morning for prospective (September 2019 and in year admissions) parents and carers— 9.30-11.30am

**Thursday 10 January**—Open Afternoon for prospective (September 2019 and in year admissions) parents and carers— 1.15-3.00pm