

Stedham School News



July 2022

Highlights of the Summer Term

What an amazing Summer term we have had! On top of all the assessments (SATs or otherwise), the children have enjoyed many special and memorable events: The Stedham Summer Fete, the Jubilee Garden Party, a new style Sports Day, a Stedham Fun Run, the Rother Valley debate, the Stedham Football tournaments and many other sporting events.

The children have worked incredibly well in a year where they had to deal with a lot of change (new staff and the continued impact of covid). They have shown such resilience and have continued to work hard and make progress with their classwork. The teachers are so proud of all of you!

There have been some exciting developments at school: new playground markings, new play areas in EYFS and new boilers. There are further plans for next year. These will be shared next autumn term.

We look forward to the new academic year when Mrs Rudolph will teach Foxes class. A huge thanks to Mr Gago who has led the class so well for much of the year. On Thursday, we will be saying goodbye to all our very special Year 6 Leavers and to some members of staff. We can't wait to hear about your special memories at our Leavers Assembly. We wish all of them the very best of luck and hope that you stay in touch with Stedham.

It leaves me to wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday. We will look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the next year.

Best wishes,



Dates for your diary

INSET DAY	Thursday 1 st September
Start of Autumn term (for children)	Friday 2 nd September
'Meet the teacher' presentation to parents	Thursday 8 th September
Foxes class Interfaith Day	Tuesday 20 th September
Year 6 MRC Experience Day	Wednesday 28 th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning	Friday 30 th September
Open Morning	Friday 7 th October
Rother Valley INSET DAY	Friday 21 st October
Autumn Half term holiday	Monday 24 th – 29 th October
2nd half of Autumn term	Starts Monday 31 st October
Children in Need	18 th November
End of term	Friday 16 th December

Best of luck to all of our Year 6 leavers. You will be fondly remembered and will continue to make us proud as you start at your secondary schools.

What's happened in the last few weeks?

Rabbits Class

Rabbits have been busy making pizza and preparing for Frank's birthday party (the puppet in Rabbits class). As you can imagine, this has involved lots of fractions and sharing. They have also been enjoying some forest school activities as well as self-initiated learning through play outside. The children recently sat their Phonics Screener assessments and did very well.



Hedgehogs Class

The pupils in hedgehogs have consolidated some of their learning in maths: working on shapes, bar charts, perimeter and area. They have continued to look after the garden behind the class and have enjoyed time on the outside apparatus. They loved playing in the recent Year 2/3 football tournament at Rogate.



Foxes Class

What an amazing few weeks Foxes class have had! Having finished their Stedham Campsite Residential, they then played in the Stedham football tournament; ran laps of the cricket pitch on our Stedham Fun Run; helped run their own stalls in the Summer Fete; participated in the Rother Valley Debate; had a field trip with Friends of the Southdowns; enjoyed Sports day; performed in the Rocky Monster Show and finished with a fantastic Leavers Assembly.



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

A HUGE THANKS to our FOSS team for their hard work this term and across the year. They have worked tirelessly to support the school and, considering it has been their first year in this role, have done a simply amazing job.

The Summer Fete was a total success. The event was well organised with a great mixture of stalls / activities. The bouncy castle, fire engine and stocks all seemed very popular. The raffle generated a lot of interest with such an array of wonderful prizes. The event raised £1,400, which was truly wonderful. Thanks to every FOSS member / adult who helped-out on the day.

FOSS also supported the Stedham Fun Run, the Year 5/6 production and provided regular 'end of the week' ice cream sales. These have been very welcome, as we have experienced unprecedented hot weather!

I will be sharing new dates for autumn term FOSS events in the near future.

Further school news/updates:

STAFF UPDATES: I am pleased to share some staff updates:

Office administrator: We will sadly be saying goodbye to Rachel Dennis and Sarah Alexander who have worked in a job share capacity in the office. Rachel has been at Stedham for 14 years and has seen many changes at the school. We wish her and Sarah all the best for the future. We are pleased to share that Mrs Suzannah Priest will be taking over the office role and will work full-time. I am sure that you will all make her feel very welcome.

EARLY MORNING CLUB / AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES:

Early morning club: This will continue next year. It will be as before, where children can be dropped-off from 8am until 8:15am and be looked after until schools starts. Breakfast will not be provided.

After school clubs: There will be two next term - One on Wednesday and the other on Thursday. Aspire will be delivering their sports club on Thursday – please get further details from the office. The Wednesday club will also be sports based and will be led by me. Both clubs will accept children from KS1 and KS2.

ASSESSMENTS/TESTS: Well done to all the children who sat assessments this year. The children responded really well to tests in phonics, multiplication tables test and SATs.

MCAS (My Child at School) APP: Many thanks to those of you that have signed up to the My Child at School App. (MCAS). This app will replace School Gateway as of September 2022. From mid-August, you will also be able to both book and pay for wrap around care via this app. If you have not yet signed up, then please do check your emails for all associated links and instruction.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS PROJECTS / HOME TASKS:

Good luck to those pupils who have been set some fun/supportive work over the holidays. Rabbits class have a 'Summer Activity Pack' and many pupils in Hedgehogs have phonics flashcards and personal reading set. Thanks for supporting your child with this work.

We kindly ask that all pupils continue to read throughout the holidays

READING AT STEDHAM:

- **'Summer Reading Challenge'**: With our big push on reading, I hope that many of our pupils enjoy the 'Summer Reading Challenge'. Further information on this, has been sent out in a letter. I can't wait to add your certificates and medals to a display at the start of next term.
- **Phonics Bug Club E-books**: Don't forget to access Phonics Bug Club so that you can read from the selection of E-books. Happy reading!
- **Volunteers**: Can you help listen to children read? We desperately need further adult support to listen to readers at school. The children love the opportunity to read to an adult and benefit hugely from the experience.



STATIONERY: Please would pupils in Foxes class

MEET THE TEACHER PRESENTATION'S: In the first full week back in the autumn term, all class teachers will be delivering 'Meet the Teacher' presentations to parents/carers. This will be repeated each term. The presentation is designed to share: details of the topic, the broad curriculum (all subjects), expectations of homework, assessments, phonics/reading, pupil contract, trips/enrichment opportunities, how you can support your child and much more.



Leavers 2022 enjoying their Production and Leavers Picnic

