

# Stedham School News



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## Weeks 3 & 4 at Stedham

What a busy few weeks we have had since our last Newsletter! The children have been enjoying all aspects of school life; being immersed in their topic - Where will your imagination take you?, enjoying the lessons in French and PE on Thursday afternoons, sports events at MRC, library sessions with Penny Joppe each Monday afternoon and Year 6 Sats revision sessions on Friday with Mrs Strachan.

On top of that, the children have loved watching the construction of our new outdoor play equipment. They are desperate to play on it and will be given time this week to enjoy their first experience. We will look to add a base of bark in and around the climbing apparatus to prevent the ground being eroded and worn. Once this is done, we will add the climbing apparatus to the list of playtime activities that already exist and we will then timetable the MUGA, the climbing apparatus and games on the playground.

We continue with our big drive on reading in the school and politely remind parents to read regularly with your child at home every week. We would recommend that this happens four times a week with comments added by parents in the link book.

At Stedham, we strongly believe that reading is the cornerstone of all learning. Those that read regularly and develop a love for reading, will find that they progress in all areas of the curriculum.

*Malcolm Meaby*

The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go.  
-Dr. Seuss

### Dates for your diary

FOSS Valentine cake sale	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Rotary Youth Music Festival	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term holiday	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Rother Valley All Sing	Year 3 - Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Year 4 – Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March Year 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
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April



*Congratulations to our Indoor Athletic team who represented the school at MRC.*

# Exciting developments / Staffing updates

## Update on Stedham developments

Year 6 pupil's SATs revision programme has now intensified with Mrs Strachan delivering an full day of study each Friday.



Using the CGP Study and Work books, the children are guided through units of learning that might need refreshing or started over. The pupils enjoyed their first day last week with Mrs Strachan and worked on maths, GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and comprehension skills. With just over eleven weeks before they sit their SATs in May, we feel confident that the children will perform to the best of their ability. We politely remind parents to support our efforts by completing any homework set and supporting your child through the process.

### *Indoor Athletics Report*

*"On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> January, we took part in a fun and friendly Indoor Athletics event at MRC which was mainly held outside!*

*Most schools from the Rother Valley competed in running, throwing and jumping events which were all a lot of fun.*

*We all had an awesome time and were proud of our achievements."*

*Written by Elsa and Charlotte*



## Further updates on Stedham developments

We have been in discussions with companies to repaint the playground markings. We hope to confirm dates for this to happen in the near future.

The new climbing apparatus has been installed at the back of the school. The next step is to give the ground a good covering of tree bark.



We are incredibly grateful to Penny Joppe (Isla and Elise's Grandma) who has just completed her second week assisting in library sessions for the whole school. Each Monday afternoon, the children get to visit the library and have an opportunity to exchange books. Having an enthusiastic adult, support the children with book selection and recording book loans is fantastic.

To continue our endeavours to develop reading within the school, we would welcome any offers of parent/grandparent support to listen to readers. The children get so much pleasure when reading to an adult. If you, or another family member can spare some time, please contact the office.

## Impact of Covid

Many primary schools in the Rother Valley are being badly affected by the pandemic with large percentages of children and staff absent from school. Thankfully, although we currently have a few positive cases, we do not seem to be affected too badly. We wish all of our families who are affected by Covid a speedy recovery.

We continue with our Covid measures within school reminding children to wash hands regularly and ventilate class rooms.

We politely ask that you continue with your own measures at home. We remind all parents/carers to ensure that their child self-isolates and books a PCR test if they are displaying any of the three Covid symptoms; *a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.*

## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are planned for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March when you will be able to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress and look at the work in their book

# What's happened in the last two weeks?

## Rabbits Class

Rabbits class have recently enjoyed a material treasure hunt around the school and woods. In literacy they have continued to enjoy the story Stanley's Stick and have found items of their own that, with a little imagination, can have multiple uses. The children loved their frost walk in the woods and parachute games.



## Foxes Class

Recently Foxes have been focusing on creative writing, developing short stories and plays. In maths the children have been developing their knowledge and understanding of percentages, ratios and proportions. They enjoyed playing games in French last week with Mrs Watson.

## Hedgehogs Class

Last week Hedgehogs learnt that Charles Macintosh was the inventor of waterproof fabric that was used to make raincoats.

In literacy we met Dudley, the techno-wizard dog, who knows everything about how electrical appliances work. This week the children had fun making pine-cone bird feeders.



## 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 number bonds.



## FOSS news

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Bag2School scheme. Fiona and Sareena were really pleased with the response from the school community. We hope it was a good opportunity to clear unwanted clothing items while helping the school raise funds.

FOSS has generously donated £1000 towards the new playground line markings which will be completed in the next few months.

### Future FOSS events:

- Valentine cake sale on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February - We would kindly ask that donated cakes are delivered first thing in the morning ready for sale at the end of the day. Many thanks in advance. Don't miss out on the chance to treat your loved one with a homemade treat!
- Smarties tube Challenge on 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Easter Fair on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April



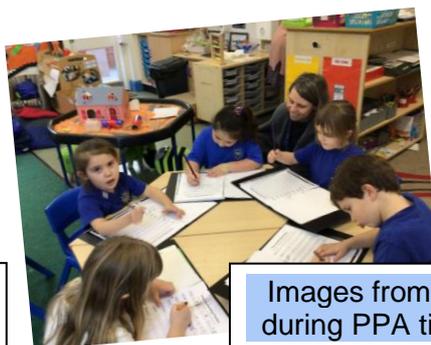
## Magical moments at Stedham Primary



Alexis and Niall sharing stories with pupils from Rabbits class



The debate team 2021 (minus Jacob Hunt - now at MRC) enjoyed receiving the Debate Cup for being joint debate winners along with Fittleworth Primary



Images from our first lessons delivered during PPA time on Thursday afternoon



The children loved being taught French by Mrs Watson, PE by our new Aspire coach – Reece and 'Spellings and Handwriting' by Mrs Tollington

