

Stedham School News



20th March 2022

Weeks 7 & 8 at Stedham

As ever, it seems that Stedham school has been incredibly busy since our last newsletter in February. Despite the fact that we have had some recent staff sickness due to Covid, we have continued to deliver an exciting and full curriculum.

We have welcomed Nicola Evans to the staff team who has supported children's learning in Foxes class. The pancake day was a whole school event, which was a joy to see as the pupils in Foxes supported the younger children. Once made and flipped, the pancakes were quickly devoured. Since then, Stedham has enjoyed two Rother Valley All Sing events and we now look forward to the final Year 5 event later this month.

We were pleased to host our first face-to-face Parent's Evenings, which provided an opportunity for us to share updates on your child's learning and progress at school. I hope you found it really useful.

Mr Noble delivered an excellent reading presentation to the school on 3rd March. This continued our endeavours to promote and develop reading across the school. A video of the presentation will be added to our website along with all the resources that were shared in the meeting. We had some great feedback from those parents that attended.

The FOSS team have continued their fantastic support with many different events, which has raised important funds for the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Smartie Tube Challenge, the cake sale and the Scholastic Book Fair.

We have enjoyed two themed days: World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Events such as these are heart-warming as the children do not hold back with their creativity and desire to make it a special and memorable event.

Malcolm Meaby

Dates for your diary

Non-school uniform day – Easter themed chocolate donation	Friday 25 th March
Rother Valley All Sing	Yr. 5 – Tues 29 th March
Year 5/6 Netball tournament at MRC	Friday 1 st April
Lantern workshop for Foxes class	Friday 8 th April
Easter Fair	Wednesday 6 th April
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 8 th April
Start of the Summer Term	Monday 25 th April

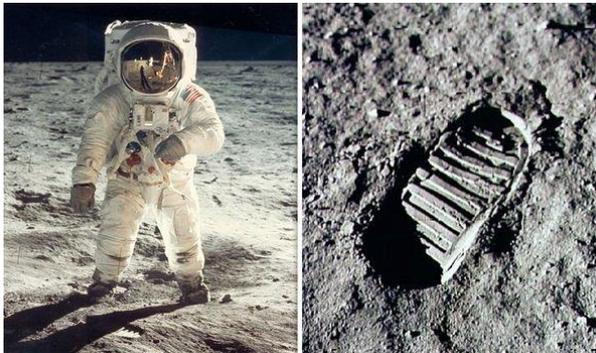
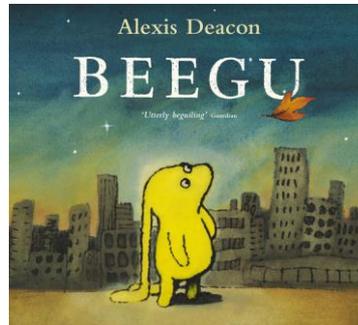
Congratulations to Rabbits class who will be enjoying their very own non-school uniform day after raising the most money in our Smartie Tube Challenge



What's happened in the last two weeks?

Rabbits Class

Rabbits class have been enjoying the story of Beegu – a little alien that is lost and scared on planet earth. The children received a letter from Beegu and had to make a response. They also drew a comic strip to map out the story. In maths, the children loved the 3D shape hunt around the school. See if your child can remember any of the shape names they found in the hunt.



Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been learning about the phases of the moon as part of their topic 'Why Leave Earth?' They have taken their own 'giant leap' by learning about Neil Armstrong and the lunar landing. The children have also enjoyed the story Stella, Stanley and the Moon. On top of that, the children have been learning to edit their work and have learnt that it's not easy to spot your own mistakes.

Foxes Class

Recently Foxes have been focusing on creative writing: editing stories on the Titanic and writing about the last days of the dinosaurs.

They went outside to sketch early signs of Spring including butterflies, early blossoms and daffodils. The children used colour and shading to enhance their drawings.

The class continue to work hard with their SATs revision.



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

Our FOSS team has continued to work tirelessly in supporting the school. We have enjoyed some really special community events that have also raised some much needed funds for the school. The FOSS team has recently been struck with Covid but has continued to plan behind the scenes and is gearing up for the Easter Fair on Wednesday 6th April. The first part of their plans is to hold a non-uniform day this Friday (25th March) where children are asked to bring in an Easter themed chocolate donation that will help towards the Easter raffle.

FOSS events:

- Our Valentine cake sales (held over two days in February) raised £191.72. Thank you so much for your generous donations and for purchasing these tasty treats.
- Smarties tube 20p Challenge: Congratulations to Rabbits class who raised a staggering £74.20 and will be busy planning their very own non-school-uniform day. All classes responded well to the challenge, which generated £181.95! Thank you children and parents. Lego prizes were awarded to Aurora, Erin and Mason for the creating the best-decorated Smartie tubes.



- The Scholastic Book fair, which enabled parents to purchase some of the latest book titles at competitive prices, was enjoyed by the entire school. I am pleased to share that sales eclipsed £400 which means that Stedham school will receive £171.49 to spend on new books.
- Sadly, our 'Movie Night' planned to take place on the 18th March had to be postponed due to sickness throughout our FOSS team. We will provide a new date in the near future.
- Easter Fair on Wednesday 6th April. More details to be shared nearer the time.

Further school news/updates:

YEAR 6 PREPARATION FOR SATS: The efforts to do all we can in readiness for the SATs in May continue. With less than 5 school weeks before the children actually sit their tests, we remind children to continue to use their CGP SATs Study guide and workbook.

We intend to set some Easter homework for the year 6 children to help with their on-going preparation. This homework project is called '10 for 10', which suggests that the children do '10 minutes homework for 10 days'. This 'little but often' approach helps keep the children focused on areas they need to develop without having a big impact on the holidays. The children will receive this for maths and GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling).

READING AT STEDHAM: Following Mr Noble's reading presentation two weeks ago, we wish to remind parents about the school's strong desire that all children read regularly (ideally at least four times a week). We want our children to develop a love for reading so that they can enjoy the pleasure that books can bring. Children that are confident readers make increased progress in all subject areas and are better prepared for secondary school.

STAFF UPDATES: After a long illness, Jane Hines has decided to terminate her contract and further her career elsewhere. We wish her well and will be looking to recruit a permanent teacher for the start of next academic year.

GILLIAN KEEGAN'S VISIT: Sadly, we had to cancel Gillian's visit to the school on Friday 11th due to staff sickness but we have rescheduled her visit and look forward to her coming to Stedham on Friday 27th May.

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES: SportsCool, who provided our wrap around care provision with both breakfast and after school clubs will not be continuing their provision. This, we appreciate, will make things complicated for some families. For the remainder of the term, the school will provide a breakfast club provision from 8am.

MINIBUS TRAINING: To enable more enrichment opportunities (sports events, trips and residential), Mr Noble and myself have just taken tests that allow us to drive minibuses. Although we do not have our own minibuses, we can hire them from other local primary schools. This will significantly reduce the cost of trips for parents/carers, as the coach hire is always the most expensive cost when planning a trip.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: We have set dates and begun plans for Foxes residential this year. The year 5 and 6 pupils will enjoy a three night camp experience at Stedham Campsite from Tuesday 14th until Friday 17th June. We are planning to include a variety of fun activities on and off site and hope that this will be a memorable and special trip for all pupils. We are conscious of the cost to parents and will make every effort to keep the expense to a minimum. We will provide further details in the near future.

Magical moments at Stedham Primary

READING
PRESENTATION

Parent feedback

Really useful to understand how the children are learning at school and linking this to us reading at home.

Informative and key information from Mr Noble.

Reading with our children is a journey and brings such mutual pleasure for both child and parent.

Really enlightening!
Thank you!
Statistics were particularly eye opening!

Really appreciate these sessions.

Very informative and encouraging – especially the activity!

I like to know what's happening and would support more sessions in the future

Common sense technology

Found the presentation very positive and enjoyed the activity. It really makes you think how hard it must be for younger children to pick up reading. It will help me to be more aware when reading at home.

Thank you very much for the presentation. It is great to get a real feel of the school's approach as a new parent.

I believe my daughter is very lucky to be here.





Pancake Day



World Book Day

