

# Stedham School News



May 2022

## Start of the Summer Term



We have had a busy and exciting start to the summer term. The children in year 6 have finished their SATS tests and can now look forward to a fun filled summer term.

The school has been enjoying the warmer weather and taken the opportunity to brighten up the front of the school with new flowers. They look a real delight!

As you can see from the diary dates listed, Stedham School is taking every opportunity to enjoy outdoor learning throughout the summer term. We can't wait for further community events such as the Stedham Fun Run and the Summer Fete.

This week will end with our Jubilee Garden Party to celebrate the seventy years that The Queen has been our monarch. It will be a magical event with members of the community attending as well as a visit from Gillian Keegan, MP.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Best wishes,

### Dates for your diary

Jubilee Garden Party	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
South Downs field trip for Foxes	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Carnival of Lights Chichester evening procession	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Foxes Summer Residential	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Stedham Football tournament (KS2)	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Stedham Fun Run	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Football tournament (KS1) Rogate (tbc)	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Summer Fete	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Transition day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Sports day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Foxes class production	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
End of Summer term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

*Congratulations to year 6 who finished their KS2 SATs last week. They approached each test with confidence and applied themselves really well.*

# What's happened in the last three weeks?

## *Rabbits Class*

Rabbits class have been learning about capacity. They have been comparing capacities by using the same sized cup to fill different containers. The pupils became increasingly confident using the phrases: half full, nearly full, completely full, almost empty and completely empty.

It is lovely to see Rabbits parents coming in each Wednesday morning to read with their child. We would welcome more parents to attend this session.



## *Hedgehogs Class*

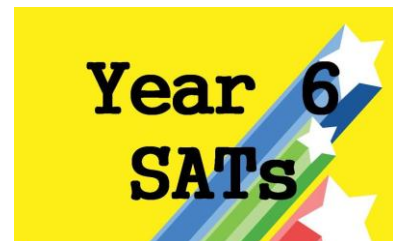
Hedgehogs have recently had a big focus on gardening. They have planted a variety of seeds and are now enjoying watching them grow. They have also installed a lovely new Hedgehog house.

They have continued to develop their self-editing skills in writing. With forthcoming multiplication tests later in June, the children have been working hard on their recall of multiplication facts.



## *Foxes Class*

Recently Foxes have been putting all their energies into their SATS. With months of preparation, the year 6's approached the tests with confidence and even seemed to enjoy some of the process. I think that the SATs breakfast helped to calm any nerves and set the children up well. Foxes class can now look forward to a fun and active summer term that will include a residential, production, sporting events and trips.



## *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

## FOSS events:

The FOSS team continue to support the school very effectively. It is thanks to them, that we have a beautiful display of flowers at the front of the school. The children worked with our FOSS team choosing the best position for each flower. It is lovely to see the children take a pride in the flowerbed, watering it regularly and weeding when necessary.

We are grateful to our FOSS team who are also helping-out with our Jubilee Garden Party on Friday.

FOSS have great plans for our Summer Fete and have already made a good start. I am sure that you can appreciate how much time, effort and energy that goes into planning it. The FOSS team would welcome support/offer of help from any willing parent/carer. It promises to be a fantastic event and, with willing helpers, it will be a truly memorable day. Please contact the office to let them know that you can help and we will pass your details on.

## Further school news/updates:

**STAFF UPDATES:** I am pleased to share some very exciting staff updates:

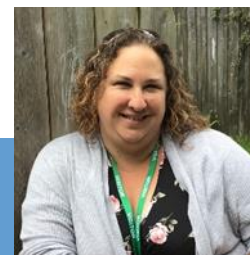
- **Foxes class teacher:** We are very excited to share that Mrs Rudolph (formerly known to the school as Mrs Strachan) will be the new class teacher for Foxes next year. She has been covering PPA (Preparation Planning and Assessment time) or management time each Friday at Stedham Primary School for a number of years. More recently, Mrs Rudolph has been delivering a successful SATS revision programme for the year 6's. With years of teaching experience, predominantly in KS2, she is very excited to teach Foxes class next year and make learning fun. Knowing the children very well, Anne will be able to make an immediate impact when she starts in September.
- **SENCO:** Having worked diligently as SENCO at the school for a number of years, Anne Roberts has decided to end her contract at the end of this academic year. We are incredibly grateful for her hard work and dedication supporting the children at Stedham Primary. We wish Anne all the best for her future.



We are very lucky to have secured an experienced replacement for Anne who will start in September. Clair Murphy, who will be employed on a part-time basis, is looking forward to her new role at Stedham. Having been a SENCO at her current school in Hampshire for 14 years, she brings with her a wealth of experience.

- **TA (covering maternity leave):** As you will be aware, Emma Ford (Rabbits class TA) will be welcoming the arrival of her new baby in the next few weeks. On behalf of all of the team, I would like to wish Emma and her family all the very best.

Nikki Oakley has been employed as the class TA in Emma's absence. Nikki is already known by most of the children in the school as she has already been volunteering with us. She will continue to shadow Emma so that she understands the role fully before she starts.



We would like to welcome all of our new staff members for an exciting year ahead in September.



**BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES:** Breakfast club provision has continued since the start of the summer term with no formal payment system established since SportsCool ended their contract. We hope to present a new approach to Breakfast club in the near future.

### STAND WITH UKRAINE – THREE SEEDS PROJECT

SOW - During March – sow your sunflower seeds and watch them grow into seedlings

SELL - April/May – sell your seedling plants to friends and family

DONATE - return your sale donations to school



*Thanks to Anabelle who sent in this photo of her sunflowers. I hope you have enjoyed the same success with your seeds! I can't wait to see the progress after half term, especially as the weather warms up.  
It won't be long before these can be sold and the money handed into school to pass on to the Ukraine appeal. Best of luck everyone!*



**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL:** On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, details of the residential were presented to parents/carers from Foxes class. The plans of activities and events including archery, tunnelling, climbing wall and a bat walk were shared. Details about camping for the three nights helped parents/carers better understand the plans for the trip. Thankfully, almost all parents/carers attended and very kindly offered their help with loaning tents and providing evening meals. Further details will be shared with Foxes class this week.

**PLAYGROUND MARKINGS:** New playground markings will be added this week. The installation of thermoplastic markings will leave our playground with long-lasting, colourful and interactive playground markings. The children are really excited to see the new designs. They will be finished before Friday so that parents/carers can see them for themselves. You might even want to try a bit of hopscotch while celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

**READING AT STEDHAM:** I am delighted to continue to hand out Reading Rockets certificates at our 'Celebration Assembly' to those who regularly read at home. This will give your child an excellent basis to develop and make progress in all areas of the curriculum. It is slightly disappointing that there are some children who haven't yet been awarded a Reading Rocket certificate. Please do your best to read with your child at home. It will be hugely beneficial to their learning.

### Fire service visit Stedham

It was clear that the children loved their visit from the fire service. They have learnt a lot about what the fire service do and about fire safety. The children loved seeing Mr Noble get dressed up as a fire fighter – our very own Fireman Sam! It was clear that Shayaan loved it too!



## Enrichment activities at MRC



- **DRAMA** – “After we arrived at MRC we were split into groups. We then read through the Little Red Riding Hood script, taken from Roald Dahl’s Rotten Revolving Rhymes. Parts were given out. Sadly, I was the narrator but Lulu got lucky and got the part of Little Red Riding Hood.” *(Report written by Olivia Ford)*
- **A TASTE OF HISTORY** – “We enjoyed our day learning about Anglo-Saxons and the Blitz. Although we liked learning about the Anglo-Saxon ship buried in Sutton Hoo, we both preferred the part about the Blitz. WW2 is really interesting and it’s nice to know what happened in the past. We now know all about the ‘Blitz spirit’ – Fascinating!” *(Report written by Ted and Tom)*
- **MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DAY** – “The language we studied was French. This was good as we get French lessons each Thursday at school. It was fun learning the French alphabet and all of the colours. It was also lovely to see friends from other schools” *(Report written by Elsa)*

## Stedham School photos: Whole school / Leavers

Don’t forget to order our amazing school photos. There is a whole school photo and a couple of Year 6 Leavers photos (one formal / one fun). The office will be sending out an email with details of how you can make a purchase.



## GARDEN TEA PARTY AT STEDHAM SCHOOL

To celebrate the very special event of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Stedham Primary School would like to invite you to our 'Garden Tea Party'.

Date: Friday 27 May

Time: 10.30 until 12.00pm

Venue: Stedham Primary School, School Lane, Stedham  
GU29 0NY

For further details and to register your attendance, please contact  
the school office on:

[office@stedham.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stedham.w-sussex.sch.uk)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



***Looking forward to seeing you at our Jubilee  
Garden Party on Friday***

## Other important Jubilee celebrations in the village



**STEDHAM & IPING  
PLATINUM JUBILEE  
CELEBRATIONS**

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

**JUBILEE PARADE**  
— FROM 12PM —

**PICNIC & FETE**  
— FROM 1PM —

COMPETITIONS  
GAMES  
FOOD  
STALLS  
DOG SHOW  
VILLAGE DISPLAYS

**BEACON LIGHTING**  
WITH SWAY THE BAND  
— FROM 8PM THURSDAY 2ND —



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SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

**ORDER OF EVENTS**

12pm **PARADE**  
Open for all to join  
Gather at The Hamilton Arms for a 12.15pm departure.  
Led by John Hills.  
**BEST HAT & BEST WHEELS** judged here.

1pm **PICNIC & FETE**  
Picnic and fete to open.  
Stalls include Food by The Hamilton Arms, Beer, bouncy obstacle course, game stalls, WI cake and more!

**MEMORIAL HALL**  
Photographic exhibition of the parish through time  
Exhibition of Stedham Art Society

**ST JAMES CHURCH**  
BELL RINGING  
Stedham Church will have the tower open for those who are interested in campanology.

2pm **JUNIOR OLYMPICS**  
A fun hour of junior games hosted by Stedham Sports Pavilion

3pm **DOG SHOW**  
Show of your dog to win the waggiest tail competition or the handsomest rescue.

4pm **RAFFLE & FROM OF HOUSE PRIZE**  
An finale of raffle & prize giving for the best from of house.

**COMPETITIONS**  
BEST HOUSE FRONT - Judged Thursday - Prize giving Sunday.  
BEST HAT - Can you decorate a masterpiece hat for the parade?  
BEST WHEELS - Can you decorate the best barrow, scooter or bike?

**PLEASE BRING CASH**



**STEDHAM & IPING  
PLATINUM JUBILEE**

BEACON LIGHTING

**STEDHAM SPORTS  
PAVILION**

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

Come join us at 8pm  
For music with SWAY followed by the beacon lighting  
from 8.30pm

JUDGING FOR THE BEST HOUSE FRONT WILL BE ALSO BE  
HELD TODAY. PLEASE ENJOY THEM OVER THE WEEKEND  
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED SUNDAY 4PM

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