

Stedham Primary School

Newsletter

24th October 2024



Headteacher: Mr Malcolm Meaby

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look back across the half term, I realise it has been a rather busy one: the Halloween disco, the harvest festival, World Mental Health Day and MacMillan Coffee afternoon to name but a few.

Harvest Festival at the church

Thanks to all of you who were able to join us at the harvest festival at the church last Thursday. We are so proud of all the children getting up and presenting and working hard to learn the songs so well. My sincere apologies that we were back significantly later than communicated. We will make sure going forward that we advise you of delays in our events with much more notice so you're not left waiting around.

Harvest Haul!

School councillors will hand over the donations you made to staff from the local Chichester and Midhurst Foodbank when they come to school later today to collect *all the good things that we've been given*. Over 100 items were donated in total and we're immensely grateful to you for all that you have been able to give to help the needy in our community.

Grounds tidy up day – 16th November 2024 - morning 09:30 to 12:00 noon



On 16th November we're having a grounds tidy up day to get the school grounds looking spic and span ready for the open day morning and afternoon in the following week (see flyer sent home already on open days). We'd be grateful of any help during that time slot so come with brooms and brushes, gardening gloves and willing helpers and let's make Stedham shine. Refreshments will be provided. Please let us know if you can help either by speaking to me at the start/end of the day or sending a quick message by email to the school office. Many thanks, Mr Leigh



The FoSS Event Planning meeting took place on 17th October. Huge thanks to all those who attended in person or online to help plan out the FoSS events for the rest of the term. Minutes of that meeting will come out soon.



FOSS Annual General Meeting – new date: **Monday, 11th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.**

I am so sorry to have to change the date by a week for the **AGM to Monday, 11th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.** We are still within the 21 days' notice of the date (now that it's later by just a week to 11th November). The meeting will very likely be online as this helps those wanting to join the meeting, but who also have childcare commitments at home.

<i>Key dates for your diary</i>	
No school run clubs on this week <u>except Aspire</u>	Mon 21/10 to Thurs 24/10/24
FOSS Pub Quiz (at The Hamilton Arms – see message sent home already)	Postponed - awaiting new date
Non uniform day & FOSS Spooky Cake Sale (see note sent home already)	Thurs 24/10/24 Cake sale 3.30-4 p.m.
INSET day (school closed to pupils)	Fri 25/10/24
HALF TERM	Mon 28/10 – Fri 01/11/24
First day back for pupils	Mon 4/11/24
Remembrance Day at the Memorial Hall	Mon 11/11/24 10.30 a.m. (letter to follow)
FOSS AGM	Mon 11/11/24 7.30 p.m. in person and online
Children in Need (dress too cool for school)	Fri 15/11/24 (letter to follow)
Grounds tidy up day	Sat 16/11/24 09.30 a.m. - 12 noon

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Birthdays – wear your own clothes

When it's your child's birthday, they are welcome to wear their own clothes to school for the day. Please ensure that the clothes and shoes they come to school in are practical and warm enough.

Please leave strappy tops at home and fancy dress costumes any clothing with inappropriate slogans should not be worn to school. If your child's birthday falls at the weekend, or during a school holiday, they may choose to wear their own clothes on either the Friday before or the Monday after their birthday.

Website and communications revamp



We're not looking to dramatically change the ways in which we communicate with you, but will revamp the website over half term, to reorganise the information and remove anything that is out of date. Once that revamp is complete, I will write and let you know more about the changes that have been made.



A message from Chartwells – please see the attached document regarding Chartwell school meals.

Don't forget

Friday, 25th October is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils.



Updated autumn term dates – please see the list of dates attached. Some things have changed and these are shown in yellow.

I may well see you later at the cake sale today after school if you are able to make it. Coffee and tea will be available so please do stick around for a bit if you'd like to. Otherwise, I do wish you a very happy half term and look forward to seeing everyone again on 4th November 2024 when school re-starts.

Best wishes for the half term,

Ricky Leigh

Mr Ricky Leigh
Interim Headteacher

