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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2023

VALUE OF THE MONTH: RULE OF LAW



Our assembly focus this month will be the Rule of Law and what this means in the 'real world' for children. This week we put the value within the context of Bonfire Night and rules around safety.' Through this value we will explore the idea of fairness and why society has to subscribe to agreed behaviours whilst celebrating our individuality.



We welcome November with wet and windy weather! So please ensure your children are prepared for the winter weather as we still enjoy as much outside learning as we can. If younger children could practice putting on and doing up their coats independently this would be really helpful.



Thank you's

Thank you to the PA for a spectacular Bonfire Night! The fireworks were amazing and such a wonderful way to end the event. Thank you to everyone who helped in whatever way possible the hard work is much appreciated.



Particular thank you to my car-parking comrades - I salute anyone that has tried to form straight lines of cars in the dark! I thank Jo Baker who waded through waist high grass

with me to ensure the public were safely parked 😊. Thank you to Miss T, Sandy Flakelar and Charlie Ridd who gallantly directed the public towards us.

Thank you also to Emmy's mum who valiantly cooked sausages and chopped onions for most of last week. I cannot imagine how many tears she shed over days - it was worth it as the BBQ was a huge success.



Curriculum Newsletter

Part of our Ofsted feedback that I am allowed to share is that some parents are unaware of the creative arts provision we teach in school. Attached are our curriculum newsletters which outline all the National Curriculum subjects covered each term. Also our website outlines our planning for the term and more information about the teaching and learning at South Stoke can be found on the class pages: Caterpillars - <https://www.southstokeschool.org/class-1-curriculum> and Butterflies - <https://www.southstokeschool.org/class-2-curriculum>.



Christmas Lunch

We are bringing back the South Stoke tradition of Christmas lunch on the last day of term. Over the years parents have contributed different skills to provide the children, staff and members of the community with a lovely lunch to end the Christmas festivities in school. This event is gleefully anticipated by the children and it is wonderful to see everyone enjoy themselves. So if you want to get involved please speak to our PA Chair, Jo Wyton (Henry's mum) and she will find a role for you 😊.

Again, it would be appreciated if the younger children could practice sitting at the table and using a knife and fork at home 😊.



End of term dates

Please see the organisation for the end of term to avoid disappointment. You will see the nativity dates and we will provide costume details in our December newsletter. The nativity will be performed in the village hall and therefore we have to adhere to their audience capacity. Again more information about tickets will be shared in our December newsletter.



Clubs

Clubs continue as usual this term but will finish at 4.15pm due to the limited light. Please ensure you inform us if you are running late to collect.



School Council

Our school council will be meeting this month to discuss the events we will be organising this year. In our assembly on Friday the children were involved in prioritising their wishes for the year. Council members briefly outlined their manifestoes from the elections and the other children voted on their 3 top preferences. Manifesto promises included different lunch time activities, fund raising for charity and the re-instatement of cooking club. Minutes of our meeting will be shared in our newsletters.



Parent/teacher evenings

There are still some spaces left for last minute bookings. Please speak to the class teacher to arrange a time.

Children are not encouraged to attend, however if they do they will stay in the middle classroom and will be informally supervised by staff until their parents are free.

Here are some of the pictures of the learning in Caterpillars class; further pictures can be found on the class See Saw pages.



IMPORTANT DATES 2023/24

NOV 2023

- 8th PARENTS EVENING
9TH PARENTS EVENING
16TH FLU JABS - PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE CONSENT INFORMATION ONLINE
17TH CHILDREN IN NEED - 'SPOTTY' WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE! CHILDREN TO WEAR ANYTHING WITH SPOTS, BUT REMEMBER IT IS A PE DAY SO SUITABLE FOOTWEAR IS COMPULSARY! IF ANY PARENT WOULD LIKE TO MARSHALL THIS EVENT, PLEASE SPEAK WITH MISS T ☺
DIVALI DANCE WORKSHOP
30TH BUTTERFLIES CROSS COUNTRY AT GORING PRIMARY 1-3PM, PICK UP FROM VENUE
2.45PM CHRISTINGLE

DEC 2023

- 6TH PROVISIONAL EVENT - BUTTERFLIES ATHLETICS TO BE CONFIRMED
13TH 11AM CHRISTMAS SINGING AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING
2.15PM NATIVITY PERFORMANCE - COSTUME AND TICKET INFORMATION NEARER THE TIME
14TH WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO OXFORD NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEARER THE TIME
15TH 2.15PM NATIVITY PERFORMANCE - COSTUME AND TICKET INFORMATION NEARER THE TIME
19TH CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12-1PM - VOLUNTEER PARENTS PLEASE SEE THE PA FOR DETAILS
END OF TERM 2PM FINISH
20TH *INSET*

JAN 2024

- 8TH TERM 3

FEB 2024

- 7TH PARENTS EVENING 3.30-5.30PM
8TH PARENTS EVENING 4.30-6.30PM
9TH END OF TERM 3.15PM FINISH
19TH *INSET*
20TH TERM 4

MARCH 2024

- 28TH END OF TERM 1PM FINISH

APRIL 2024

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15TH TERM 5

MAY 2024

1ST SATS PREP MEETING FOR Y2&Y6
PARENTS
6TH MAY FAYRE
24TH END OF TERM 3.15PM FINISH

JUNE 2024

3RD *INSET*
4TH TERM 6

JULY 2024

5TH SPORTS DAY 10-12PM PICNIC
LUNCH, BACK TO SCHOOL AND HOME EARLY
12TH REPORTS OUT
22ND 9AM LEAVERS ASSEMBLY & REV
BEN
23RD 9AM Y2/6 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
24TH 12.30PM ASSEMBLY
END OF TERM 1PM FINISH

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 😊