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VALUE OF THE MONTH: DEMOCRACY
(School Council Elections: Friday 22nd September)

Welcome back everyone and a hearty welcome to our new families. I am sure you have had the opportunity of seeing everyone at the end of the day and feel free to come into the playground to catch up with staff and get to know us.

I am sure you are eager to know what the children will be learning this term, so please find attached our Curriculum Newsletter which gives you a break down of the learning in each subject. Additional information about the teaching and learning in school can be found on our website:
www.southstokeschool.org.

We are using our social media platforms to keep parents up to date on the learning in each classroom. SeeSaw is a fantastic way for the children to upload videos or pictures as evidence of what they are learning; however platforms like X/Twitter and Instagram are forums for staff to keep you updated. Therefore attached is our Photograph Permission Slip for your signature explaining how we use photographs on these platforms. Please sign/email permission and return to school as soon as possible.

Our Generic Permission slip allows us to take the children around the village, to the church, to the village hall and to attend sporting events off site. Please sign and return to the office as soon as possible.

Also attached is a copy of our Important Dates for the year. Please note that the nativity performances have not been confirmed yet as we need access to the village hall. However we will issue Nativity dates as soon as possible.

I am currently updating our School Development Plan and would like to include your views on the school so that the School Leaders can take into account what you feel works well and what could be developed better. Attached is our Parent Questionnaire for you to complete and return to school as soon as possible. For new parents please complete using the limited information you have gleaned over the past week to complete as much as you can. Thank you in advance.

We have two Parent Governor positions on our Governing Body as Clare Wortley and Sophia Cleverly stepped down as their children have moved on to secondary schools. I have had one parent put themselves forward and would love to fill the other position. If anyone wishes further information or to observe our next Governors meeting; please speak with either myself or Miss Townsend as we can give you more information. Ivo Lasan is our Chair of Governors and he is more than happy to meet anyone interested to chat about how the Governors strategically plan for the years ahead.

Finally, every Friday at 9am we have our assembly in St Andrew's everyone is welcome to attend to see how we embed our values into our everyday experiences at South Stoke.

This week the weather has been exhausting, so I hope you all have a peaceful weekend and enjoy family time.

Best wishes

Miss Rogers