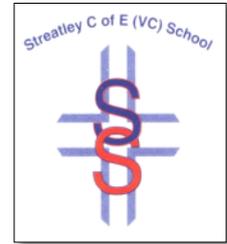




Newsletter 3:

Friday 13th October 2017

#reading #village #outdoors



Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of [Streatley Primary School](#),

Excellence

The downloads of our curriculum map have risen from 21 to 43, according to our website statistics. We look forward to seeing you on our parent involvement days as a result. [Click here.](#)

Communication

Mrs Van Der Waag has now moved on to pastures new, therefore please be aware that your child's absence is to be recorded by leaving a phone message, by leaving your child's name, their year group and their symptoms. Office email account is not checked in the morning.

Leadership and management: Governor thanks

As the FOSS committee changes for another year, the Governors would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee and helpers for all the hard work over the previous year. The range of events that FOSS organises and supports raises an exceptional amount of money (not least due to the generosity of the parents) which allows the school to purchase a wide range of equipment which wouldn't be possible otherwise. The development of the adventure playground has been fantastic to see, and financial support for things like theatre trips is really important and appreciated. In addition, many of the events are a staple of the children's calendar, providing fun opportunities for everyone to get together and enjoy themselves at things like the discos and fete. Thank you again to everyone for all their hard work and enthusiasm, we look forward to another exciting year of fundraising and support for the school in conjunction with the new committee and supporters.

Responsibility and Safety

1. Please help us minimise the disruption for the clubs at the end of the day **by not letting your child** or the children you've picked up play in and around the sports equipment set up. They must not run inside the nets and pull on them- they have broken the clips many times.
2. Please enter via the office **if running late**; using the gates after it has been closed by staff compromises the site's safety for all.
3. We are a nut free school due to severe allergies. **Nuts are potentially fatal for a few.**

Librarians update

Library club is going really well! For children: make sure you put your books away after you have read them. If you haven't finished, please talk to me or Katie W to sign it out. Make sure you give them back to a library monitor if you've finished with them and we will make sure you only take a maximum of 3 books out at once. Fleur

Head's update

This term we are learning about Charles Darwin and his voyage to the Galapagos Islands on the HMS Beagle in 1835. We have split into groups of 3 and we are making a presentation about an animal that has evolved on there. Eloise

In guided reading, we have our book which is called Sky Hawk. We have been doing lots of interesting learning about the fascinating book about ospreys. In this book there is a boy called Callum and a girl called Iona. Callum's friend Rob thinks Iona's a thief and she shouldn't be allowed to stay on Callum's farm. However, Callum has a secret about the ospreys and a reason to keep Iona on his farm. Sacha.

Deputy update (Get well soon Jacob)

I am really enjoying taking part in Rhymecraft (a poetry competition). I have found it particularly challenging to make everything rhyme, for instance 'pear' and 'year', although they are spelt with 'ear' at the end, they sadly do not rhyme. Elsie

Respect and Community

Thank you for all your donations to the Foodbank on Friday. We enjoyed the family event by giving thanks for Harvest at the church. Steve our Curate was as child friendly as ever, our youngest children watched him with awe.

The teachers and I are extremely proud of our speakers and the children's enthusiasm for singing. The church felt joyful.



Year 3/4

We had a fantastic time in Windsor on Wednesday. We were able to see the world's largest Motte and Bailey castle up close. In our workshop, we learnt about the castle's defensive features including the gruesome murder holes.

Today we climbed Lardon Chase for a field study task. We were challenged to find look at the landscape for where best to build a castle. We would put the Keep on the top because it is harder for people to attack. This is because it is steep and they'd have heavy armour. Also, they wouldn't be able to cross the river so this would protect us. Lastly, we learnt to read a map of Streatley. Albert



Update October 2017

AGM

With the FoSS AGM under our belts, we now have a new team championing school fundraising, and it's going to be a busy year!

The new team is as follows:

Class Reps

- Foundation Stage: Susan Lyon and Claire Lowery
- Year 1: Anna Foster and Amy Jay
- Year 2: Lindsay Johnson
- Year 3: Barbara Cross
- Year 4: Kelley Friel
- Year 5: Debs Caulfield and Emma Henderson
- Year 6: Liz Cox

Co-Secretaries: Sam France and Claire Cowles (Welcome Claire! Mum to Jackson in Year 2).

Co-Chairs: Vicky Gardner and Lizzie Webb

Co-Treasurers: Jane Stafford and Martin Drage

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of 2016/17 – Special thanks go to all outgoing class reps and to Erica Charles for being Treasurer for the last year.

Fundraising objectives for 2017/18

Miss Roberts has sought external validation that our interactive white boards are outdated and in need of an upgrade to enhance the learning experience. The upgrade will consist of a new

flat screen TV monitor in each classroom over time, which will be linked and interact with devices which will ultimately be available to each child. This brings the school at the forefront of classroom technology taking it off the wall and handing it directly to each child to explore and utilise. The cost is obviously significant and careful consideration is also being taken to ensure the system is maintained and secure at the school. FoSS have agreed to cover the cost of phase 1 which is to purchase the new screens without delay. School funding and additional FoSS fundraising will aim to equip the school with 30 devices this academic year, with the ultimate objective being to ensure each child has easy access to one within the next 2 academic years. The cost to FoSS this academic year will be approximately £7000 so it's time to start fundraising!

Easyfundraising

Last academic year we earned an amazing £700 with Easyfundraising! For those of you who haven't tried it yet, it is a website through which you purchase your usual items (supermarket shopping, online purchases with Amazon, John Lewis, Mothercare and more, utility bills, household insurance, flights, etc.). With each purchase Streatley School earns a percentage of the money spent. It really is free money, and with Christmas on the horizon it's the best time to start.

Register with <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fossstreatley/> and start earning money now! And don't forget to download the donation reminder tool to help you remember to activate your donations for each eligible purchase!

Match Funding

This academic year we would really like to increase our match funding opportunities. If your employer offers this scheme please let us know. Last academic year we earned £700 from Vodafone thanks to Liz Cox.

Events

- Children's Halloween disco – 19th October (infants 5–6, juniors 6:30–7:30)
- Christmas Party night for parents and friends – 2nd December 2017 – we need bar staff with sparkle!
- Children's Christmas disco – 13th December 2017 (infants 5–6, juniors 6:30–7:30)
- Student designed Xmas cards
- School quiz – Saturday 24th February 2018
- Hairy Legs Refreshments – 13th May 2018
- Summer Fete – 30th June 2018
- Leavers Disco – 13th July 2018

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd November, location tbc.

In the next meeting we will be discussing in more detail our financial plan for 2017/18, our reserves policy and allocating events. Please join us even if you're not thinking of becoming an official committee member!

Miss L Roberts
Headteacher

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