

Newsletter - 3rd November 2017



What an exciting start to the term! Halloween, the School Disco, Butterflies visiting the millpond and then bonfire night this weekend! We welcome Mrs Clarke and Mrs Hammond to the team here at Stoke Gabriel and they have already made a great contribution to the children's learning.

We have some important dates from next week as this half-term is always such a busy one and you will want to put them in your diary.

- Friday Morning 10th November - Individual and Family Photos
- Friday Afternoon 10th November - Community Cafe
- Friday the 17th of November - Children in Need
- Friday 24th of November - Whole School Art Day
- Friday the 8th of December - Christmas Fayre from 3pm
- Tuesday 12th of December - Spiders trip to Bristol Science Museum
- Tuesday Afternoon 12th of December - Ladybirds and Dragonflies Nativity
- Wednesday 13th of December - School Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 14th of December - Butterflies and Spiders Christmas Carol Concert

The sales of tea towels and Christmas cards have raised over £900 pounds for FOSS which is an incredible amount of money and will be put towards updating our laptops in school. A reminder to bring in 'your bags to schools' and leave them in the hall before Monday the 20th of November. With the cuts to our school budget all the fundraising from FOSS is more important than ever. We have had a few children off with a tummy bug this week and I am so grateful to the parents and carers for keeping them off for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. I know it can be frustrating as the children seem fighting fit and ready to return but the 48 hour restriction is the only way to stop the spread of the virus through a school.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and enjoy the firework celebrations.

Any Room at the Inn?

Letters were sent home earlier this week regarding this. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph (figurines) for a night on their journey around Stoke Gabriel, please complete the form and return to school. There will be Crafty Advent Fun at the Old School Rum on 2nd December from 3pm - 5 pm which includes a lantern procession to the church followed by high tea celebration to send Mary & Joseph on their way.

Weekly Attendance w/c 30th October 2017		Days Missed	Lates
Whole School	95.71%	21.5	3
Spiders	97.33%	4	2
Butterflies	97.24%	4	0
Dragonflies	94.07%	8	0
Ladybirds	92.25%	5.5	1

Well done to Spiders for great attendance!

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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For more information, please visit our website
<http://stokegabriel.thelink.academy/safeguarding/>

FOSS would like to thank all of the children and parents who supported the school Halloween disco - much fun was had! A profit of £115 was made, which will go directly to the school for spending on craft materials and equipment. We'd like to extend our thanks to Katie Young & Jenny Hayward-Jones who manned the food & drink stall.

Christmas Fayre

If you have any suggestions and ideas for the Christmas Fayre on 8th December, or can offer any help then please speak to Chrissy (Mum of Jayden and Abigail) or Tori (Mum of Oliver and Belle) or drop them a message on 07794615340.

Recorder, Flute, Clarinet and Piano Lessons

If your child is interested in having lessons in any of the above instruments, we have our music teacher, Marina Kummer, who comes into school on Monday afternoon. To book a free taster session, please contact the school office or Marina directly. Parents are welcome to come along too.

Lessons 20mins weekly at £30ph -ie approx £120 termly. Flexible payment terms by agreement.

Package deals with some free instrument loans available.
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Diary Dates

7th Nov	Premier Sport after school club - Tri-Golf (5 weeks)
9 Nov	Athletics for Dragonflies at Paignton College
10 Nov	School Photographs
10 Nov	Community Café at 2.30 pm
16 Nov	Butterflies - Athletics at Paignton College
23 Nov	Spiders - Athletics at Paignton College
17 Nov	Children in Need
24 Nov	Whole School Art Day
24 Nov	Open Day
8 Dec	Christmas Fayre at 3 pm
12 Dec	Spiders Trip to Bristol Science Museum
12 Dec	Nativity for Ladybirds and Dragonflies (PM)
14 Dec	Christmas Carol Concert (Butterflies and Spiders)
15 Dec	Last day of Term - Finish at 2.30 pm
3 Jan 2018	First day back to school for pupils

