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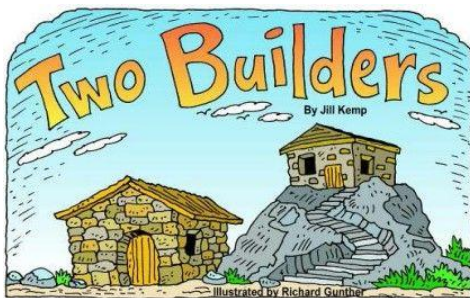
Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a particular welcome to the new families that have joined our lovely school!



The house on the rock stood firm and he said to them anyone who hears these words and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on the Rock (Matthew: Chapter 7). In assembly this week I reminded the children, through the story of The Wise and Foolish Man, of our school values and rules and the importance of not just listening to what they are but to actually trying to live them out in our lives every day. This term we will be having a particular focus on

the rule Showing Respect (Good Manners). I encouraged them to remember that whilst our rules are important, it is because our school is being built on the firm foundations (values) of compassion, honesty, thankfulness, forgiveness, tolerance and love, that we are a happy and successful community.

To have a healthy mind and soul requires a healthy body and I make no secret of my passion and commitment to sport and healthy living for the children at the school. There is an ever increasing body of research that links physical activity to improvement in academic achievement and good behaviour choices. Physical activity improves brain functioning which improves the childrens' ability to access, engage and complete their learning successfully. This is one of the reasons why sport and exercise will continue to play a strong part in our curriculum. We can further improve those neurological pathways in our brain, as well as our enjoyment and emotional well-being, by engaging in creative arts, which is why we will have a variety of art and music projects and events over the coming academic year. More on this in later...



All of the staff having been working hard to make sure that this year is even better than last year. So the ship has been made ready, the sails have been raised, we are heading out of the port and are beginning our voyage to becoming an outstanding school. Welcome to another year at Standlake Church of England Primary School. Enjoy!

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrew Denham



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A bit of housekeeping...

- **School begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.10pm.** Children from Ms McCulloch, Ms Cuddy, Mr Brown and Mrs Conroy's class will be collected and dismissed from the playground and taken into the classroom by the teacher. Parents are responsible for their children before and after these times.
- **Names in clothes.** PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put name labels in clothing or write a name on the washing label. If there isn't a name the chances of a missing item being returned is unlikely.
- **School dinner payment:** Please put the money in an envelope addressed 'Dinner Money', how many lunches it is for and the name of the child. Please hand this directly to the office at the start of the term (£72.60 for Term 1). If you are unable to pay the whole amount please ensure that weekly amounts are handed into the office on a Monday morning. The cost is £2.20 per meal. Cheques to be made payable to EPA (Eynsham Partnership Academy). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have their lunches funded by the governments Universal Free School Meals so do not need to pay.
- **Lunch Boxes.** If your child is in Morpurgo or Shakespeare class and is having a packed lunch please encourage them to place the boxes on the trolley outside the main Reception area at the start of the school day.
- **Parking.** Please do not park or drop off outside the school building as it is dangerous with so many children coming backwards and forwards. Please also be very mindful of where you park on the roads around the school as we often get phone calls from local residents upset about driveways being blocked or parking that prevents them from having a clear line of sight as they come out of their drive ways. There is a very spacious car park by the church which is only a two minute walk away from the school!
- **The field gate.** This will remain open while the ground is hard and the grass is reasonably dry (and will make the walk from the church car park even quicker!)
- **Home Learning.** This will go out on a Thursday and needs to be returned on the Monday. The Home Learning policy is on the school website under the policies section
- **After school clubs.** Club Energy Sports will be leading Funky Hip Hop Street Dance (places are limited) and Football and these start next week. Please speak to Mr Denham confidentially if the cost is a barrier to your child taking part. School staff will begin to lead some clubs from Term 2 onwards.
- **Food allergies.** Please do not send your children into school with nuts or kiwis as we have children with severe allergies to these foods. If you are sending your young child in with grapes, please cut them in half.
- **Snacks.** Please be aware that Year 1 children onwards are required to bring their own HEALTHY snack into school.
- **Tuck Shop.** Tuck shop is open to the whole school and is held on Fridays during break-time. The cost of this is 30 pence.



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Contact Details

Please let the office know if your **phone** number, **email** address, home **address**, **emergency contact** numbers have changed in the last 6 months. We also need to be informed of any new **medical needs**, including allergies and doctors name/address. It is essential these are kept up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency and so we can send you school newsletters, clubs and trips letters. It is also helpful for us to be informed if there has been a change in family circumstances. Please note that your email address will be shared with FOSS so they can keep you informed of up-and-coming school community events. If you do not want you email to be given to FOSS please let the office know.



On Tuesday 26th September we will be holding a parent information evening between 6.00-7.00pm. The first half an hour will be a presentation from Mr Denham and some of the staff. We will be reflecting on the recent Ofsted and end of year test outcomes, sharing the school development plan as we begin our journey to outstanding, and discussing some of the activities that will be taking place over the year. From 6.30-7.00pm your child's teacher will give a brief talk in their classrooms about the year ahead and the expectations. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions. For parents who have children in more than one class, the teacher will be very happy to meet with you by appointment, at another time.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Cycling Proficiency. Would you be interested in helping out running our cycling proficiency course? The road safety officer from Oxfordshire Fire Service will be leading some on-the-job training for some willing parents. We are looking to run the six week course on a Tuesday afternoon between 1.30 and 3.00pm, initially for our Year 6 children, starting on Tuesday 26th September. If you are interested in being involved please let the office know by Friday 15th September. Please speak to Mrs Conroy if you are interested.

Lunchtimes. We are looking for someone to help the staff over lunch time with the Nursery and Reception children. This would involve helping the children wash and clean their hands, walk them to the hall, help them with their lunch (cutting food, opening packets). We would need someone between 12.30-1.30pm. Please speak to the school office if you are interested.

Swimming. Would you be interested in helping to take Shakespeare class children to Witney Leisure Centre on alternate Friday afternoons (1.00-3.00pm) starting on Friday 15th September? Mrs Fleet will be leading the trip and qualified swimming instructors will teach the lesson. We need an extra adult or two to help escort the children to and from the center. Please speak to Mrs Conroy if you are interested.

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Free School Meals

You can get Free School Meals for your child if you or your partner gets either: Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. If you think you might be entitled to free school meals please provide the office with your national insurance number and date of birth and we can check for you.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and 2 they will be receiving the universal free school meals. However please still let the office know if you think you are entitled to free school meals because it will provide the school with additional funding.

Reading Diaries

All of the children will have received a new reading diary this week. We hope that you will find the diaries helpful as they give some tips on how to read with your child. We would like the children to be reading every day and for you to 'sign off' that they have read with you or independently. Children who achieve 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 and 200 reads will receive a sticker. We will be rewarding children with additional prizes for the bigger numbers – but only those who have had their daily read signed off by their parents!

Gardening

Mrs Pountney will be running a gardening club this term. If you have any spare flower pots (big and small), gardening tools and gloves, please could you donate them to the club. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

Shakespeare Class swimming

A reminder that we need £17.50 from parents who have children in Shakespeare class who will be swimming this term. Swimming starts on Friday 15th and then on alternate Fridays thereafter.

ANDREWS ACTIVE EARLY MORNING SPORTS CLUB

in association with Club energy

The morning club runs Monday to Friday 7.45-8.45am and takes place throughout the school term. The morning club is for children in Year 1 upwards. Foundation children may be accepted depending on the independence of the child. Each day costs £4.00. The morning club is designed so that parents have the flexibility to book their child in on a regular basis or to choose the morning club on late notice for a specific day. **If you would like to book a place please contact John directly on 07917444498**

Vicky's After School Club (ASC)



The provision runs between 3.10-6.00pm. The current fees are **£5.00** per child per one hour session, **£10.00** for a two hour session or **£15.00** for a three hour session. If you would like your child to attend please contact Vicky Hickman on 01993 851883/07887 711454 or email: Vickyhickman1@gmail.com. Please note that the school office cannot be used to answer enquiries or communicate to the ASC on parents behalf. Please contact Vicky directly.

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Dates for the diary

Term 1

Friday	15 th September	Shakespeare Class Swimming
Thursday	21 st September	Full Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday	26 th September	Parent information evening
Friday	29 th September	Harvest Festival 9.15-10.00am & St Giles Church
Monday	2 nd October	Shakespeare Class Swimming
Monday	9 th October	Shakespeare Class at EPA Striking and Fielding EPA Festival
Wednesday	11 th October	Under 11 mixed-hockey tournament
Friday	13 th October	Under 9 mixed-football tournament
Monday	16 th October	Shakespeare Class Swimming
Thursday	19 th October	Dahl Class Rugby League Festival
Friday	20 th October	Stop Day
		Under 11 and Under 9 Cross Country event
		Last Day. Finish at 3.10pm

Term 2

Monday	30 th October	INSET Day
Tuesday	31 st October	Term starts
Friday	3 rd November	Shakespeare Class Swimming

2017-18 Term Dates

Term 1

Mon&Tues	4 th /5 th September	INSET DAYS
Wednesday	6 th September	Term begins
Friday	20 th October	Term ends at 3.10pm

Term 2

Monday	30 th October	INSET DAY
Tuesday	31 st October	Term begins
Tuesday	19 th December	Term ends at 1.15pm

Term 3

Thursday	4 th January	Term begins
Friday	9 th February	Term ends

Term 4

Monday	19 th February	Term begins
Thursday	29 th March	Term ends at 1.15pm

Term 5

Monday	16 th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday	17 th April	Term begins
Friday	25 th May	Term ends at 3.10pm

Term 6

Monday	4 th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday	5 th June	Term begins
Wednesday	25 th July	Term ends at 1.15pm

Class Leaders/Teachers Autumn Term

Murphy Class (Nursery)

Mrs Harris and Mrs Kinchen

Donaldson Class (Reception)

Mrs Walton (Monday – Wednesday)
Mrs Holt (Thursday and Friday)

Blake Class (Year 1 and 2)

Ms McCulloch
Mrs Mitchell (Wednesday pm)

Dahl Class (Year 3 and 4)

Ms Cuddy
Mrs Fleet (Thursday am)

Morpurgo Class (Year 4 and 5)

Mr Brown
Mrs Fleet (Thursday pm)

Shakespeare Class (Year 5 and 6)

Mrs Conroy
Mrs Fleet (Friday)

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FOSS RACE NIGHT



On

Friday 29th September from 7.30pm onwards

Kindly hosted by Oxford Downs Cricket Club

8 races with a break for ploughman's supper.

Become a race horse owner for the night!

An auction will be held before each race.

A tote will be run on each race - £1 per ticket.

£5 per person, please book to avoid disappointment.

Raising funds for Standlake School.

Everyone Welcome.

Please contact Tillie Hardy, at Tillie314@sky.com or Claire Bowdon.

Tickets can also be purchased from the Standlake School reception or via

 FOSS Facebook page

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School Clubs

Day and time	Club	Yr Grp	Information	I would like to attend...
Tuesday 3.10-4.15pm	Football 	Yr1- Yr 6	Sessions: 10 Starting: 12 th September Cost: £4 per session. Cheques payable to Club Energy Places: unlimited Run by: Stuart Wells, Club Energy Contact: 07763736001 or info@clubenergysports.com Other: Please give the cheques to the office	
Wednesday 3.10-4.15pm	Dance 	Yr1- Yr6	Sessions: 10 Starting: 13 th September Cost: £4 per session. Cheques to 'Club Energy' Places: unlimited Run by: Caoimhe Kelly, CK Dance Academy Contact: 07763736001 or info@clubenergysports.com Other: Please give the cheques to the office	
Wednesday 3.10-4.15pm	Tennis 	Yr 4&5	Sessions: 10 Starting: 13 th September Cost: FREE (<i>subsidised by school & Sports Premium Funding</i>) Places: 16 Run by: Giles Henderson, Excel Tennis Academy Contact: School Office Other: Parents to collect from the Standlake Tennis Courts	
Wednesday 12.20- 1.00pm	Art & Craft Crafts 	Yr1- Yr3	Sessions: 10 Starting: 13 th September Cost: FREE (<i>subsidised by school & Pupil Premium Funding</i>) Places: 10 Run by: Ms McCulloch Contact: School Office Other: n/a	
Wednesday 12.20- 1.00pm	Gardening 	Yr1- Yr3	Sessions: 10 Starting: 13 th September Cost: FREE (<i>subsidised by school & Pupil Premium Funding</i>) Places: 10 Run by: Mrs Pountney Contact: School Office Other: n/a	
Thursday 3.10- 4.15pm	Go For It! 	Yr3- Yr6	Sessions: 10 Starting: 14 th September Cost: FREE Places: unlimited Run by: Mr Denham Contact: School Office Other: Fun fitness challenges and games with prizes!	
Friday 12.20- 1.00pm	Recorders 	Yr2- Yr6	Sessions: 10 Starting: 15 th September Cost: FREE Places: unlimited Run by: Mrs Conroy Contact: School Office Other: Recorders provided and can be taken home	

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If you would like your child to attend a club please tick the relevant box. If they would like to attend more than one club please use numbers 1 to 2/3/4 to indicate the preferential order they would like to go to them in (number 1 being the club they would like to attend most).

Some of the clubs have limited spaces and places will be offered on a first come first served basis. Where a club is over subscribed we will draw names from a hat.

Children can attend a club then attend Vicky's After School Club.

Financial subsidies are available for those who may not be able to afford the full cost of a club.

The school values and rules apply to the clubs just as much as the school day. In signing this form you and your child accept responsibility for their behaviour choices and if they do not live up to the Standlake expectations your child may be asked to miss the following session or leave the club.

In signing this form parents agree to make sure that they collect their children on time from the clubs.

Please return this form to the school office as soon as possible.

Signed..... (parent)

Signed.....(child)

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