ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
6th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the new school year! It has been lovely to see all of the children again and to chat with lots of you before and after school. The children look very smart in their uniform and they have all made a terrific start in their new classes. I was telling all of the children this in assembly this week.

I would like to say a special welcome to all of our new families who have joined us this term. The summer is often a time of change but it is lovely to see how so many families are wanting their children to come to Stopsley and to join the Stopsley community. I would like to give a big welcome to all of the new staff that have joined us for this year too. Everyone has settled in so well.

We have a million and more exciting things happening this year and you will see that we are sharing some great news with you in this newsletter about receiving some funding for certain projects. We are very much about ‘Inspiration-Aspiration-Excellence’ so we are looking forward to making our school the very best environment it can be for the children.

We strongly believe in every child and we will be continuing to work really hard to help every child reach their potential. So that every parent is really clear about what is expected in each year group and about how things are done, we are holding new ‘Welcome to the year group’ meetings over the next few weeks – please do try to come to your child’s one as it will tell you everything you need to know for the year ahead. The dates are on this newsletter.

Please do also visit our website and follow us on social media if you want to know anything about the school.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and thank you to all of the children for such a great start.

Mr Fordham, Headteacher

CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2019/20

Once again, our classes will be holding class assemblies later this year to showcase their learning.

We would like to warmly invite you to join your child and their class. Grandparents, babies and wider family and friends are all welcome, offering the greatest opportunity possible for each child to have someone in the audience.

Each assembly will begin on a Wednesday morning at 9.15am until approximately 9.45am. This will take place in the KS2 Hall and entry will be via the Library Gate (Gate 3). The gate will open promptly at 9.10am.

We hope to see you there.

AUTUMN PARENTS EVENING

Tuesday 8th October; 3.50pm - 5.30pm.
Wednesday 9th October; 3.50pm - 7.45pm.

Bookings for these evenings will once again be made via ParentMail.

Watch this space for more information!

‘WELCOME TO THE YEAR GROUP’

New for this year, we would like to warmly invite you to attend a ‘Welcome to the Year Group’ meeting being held by your child’s new year group teachers.

‘Welcome to the Year Group’ dates:

Year 1: Thursday 19th September (9.00am - KS1 hall)
Year 2: Wednesday 18th September (9.00am - KS2 hall)
Year 3: Wednesday 11th September (9.00am - KS2 hall)
Year 4: Friday 13th September (9.00am - KS2 hall)
Year 5: Thursday 12th September (9.00am - KS2 hall)
Year 6: Tuesday 17th September (9.00am - KS2 hall & 3.45pm - KS2 hall)

Entry for meetings in the KS1 hall will be via Gate 1 (Pedestrian entrance).
Entry for meetings in the KS2 hall will be via Gate 3 (Library entrance).
The gate will open 5 minutes prior to the start of each meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED! - SAVE THE DATES!

Class assembly dates:
06.11.2019 - Bell
13.11.2019 - Curie
20.11.2019 - Jeffreys
27.11.2019 - Scafell
04.12.2019 - Ben Nevis
15.01.2020 - Snowdon
22.01.2020 - Bolt
29.01.2020 - Murray
05.02.2020 - Ennis
12.02.2020 - Scott
04.03.2020 - Sharman
18.03.2020 - Earhart
25.03.2020 - Blake
29.04.2020 - Matisse
06.05.2020 - Kandinsky
13.05.2020 - Freedman
20.05.2020 - Carle
NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

As you may know we were shortlisted and participated in the Tesco Bags of Help initiative which took place over May and June.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 awarded to local community projects.

We are now excited to announce that with your help we achieved the most votes and have been awarded £4,000 for our sensory garden!

This money will be a great help to use in achieving our goal of producing a sensory garden to provide our children with a special outdoor learning environment where they can learn using their five senses. Our garden will be used by all children attending our school and will benefit our children with special educational needs.

Once again thank you, without your help this would not have been possible!

Last month we applied to National Lottery Awards for All.

If awarded a grant from this scheme, the money would go towards the planned sensory garden here at Stopsley.

We can now announce the exciting news that our application has been successful! The National Lottery has awarded us a £10,000 grant!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Lottery for considering and awarding us this grant as well as the National Lottery players who’s support makes these grants possible.

Watch this space!

As we put this grant to use we will update you on the ongoing progress of this well worthwhile and anticipated school project.

Have you seen our newly refurbished KS1 reading area?

What an achievement! This area was created by our very own teachers and we hope that this helps to inspire our children further.

We want to continue to create areas of inspiration! Our JustGiving page is now set up for financial support to help us achieve more.

Please donate what you can. A huge thank you to all those who have already supported this cause.

We would like to share the news that we have met the criteria and once again been credited the International School Award!

This is a great achievement for the school and we would like to say a huge thank you to all those who made this possible.