THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY *2nd Oct 2026*

Dear Parents,

We have had another strong week in school, with all of our children really settling into their work and routines in their classrooms. It has been great to see children engaging positively with their learning and continuing to develop in confidence and independence. We have our first Parents Evening coming up next week which gives you the chance to hear and see how your child has started this year.

A particular focus for our EYFS and KS1 children is phonics and we would really appreciate your support at home with this important learning. Please spend some time each day reading with your child, helping them to recognise and read their sounds and, blend those sounds together to read words. Regular practice, even for a short time each day, makes a real difference. Alongside the phonics book your child brings home from school, please do make time to share fun and enjoyable stories together too. We want children to develop their skills as readers but also to develop a genuine love of reading.

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who spent the past week on their residential trip to PGL. They embraced the opportunities and challenges of the week and we are incredibly proud of them. They all had a great time. A very big thank you to the members of staff, led by Mrs Fuller, who took the children away.

We were delighted to have our Rights Respecting Schools accreditation visit yesterday and we are incredibly proud to announce that we have now achieved our Silver Award! This award symbolises the great work and opportunities we provide for our children to lead, have a voice, grow in confidence and to recognise the important behaviours and rights that they all have. At Stopsley, we don't simply learn about rights – we also learn through rights. We give children opportunities to understand their rights and responsibilities, to listen to and respect the views of others and to play an active part in our school community. Achieving the Silver Award is wonderful recognition of the strength of our school in this area. A big thank you to Mrs Broderick who has led on this across the school.

We are always working hard to improve as a school to give your children the best. Please see the attached poster that shows our key aims (as a whole school) for the year ahead. A more detailed version of our plan can be found on our website. We will all work together to succeed with these. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Fordham
Headteacher

MEET OUR PREFECTS



Elizabeth, Ethan, Tia, Liam, Rian, Oliver, Aiden, Reece, Cali, Layton, Aurelia, Lizzy, Bella, Sophie, Cordelia, Isla, Erjona, Amina and Maryam.

STOPSLEY sports

Another busy sporting week with years 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 having their multi skill festivals. Year 1 and 2 were at Downside Primary School, so they were the lucky first group to travel in our new minibus!

Year 3 and 4 were at Inspire. The children took part in a range of activities that developed their transferable skills to other sports. Things like: kite flying, dodgeball, tag rugby, football and basketball. The children did superbly and had a great time.





Save the Dates

Children's Mental Health Day - Friday 9th October
wear something yellow. Please donate via the link
https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/10081/11058

French Day - Thursday 15th October
wear blue, red and white

POLITE Reminder

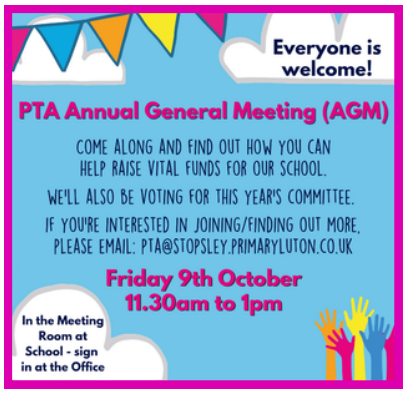
Please remind your children not to ride their bikes or scooters whilst on school grounds. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE

Please ensure children are not wearing hoodies other than on a PE day or non-uniform day.

PTA NEWS





There will be no Rainbow club or FLAG club on Friday 18th December
We apologise for any inconvenience.

Crisp Packet Collection!

Small packets... a big difference!

Please collect and **donate** foil lined, empty and clean crisp packets (any brand or flavour)!

They will be used by a small community project called **With love Sam X** to make insulation and thermal barrier items for homeless people.

Warmth helps people

Just remember:
- Foil lined (shiny inside)
- Empty (no crisps!)
- Clean (no food or dirt)
- Any brand or flavour

It's the foil lining that makes it useful!

Thank you for helping to keep people warm!

Small packets ♥ Big kindness ♥ Stronger communities

FAMILY SUPPORT

THE SCHOOL NURSING TEAM ARE IN

Thursday 8th October

Please send an email to our family support team if you'd like to make an appointment.

familysupport@stopsley.primaryluton.co.uk



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Our Pastoral Team are here to support our children and families. If you have any worries, concerns, or simply need someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to listen and offer support wherever we can.

Ms Mann – Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Herrick – Family Worker
Mrs Allen – Pastoral TA
Contact us:
safeguarding@stopsley.primaryluton.co.uk
familysupport@stopsley.primaryluton.co.uk

ATTENDANCE matters

Well done to our attendance award winners this week!

KS1: Donaldson 99.0%
Prize: Hot chocolate
KS2: Ben Nevis 98.7%
Prize: Crazy golf

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