



# STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"*

**Newsletter 1**

**11th September 2018**

## **Welcome back**

We are very excited to welcome you all back for a brand new term and new academic year. We have had a fantastic first week and the children have come back eager and enthusiastic to learn.

A special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and all families new to the school in other year groups. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you to ensure we deliver the very best for your child.

Also, we have new members of staff that have joined our school community: Ms Laura Wigley is Class Teacher in Year 5 South Africa Class, Miss Emily Woodcock is Class Teacher in Year 4 Japan Class, Miss Rachel Arnott is Class Teacher in Year 3 India Class, Mrs Michelle Walker and Mrs Louise Emsden are Teaching Assistants in Key Stage 2 and Mrs Julie Price is an Early Years Teaching Assistant.

Welcome to our team!

## **Updates from our school office**

To ensure that we have up to date information we will shortly be sending home 'pupil update' forms that need to be completed and returned to the office. **For safeguarding purposes, it is vital that we have correct personal information which includes at least two emergency contacts.**

As you may know, the way data is handled within organisations has changed. As part of this, we will be sending home letters asking for consent for a range of information.

Please also know that you may contact the office at anytime if you would like to opt out of receiving newsletters.

## **Keeping our school tidy and clean**

A massive THANK YOU to the children who helped tidy up our outside areas over the summer holidays. We collected six full bags of litter!

A special mention to **Jasmine and Ella Wiseman** for working so hard to tidy the bike shed. Now, let's all work together to keep this up!

Please help and encourage your child to stack their bike/scooter against the racks provided and be mindful about your litter - put it in the allocated bins.

## **Labelling clothes**

We have successfully reunited lost jumpers and coats with their owners because they were named.

Great!

Label, label, label... please.

## Parents Information Meetings

Tues 11th September: Years 1 & 2

Weds 12th September: Years 3 & 4

Thurs 13th September: Years 5 & 6

Weds 3rd October: EYFS

**These meetings will be led by the Phase Group Leaders in the school hall, 2.45—3.15pm.**

Important information will be provided about the curriculum, expectations, routines etc.

All important information will be uploaded to our school website.

*\* Please do take a look at our new school website for up-to-date information. Each class will be taking ownership of their own page...watch this space\**

## A few reminders...

- **Pushchairs and buggies:** These should not to be brought into the school building; this is to ease congestion in the corridors and entrances as much as possible, as these areas get very busy at certain times of the day.
- **Social Media:** Please be mindful that any inappropriate or negative comments regarding the school on social media sites such as Facebook, are really not in the best interests of our whole school community. **Any concerns you may have should always be made through the correct channels by speaking to an appropriate member of staff so that problems can be dealt with in a fair and effective way for all concerned.**
- **Safeguarding concerns:** If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries then please report to one of our safeguarding leads: Sue Shaw (School Inclusion Lead), Jess Butler (Head teacher) and Carolyn Hanwell (Deputy Head teacher). Posters with further information are displayed in all areas of school.
- **Health Care Plans:** Class teachers will be getting in touch with all parents and carers of children with HCPs to ensure that all information is accurate.

## School absence

If your child is unwell then please do remember to phone the school office the first morning your child is absent.

Inline with government legislation we are unable to authorise any holidays during school time.

**Attendance is monitored extremely carefully and letters will be sent out if your child's attendance falls below 95%.**

**Help your child achieve their full potential by making sure that they are in school every day.**

### Break time snack

Just a reminder to that there are snacks available for Year 1—6 children from our school snack bar at morning break time.

Items such as toast, raisins and fruit are available for 30p and milkshakes are 50p.

There is also free fruit provided for Early Years and KS1 daily.

### Water bottles

We encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day to keep hydrated.

During the summer term, all children were provided with their own personal school water bottle. If the bottle survived the summer holiday then please ensure your child has it (or another bottle) in school daily. They may take it home at the end of the day to clean and refill.

In Reception and Nursery, jugs of water and cups are available throughout the day for the children to help themselves to (with support if needed!).

### Extra-curricular clubs

Information will be sent out as soon as possible about the clubs on offer during Autumn Terms 1 and 2.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th September: 2.45pm: Years 1 & 2 Parents Information Meeting

Wednesday 12th September, 2.45pm: Years 3 & 4 Parents Information Meeting

Thursday 13th September, 2.45pm: Years 5 & 6 Parents Information Meeting

Monday 17th September, 6.30pm: DGS/SBS Parents meeting for Year 6

Friday 21st September: Swimming starts Year 6 and Nepal

Saturday 22nd September: Stephen Freeman PTA Autumn Fayre

Wednesday 3rd October, 2.45pm: EYFS Parents Information Meeting

Thursday 10th October, 8.45—9.00am: 'Books for Breakfast' Parents / carers invited in to share books

Monday 15th October: Year 1 trip. Information to follow.

Thursday 18th October: Individual school photographs

Friday 19th October: End of term, 3.15pm

**TRADITIONAL**

# British FAYRE

2-5pm

**22**  
SEPTEMBER  
SATURDAY

**STEPHEN FREEMAN SCHOOL**

ATTRACTIONS: Fair Rides, Cream Teas, Licensed Bar, Ice Cream Van, BBQ, Inflatable Football Shoot Out, Glitter Tattoos, Inflatable High Slide, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Classic Cars, Tug Of War, Martial Arts Demo, Didcot Youth Choir Demo, Free Craft Activities, Tombola, Raffle, Stalls AND MORE!

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