



Welcome

We've enjoyed a brilliantly busy month with lots of school trips, exciting class projects, a drama production and successful Sports' Day. It has been great to see so much happen so positively since our last newsletter.

Looking ahead... key dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
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| W/C 11 July | Annual school reports sent home |
| Wednesday 13 July | Transition time with new class group |
| Thursday 21 July 2022 | Leavers service - 1:15pm in School Playground (parents invited if dry). End of Summer Term at 2:00pm |
| Friday 22 July 2022 | School closed |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS | SUMMER HOLIDAYS |
| Monday 5 September | INSET - School closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 6 September | First day of new term. Gates open 8:35 - 8:45. |
| 10 October 2022 | Cheltenham Literature Festival Visit - Willow Class - Details to follow next term |
| 12 October 2022 | Cheltenham Literature Festival Visit - Beech, Chestnut & Oak Class - Details to follow next term |
| w/c 3rd October 2022 | Parents' Evenings - Details to follow next term |
| 30 November 2022 | Panto Visit - Whole School - Details to follow next term |

Highlights from this month



Climbing Wall

It was fantastic to witness all the children enjoying the specialist climbing wall in the school field. From the youngest in reception to the most adventurous Y6, all the children showed great determination as they challenged themselves to reach the top. Special memories have been made.

Youth Speaks Final

Following two rounds internally at school, our two finalists did superbly at their Youth Speaks Final competition this month. Two speeches about horse riding and plastics gained fourth and first place (champion!) respectively. Hard work, commitment, excellence and determination were all on show and we are extremely proud of their dedication and achievement. We look forward to Chloe's trophy presentation in school before the end of term.

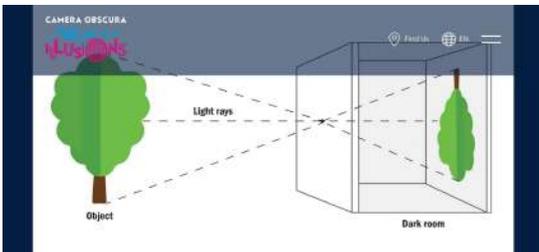




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Camera Obscura

Beech class created an amazing Camera Obscura in the upstairs of our cottage with Ms Liddell, which produced some amazing results and left children in awe of how the invention of the camera has developed over time. It was a truly great spectacle!



Sports' Day



The children showed huge enthusiasm and commitment at our Sports' Day. They represented the school well and our thanks go to Stone Cricket Club who kindly hosted us. We look forward to using this fantastic facility again in the future. The winning team was: **RED**. All four teams were split by only 12 points - it was a very close event!



District Sports Event

Our team of athletes from Oak and Willow class represented the school in a variety of events at Katharine Lady Berkeley School. The children showed real excellence and determination and proudly finished in second place overall in the small school category - great result!





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Visits out



Beech and Chestnut class spent a glorious sunny day among the trees at Westonbirt Arboretum this week. They learned about how nature has inspired different inventions and some children did fairy hunts too.

The whole of Willow class marinated themselves in the world of authors and reading by attending an event at Cheltenham's Everyman Theatre. Four of our pupils' work was selected and they read aloud (with great confidence and clarity) their writing which was inspired by our reading of Keren Getten's book: *When Life Gives you Mangoes*.



Oak Class performance



The Mystery of Magpie Manor was a great success - a brilliant story was told and the performance was enjoyed by many of our school community too. A huge well done to all the children involved and our sincere thanks to the staff who supported them to make this memorable event possible.

Goodbye to Year 6 & Cathedral service



Our Year 6 children attended a special service at Gloucester Cathedral to acknowledge and celebrate the end of their primary school journey before they venture on to pastures new. This group of Y6 have been superbly cohesive; they are friendly and kind and are a credit to the school.

They also managed to get a rock climbing and caving session in at Gloucester Warehouse before the service too!

On top of this, they have had transition days at their secondary schools and started to reflect on their time at primary school before they make their exciting moves for the next stage in their education.





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School Reports

Children's annual school reports will be sent home next week. This year's report will be sent in a more concise format, with a head teacher comment added too. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report further with your class teacher, please get in touch with the office so an appointment can be made. We look forward to sharing these with you.

Looking forward

As well as reflecting on a great month and a great term, this is the time many of us start to consider what new things we will be facing next year. Next year's academic calendar is now available on the school website and a key dates document has been provided too. Please be aware that sometimes things do change due to the nature of school environments and wanting to seize as many opportunities as possible for the children and to benefit teaching and learning. If anything does change we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

Governor voice - Rev Steve Godsell

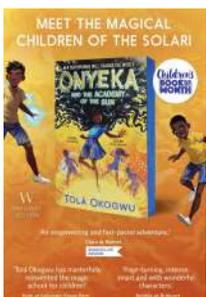
As well as being the local priest I am a Foundation Governor at school. Alongside the regular responsibilities of a governor, my job is to help preserve and develop the faith character of the school. That means I help with curriculum development as well as giving the children an inspiring start to the week with Monday worship.

Berkeley Library Summer Reading Challenge

As you know, reading is so important to children's cognitive development and we are a school that truly champions reading. Today Berkeley Library shared the Summer Reading Challenge with the children. Please support your children with their reading over the summer as its impact is profound. If you want further details about the Gloucestershire Reading Challenge which starts this weekend and runs until September, please use this link: <https://t.co/q1zRFLKBB8>

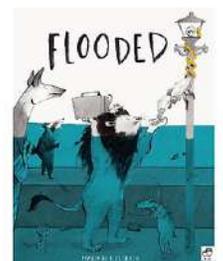


Exciting Reads - stories we recommend



For 9+: Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun is the high-spirited story of a British-Nigerian girl who discovers her curls have psychokinetic abilities and the thrilling adventures she undertakes with her new-found superhero friends.

For 4+: Flooded is a visually stunning book with a powerful story about learning to face up to problems before they grow too big.





In Flooded, the city faces a problem. It seems like a normal day; the city wakes up to find itself a little bit wet. No one minds at first as it was just a little bit of water, but as the city carries on with its usual rhythm, the smaller animals start to realise that it is all becoming a rather big problem.



For 7+: The Brightstorm Twins are back for the final time, in another thrilling adventure. Book Three wastes no time before plunging the reader straight into the latest exploration undertaken by the Sky Ship Aurora and her undaunted crew. This time, the ship is travelling north to the volcanic islands and the site of the first adventure for Ernest Brightstorm, the twins' father.

Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Book

Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book tells the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee.



Family Engagement

In April we asked for some feedback from families. We are responding to all the comments and trying to take actions to move forward successfully together. Please see the final section here. A new survey will be sent out in the Autumn term for views about the 2022/23 academic year.

| Family Comment | Response |
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| I understand the limitations of resources impact the teaching of non-core areas, plus this has not been a priority post-pandemic. Would love to see more teaching of languages. | <i>The current curriculum offer has been looked at closely this term and we will try to ensure a wide variety of teaching to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum is available for all the children.</i> |
| Stone seems to be a friendly and welcoming school with happy children and teachers. | <i>Thank you for the kind response.</i> |
| The lead-in time for Reception children was also far too long and assumed that children could be collected at lunchtime for weeks - I think in general the school could do more to cater for families with parents who both work. | <i>This is always being looked at. We appreciate that this might not always seem ideal, but we do have the children's best interest at the core of our decision making and we appreciate family support with this critical time in their education journey.</i> |





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| <p>I am still a relatively new parent, but I do not feel the governors are particularly visible. I am content I could work out how to contact them if needed, but it would be good to know who sits on the GB and when they meet and what is discussed.</p> | <p><i>We are continuing to develop our governor presence after the pandemic. We hope you find the information in the newsletter a useful start.</i></p> |
| <p>The care and kindness all teaching staff show couldn't be any better and has always been such a high standard, and seems at the forefront of all learning.</p> | <p><i>Thank you - we seek to always maintain this moving forward.</i></p> |
| <p>More notice for events would be great if possible.</p> | <p><i>I hope the calendar on the newsletter is helpful and the dates are now available for 2022/23.</i></p> |
| <p>Communications - Improved communications and advance notice from the school of key dates i.e trips, inset days, sports days, parents meetings etc.</p> | <p><i>(as above)</i></p> |
| <p>One of the things that I love most about Stone with Woodford is the consistency, the shared approaches by teaching staff who clearly know each other, support each other and have the same values. There is enough routine to keep those that need that foundation settled while the guest teachers, events and trips bring excitement and variety. Where there are special events they are usually whole school events. I am very grateful that there are not 'reward' systems where only the top scoring house or group get to do an activity etc.</p> | <p><i>I am delighted with how the children are so intrinsically motivated and this is something we will endeavour to continue to deliver on - thank you.</i></p> |
| <p>I worry about some of the behaviour in the playground. On the occasions that I have been around school at play times some of the play has seemed a bit "wild" and I'm concerned that someone is going to be injured as a result.</p> | <p><i>Our team are working hard to offer as many opportunities to children to engage in different play-based activities during their breaks and lunchtimes - this is developing well and we look forward to building on it further next year.</i></p> |
| <p>Always Happy to help would like to see children find a passion in growing veg and basic healthy recipes. This could be an after school club or something which FOSS could fund maybe. A recipe a month the children can take home.</p> | <p><i>This sounds like a fantastic idea. If any families would like to offer their services for an after school club please see the notice below.</i></p> |





We are very grateful for the many offers from parents volunteering for clubs - **please can you email us by Friday 15th July** if you would like to offer a club to our children in the Autumn term so we can get all the official safeguarding checks in place. We are particularly keen to support areas in the arts, sports and environmental awareness categories.

Thank you for reading and we welcome your support as we move forward each day. If you have time, please find below the news from FOSS, and some resources we hope that you will find interesting.

The Stone with Woodford School Team





FOSS Update

We have raised over £500 this year through our fundraising events including pre-loved uniform sales, non-uniform days, tea and cake and ice lolly sales. Thank you to everyone that has supported these events. There are plans for a trip to the panto later this year and play equipment for the children so all fundraising will go towards these events and we welcome your continued support. If anyone wants to get involved please email pta@stone-with-woodford.gloucs.sch.uk or contact the school office. Any help that you can give, however great or small, is hugely appreciated!

The end of term is approaching fast but there's still a couple more weeks of ice lolly sales planned (and good weather forecast!) so please bring some change with you on a Friday.

The next Rags2Riches clothes collection is on Wednesday 21 September. So if you are having a clear out of clothes, shoes and bags over the summer please pop them in a bag ready to bring into school on that date. Uniform can't go in those bags but anything that is in good condition would be very welcome as a donation to FOSS for our second-hand uniform sales. Please drop any donations (clean!) into the school office. To buy items email us at pta@stone-with-woodford.gloucs.sch.uk with details of what you are looking for and we can check our stock to see what we have.

Just because it's the school holidays doesn't mean that fundraising stops and with much planned for next year we will need to up our fundraising to match! Did you know that you can raise donations for Stone with Woodford C of E Primary School every time you shop online, and at no extra cost to you whatsoever with easyfundraising.org.uk?! All the big name brands are on there like Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, as well as thousands of others who'll give valuable donations to our school to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's easy, and doesn't cost you anything. Simply:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swcofeps>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising

Please ask your friends and family to sign up and support us too.



Last but not least, another way that you can help is by letting us know if your company offers funding opportunities for local groups and charities. Some companies offer a cash sum towards a project or will donate a raffle prize. This is a great way of boosting our fundraising and we will happily help with any information needed for such an application. Similarly, if you are a member of fundraising groups such as Rotary, Lions etc that might offer funding we'd love to know more about these in the local area too.

Thanks again for all your support this year and here's to more fundraising fun and great opportunities for our children in the new school year.





Supportive families at home – Working together

Vodafone Digital Parenting

In our world of evolving technology, it has never been more important to be aware of what your children are accessing online. Please use this website to support any concerns you might have with technology:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>



With school holidays almost upon us, many parents are wondering how to keep their children entertained. Streaming videos, gaming or scrolling through social media will be top of the activity list for lots of children but how can parents feel confident that they are maximising the benefits of time spent online? Vodafone recently polled 1000 parents and one third admitted to feeling concerned about online safety with extra screen time during the summer break. It also showed that parents believe online safety should be taught from the age of five but that many aren't sure where to start.

That's why we want to help parents have important conversations with your children early on about how to build healthy digital habits. In partnership with Andersen Press, Vodafone are offering 10,000 free digital copies of *Chicken Clicking*, *Troll Stinks* and *Old Macdonald Had a Phone*, written by author Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Tony Ross. The books explore themes of internet bullying, managing screen time and being mindful of internet predators in fun and engaging stories.

Whizz Pop Bang is a company on a mission to spread a love of science to as many children as possible this summer by offering an award-winning monthly magazine that helps girls, boys and everyone to become interested in science. There's an introductory offer of £5 for the first three months (that's a £7.99 discount!) to help more families try the magazine over the summer. <https://www.whizzpopbang.com/threesch>

Gloucestershire Cheerleading Academy is running a series of Summer Camps over the holidays. For more information email gcateamcoaches@gmail.com or visit them at www.facebook.com/Gloscheer/





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Jump Back Up July 2022



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| <p>4 Find something to look forward to today</p> | <p>5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time</p> | <p>6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground</p> | <p>8 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy</p> | <p>1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry</p> | <p>2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"</p> | <p>3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it</p> |
| <p>11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation</p> | <p>12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'</p> | <p>13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation</p> | <p>14 Get outside and move to help clear your head</p> | <p>15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step</p> | <p>9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture</p> | <p>10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them</p> |
| <p>18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter</p> | <p>19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it</p> | <p>20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself</p> | <p>21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life</p> | <p>22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down</p> | <p>16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts</p> | <p>17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today</p> |
| <p>25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead</p> | <p>26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath</p> | <p>27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)</p> | <p>28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem</p> | <p>29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right</p> | <p>30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support</p> | <p>24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong</p> |
| <p>31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human</p> | | | | | | |





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Stone Cricket Club
Sunday 10th July 2022
11am-6pm

Bar, BBQ, Disco and Live Music, Fairground Rides, Donkey rides, penalty shoot out, crazy golf, inflatable nerf shoot, bouncy castle, facepainting, craft stalls, raffle, tombola, cake stall, tuck shop & more!

Pocket money prices!!
 Everybody welcome

Onsite parking & toilet facilities available.

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AGES 10 TO 18

We are looking to grow & increase our girls only age sections.. U12's, U14's, U16's & U18's

This Girl can.. and so can you. No experience needed, we welcome all new or returning players.. so come give it a try!

Contact Graham Stait on 07568057385 or email ggstait@aol.com

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 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING IT SO FUN AND ENJOYABLE!

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AGES 6-16

STROUD PONY CLUB
 Open House Taster Rally on Sunday 17th July 2022 from 10.00am-3.00pm

Pop in for an hour or two or more and see what we get up to! Bring your pony or come on foot, there will be something for everyone to join in with.

Forty Acre Lane, Lyplatt, Stroud, GL6 7LQ
 Please contact Helen Sewter for further details - hsewter@pcuk.org or phone 07713 293045

NB If you would like to bring your horse/pony please do let us know so we have an idea of numbers and can arrange activities appropriately.

The Pony Club is an international voluntary youth organization and its vision is to provide children and young people with the opportunity to develop a lifelong love of horses through fun, friendship, horsemanship and sport. Education plays a large part with achievement badges and efficiency tests covering, riding, horse care and coaching. We believe sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty are key to creating strength of character and self-discipline.

For further information on The Pony Club visit www.pcuk.org
 For our branch visit: branches.pcuk.org/stroud or FB: [facebook.com/stroudpcinfo](https://www.facebook.com/stroudpcinfo)

