



SUMMER

## Welcome to our June Newsletter

Since our last newsletter our children have shared some wonderful learning and experiences. We hope you can share in our pride and enjoyment in the coming pages.

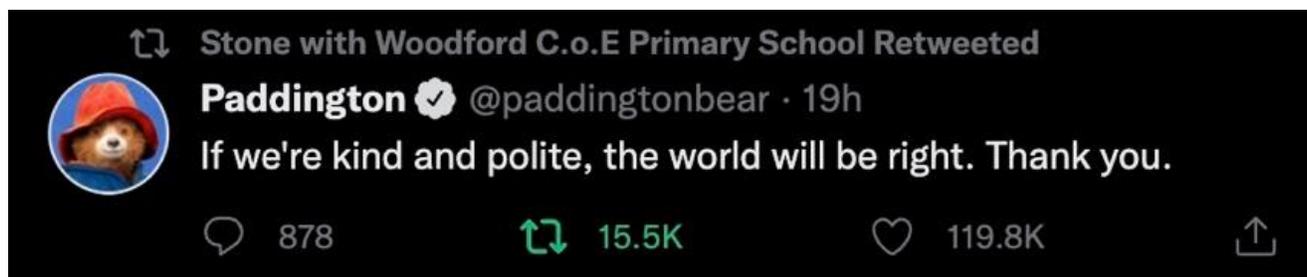
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee events were a wonderful tribute to all that Her Majesty has seen during her reign. She has led through some incredible events over the past 70 years and many people enjoyed special events over the unique bank holiday weekend.

Our school Jubilee Celebration was a special way to end the term. The children presented some fantastic art as well as describing the past 7 decades and sharing their wishes for the next 70 years – hearing their voices expressing these thoughts was moving and memorable.



## Looking ahead... key dates for the Summer Term

Monday 13 June	Final swimming/dance session for Chestnut and Oak
Wednesday 15 June	Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection for FOSS (please bring clothes to playground by 8.45am)
Thursday 16 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral and Climbing Wall Activity
Friday 17 June	Willow Class Reading Trip at Everyman and Gym Session
Monday 20 & 27 June	Swimming for Willow Class. Collection at school from 3.30pm
Thursday 23 June	Y4 Theatre Trip to Sharpness, collection from Sharpness School at 2.45pm
Friday 24 June (if bad weather, July 7)	Sports' Day at Stone Cricket Club, GL13 9JL 1pm-3.10pm. Please collect from the Cricket Club.
Sunday 26 June	Support our school Nature Club at Berkeley Show
Monday July 4, 11, 18	Swimming for Willow Class. Collection at school from 3.30pm
Monday 27 June	Parent Meeting for New Starters at 6pm
Tuesday 5 July	Beech Class visit to Westonbirt
Wednesday 6 July	Oak Class Play Performance (in Stone Church) 2.30pm
W/C 11 July	Annual School Reports sent home
Monday 18 July	Oak Class Trip to STEAM in Swindon
Thursday 21 July 2022	End of Summer Term – 2pm finish





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### **More Highlights from the past few weeks**

#### **Young Sport Leaders**

This week Mrs Bates, sports teacher at KLB, came into school to train Year 5 to be Young Sport Leaders, with Beech class as their trainees. The older children enjoyed teaching and learning some new skills, and Beech class had a wonderful afternoon.

Year 5 can now provide additional active games to the rest of the children during their play times!



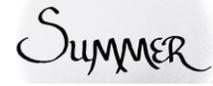
#### **Chestnut's invention exploration**

This week Chestnut have been exploring the camera as an invention; when it was invented, what people did before cameras and how the invention has changed. They have handled a Polaroid instamatic camera from the 70s, an SLR camera from the 60s and they have compared this to a digital camera. They are really looking forward to experiencing the Stone camera obscura when the weather is bright enough.



#### **Rachael Latham – Paralympic Visitor**

Just before half term World Championship Paralympic swimmer Rachael Latham visited our school to share her messages of being happy, promoting teamwork and never giving up. The children were captivated and motivated by her talk. The event raised over £900 and we thank families for all their support with the fundraising, which will allow the school to invest in some exciting new sports equipment.



### **Berkeley Show and Nature Club**

In Science and Nature club, KS2 are well under way constructing their bug hotel. Please show your support by coming to see us presenting it at the Berkeley show on Sunday 26th June.

### **Governor introduction – Brian Williams**

As Chair of governors, my role is to lead a team of people representing parents, the Diocese, the community and the staff in ensuring that we support the school. Our job is to influence its strategic direction and to hold the Head Teacher to account for the school's performance as well as overseeing the funding and how the money is spent.



### **K'nex Challenge**

Earlier in the year, Willow class took part in the K'nex challenge. The two winners from this event attended the final at Renishaw before half term and represented the school superbly.



### **Oak prepare for the stage**

Oak class have been hard at work learning about how forces impact us and the world around us. We have begun learning our parts, songs and dances for our end of year play, Mystery at Magpie Manor. We are looking forward to our school trip to STEAM in Swindon later in the term.

### **Nature Quiz**

A wealth of nature knowledge took our Y5/6 nature quiz team all the way to the semi-finals of the event for all local primary schools, and they came within four points of reaching the final! It was a tense but enjoyable affair and this valuable knowledge will serve our children well as we continuously look to focus on our environment and sustainability.





## **Young Voices**

A great event that will live long in the children's (and many parents'!) memories too! At the LG Resorts Arena in Birmingham, 30 of our children sang along with thousands of others to make the most incredible sound and be the 'main act' in a phenomenal concert. Many thanks to Mrs Murrin who put so much effort in to ensuring the children could perform brilliantly as the lead teacher for an epic day and night!



## **Creative Greatness**

We were delighted to welcome back our professional artist in residence for a special workshop, looking at polar landscapes.

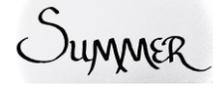
Creativity underpins everything we do in school and it can be seen in all subjects, not just the arts, and is enjoyed by so many too.

## **Willow**

Willow class have had an amazing month with many participating in Young Voices, iPad Music lessons, a residential trip to South Cerney and of course the Year 6 children completed their SATs too! The class have been investigating in Mathematics too which has created some really engaging and thought provoking conversations.

## **FOSS and community support**

Our FOSS team raised a fantastic £150 on the weekend of the 14 May as they sold cakes at Berkeley Parkrun and other venues. We are really grateful for these funds which will contribute towards many projects that we are currently considering. We are also very thankful to the support FOSS has orchestrated and gained to make the school grounds look so positive too – it really has been great to see the community come together to support the school



### Message from FOSS

Firstly, thank you to everyone who supported the end of half-term Jubilee celebration event. It was wonderful to see the fantastic presentations by the children wearing their red, white and blue and then lovely to see everyone enjoying the refreshments while spending time together in the playground. A big thank you to those parents who helped put the event together from putting up bunting and preparing the food and drinks to serving and then clearing up afterwards. Special thank you to Michala and Ali for arranging the ice-cream cart and donating the ice cream.

With the donations from the non-uniform day and the money raised from refreshments we raised over £200 for the FOSS fundraising, so thank you to everyone for your contributions and we hope that you enjoyed the event.

After the popularity of the ice cream and lolly sales at the Jubilee event we have decided to offer them for sale after school every Friday until the end of term. We can't muster the lovely ice cream cart every week but members of FOSS and parent helpers will be selling ices from 3.10 - 3.25 with prices starting at 40p. So make sure that you have some change with you when you do the school run on Friday afternoons so that you can start your weekend with a little treat and help us raise some money at the same time. We could do with some extra helpers to make sure that we have every Friday afternoon covered so if you could spare us 30 minutes one Friday afternoon please let us know via the office or by emailing [pta@stone-with-woodford.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stone-with-woodford.gloucs.sch.uk)

Our next fundraiser doesn't feature food! We will be doing another clothes collection for Rags 2 Riches on Wednesday 15th June. If you haven't donated before, it is very simple. Please just bring bags of unwanted, clean clothes or footwear to the school on the day of the collection. They then collect the bags from us and weigh them and we get money towards our funds depending on the weight. Please bring bags in at the start of the day and we will collect them in the Cottage.



## **Family Engagement**

In April we asked for some feedback regarding how we are doing. We are responding to all the comments and trying to take actions to move forward successfully together. Please see the next few here...

Family Comment	Response
As a working parent I notice a lot of schools offer after school clubs till around 5/6pm 5 days a week. Stone is very limited and only 1 hour a day doesn't help much with a full-time worker.	<p>We are always looking into what we can offer for after school clubs as they are an enriching part of our curriculum. Our staff voluntarily give up time to run them and an hour after school works well for the children.</p> <p>We offer a variety of clubs and will look to rotate opportunities for all children so they can access rich learning opportunities. Please take a look at our twitter feed to see some of the great things going on:</p> <p>Currently the demand for a childcare service, which we know some larger schools can offer, is limited. We can only run such a service if it is financially viable for the school. Should we receive significantly more requests, it is something that the school and governing body can then consider.</p>
In response to what the school does well: The rest are also great, I just checked the ones that I felt are the areas where the school does exceptionally well.	Thank you. The staff work exceptionally hard to deliver a great curriculum and have inspiring ideas throughout all they do – it has been a privilege to see this as the new headteacher too!
No safety concerns, very secure site and small school means all children are well known and parents are recognisable to teachers.	Safeguarding is something that is always taken seriously and we thank you for the positive response. Please do however contact us immediately should a safeguarding concern ever arise.
I appreciate the stresses and pressure the school office/teachers are under however a minimum of 1-2 weeks notice prior to any event taking place, would be greatly appreciated.	We are doing all we can to address calendar issues – schools are environments where sometimes last-minute changes do occur or exciting events that we want our children to experience are offered with little notice. However, we hope families find the dates in the newsletter useful and we are organising a full calendar for next year which we will try to communicate before the end of this academic year.
We don't know what our child has covered in e.g. science. We do feel that children who are performing well at	Our school is being run with the principles of kindness and determination; we work hard to ensure each child reaches their potential.



<p>school could probably be pushed a little harder, particularly with a view to Grammar school entry.</p>	<p>We offer regular parents' meetings, and you are always welcome to speak to the teacher if you have any specific questions or concerns. We are looking to add more detail about our curriculum to our school website for the new academic year. In the meantime, please look on Twitter to see what children have been up to and to get a further insight into their learning.</p>
<p>I really do believe that this is a school that supports the needs of the individual child to reach their full learning potential. That is something that a lot of schools claim to do but it is very rare to see a school that actually delivers. We feel very fortunate to have found it and for our children to have the benefit of such an environment.</p>	<p>What a heart-warming response – thank you for your kind words.</p>

### **Lost property FREE school**

Thank you for supporting in our initiative to become a 'lost property free school'. Anything that goes missing this term will be swept up quickly and re-established with its owner and named with a sharpie pen as soon as it is found. Please name everything at home to avoid this need if at all possible.

Thank you for reading and we welcome your support as we move forward each day (if you have time, please find below some supportive documents we hope that you find interesting).

### **The Stone with Woodford School Team**

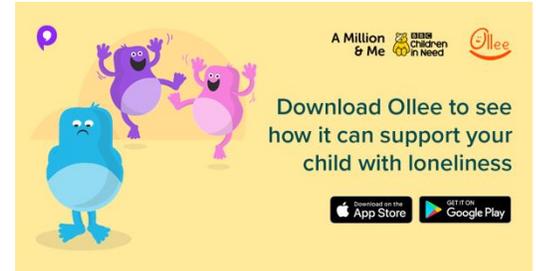


## Supportive families at home – Working together

### Emotional Wellbeing

#### *How to help children deal with loneliness*

The global pandemic put massive mental health pressures on many families – as they had to find new ways to come together while staying physically apart. For some, they did this with limited access to their normal support networks.



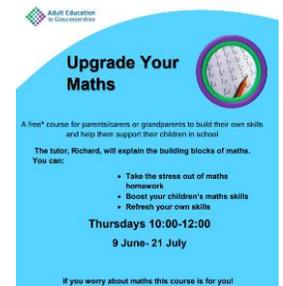
Loneliness sometimes seems easy to dismiss as nothing more than a passing feeling. However, the significant strains of the last few years have impacted some people more than usual. It is therefore even more important now to avoid feeling lonely for long periods of time, as this can lead to more serious mental health problems.

Building positive relationships is essential for children to find support and understanding – whether they are feeling sad, melancholic, misunderstood, lonely – or when they are not sure what their emotions are.

The free app, [Ollee](#), funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative, helps 8-11 year-olds identify and understand their feelings, and offers them support when their emotions might seem overwhelming.

### Maths Course

We hope you found the communication around improving maths skills to support your child useful, it might not be too late to sign up. If you are still interested please email [Fay.Tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Fay.Tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



### Computer Games



Are you concerned by what your child is playing on their screens? Taming gaming is a family gaming database where you can research and find out the fundamentals behind many of the leading titles that children are engaging with.

Family Video Game Database has been created to help parents, carers and guardians gain a deeper understanding of video games. Through unusual lists of games, detailed search and alternative suggestions they connect families with amazing, affordable video games that are valued by adults and children.

They only include games in the database if they offer unique and unusual ways to play, process and participate for particular age groups. We also include games if they are important for parents to know about because of popularity or mature content. <https://www.taminggaming.com/en-gb/>



# Joyful June 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	 <p>6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings</p>	 <p>7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good</p>	<p>1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month</p>	<p>2 Say positive things in your conversations with others</p>	<p>3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it</p>	<p>4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it</p>	<p>5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down</p>
	<p>13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side</p>	<p>14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you</p>	<p>8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share</p>	<p>9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently</p>	<p>10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them</p>	<p>11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it</p>	<p>12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone</p>
	<p>20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity</p>	<p>21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement</p>	<p>15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it</p>	<p>16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way</p>	<p>17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful</p>	<p>18 Look for something good in a difficult situation</p>	<p>19 Get outside and find the joy in being active</p>
	<p>27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy</p>	<p>28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people</p>	<p>22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh</p>	<p>23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to</p>	<p>24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for</p>	<p>25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others</p>	<p>26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it</p>
							

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