

Newsletter

14th June 2019

Dear Everyone,

We would like to start our newsletter by saying a huge 'well done!' to every child who took part in our talent show today.

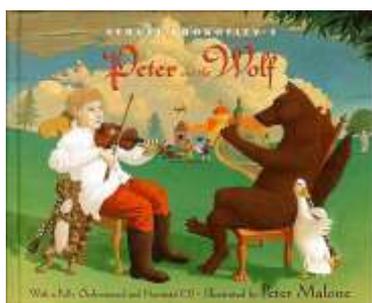
It was lovely to see children from every year group sing, dance and play musical instruments in order to provide us with entertainment.

Once again we can say with pride that Stockton has talent!



Sing! Sing! Sing!

On Tuesday children from our singing club accompanied Mrs Beale to the Joseph Rowntree Theatre to perform in Sing! Sing! Sing!. The children joined a number of musicians, including our guitar teacher Mr Henry Bird, in a celebration of music that included well known pieces from Queen, Matilda and the Beatles to name just a few. The feedback from the show has been fantastic, making us once again incredibly proud of both our children and the adults who support them. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Beale for organising such a wonderful event. We are already looking forward to the next event at which the children will be performing.



York Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert

Children and accompanying adults are invited to the open rehearsal of Peter and the Wolf as performed by the York Symphony Orchestra from 3pm on Sunday June 30th. The performance will take place in the Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall at the University of York. Adam Tomlinson from BBC Radio York will be narrating the story and children from Stockton on the Forest primary school will see Mrs Snashall playing the part of 'grandfather' on the bassoon.

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for our summer fair in return for children coming to school in non-uniform on Friday 7th June. They were very gratefully received.

If you have any unwanted gifts or toys at home that are in an excellent condition please could you consider sending them into school? They really do make a difference to our events.

If you do decide to send them into school please do so by June 28th



Healthy School Week

Next week is Healthy School Week at Stockton on the Forest Primary school. This year the focus is on keeping active. Each day children will undertake an additional 30 minutes of physical activity, which our Y6 pupils have devised for them.

As they are undertaking physical activity every day children should come to school in their PE kit throughout next week.

In line with the week, our sports afternoon is set for the afternoon of **Wednesday June 19th**. In the event of bad weather the reserve date for sports afternoon is the afternoon of June 25th.



The sports afternoon session will begin at 1pm with parents being welcome onto the school field from **12.45pm**. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate anyone arriving earlier than this as the children will be using the outside area for their lunchtime break.

Sports day Trophies

Thank you to those who have returned sports day trophies. If your child still has a sports day trophy please make sure it is returned to school as soon as possible as they need to be cleaned in readiness to be presented after this year's event.



Transition Sessions



During the morning of Wednesday 19th June we will be welcoming those children who are due to join our school in September into school. The visit will be the first of four that they make between now and the middle of July. As a result of their visits we are using the opportunity to provide additional transition sessions for children across school so that they can become familiar with their new class arrangement prior to finishing school for the summer in July.

If you have any questions about the sessions or would like to meet with your child's new teacher, please feel welcome to arrange an appointment over the coming weeks.

Sharing Assembly

Our next sharing assembly will take place on **Friday 28th June** at 09.10am. During the assembly children from Willows class will be sharing their work. We look forward to seeing you there!



Can you Sponsor Mr Bates?

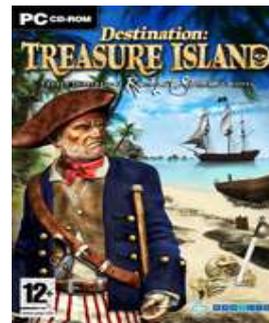
During the weekend of the 29th June to 2nd July Andy Bates (Rebecca's dad) will be cycling approximately 300 miles between Penrith and Milton Keynes in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK.

The ride is in memory of a good friend and colleague of Mr Bates who died suddenly in 2017 from the disease aged just 53. If you would like to help Andy reach his £1000 target please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/a-bates1>.

KS2 Production

Children in Oaks and Hazel class are currently rehearsing for their end of year production, Treasure Island. The performances will be on Tuesday 2nd July at 1.30pm and Thursday 4th July at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Summer Café

Our next parent partnership event will be our summer event. As you may be aware we are currently trying to raise £10,000 in order to begin our planned improvements to the outdoor area of our school. As a result our summer event will have a fundraising element to it. This year we will be running a Stockton on the Forest Primary school café which will take place on the 5th July. The café will be open to all from 2pm - 4pm and will include a raffle and tombola. Cakes and drinks will be on sale throughout the café opening times with some of our very own waiters/waitresses being available to take your orders.



As part of the event children are once again invited to run their own stalls. This aspect of our summer event has always been aimed at providing children with the opportunity to develop their enterprise skills. As a result, children are able to keep the money that they raise but are encouraged to make a donation to a charity of their choice should they make over £10 profit on their stall. This element of our summer event will remain the same.

Please Sponsor Miss Bell!

On 3rd August 2019 Miss Bell will be undertaking the 24 hour Relay for Life at York Railway Institute. The Relay for Life is being organised to raise money for life-saving research by Cancer Research UK. If you would like to know more, or would like to sponsor Miss Bell, please speak to her in person. Alternatively, you can make a donation into the box located in the main entrance to school, take a money box to collect change, or purchase an umbrella or scented candle.



New Bank Holiday Date

We have received due notice from the City of York Council that, in line with the rest of the country, the school will no longer be shut on Monday 4th May 2020. It will shut instead on Friday May 8th 2020 in remembrance of VE day.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend from everyone at Stockton on the Forest Primary School.

Meeting of the Parent Partnership Tuesday 21st May 2019 2pm

1: Present: Sarah Mills, Karen Nash, Suzanne Anderson, Christine Hodgson, Julie Morgan-Cox and Anthea Mitchell.
Apologies: None

2: Matters arising:

SOFEY:

The Toddler Group had asked if the early years events could be started up again. Now the nursery is well established this was agreed. In the past all the events were driven by the school. The plan is to have 3 events per year but for the organising and activities to be arranged in rotation so that responsibility is shared across the partnership. The next event takes place on Wednesday 22nd May.

Nativity:

Parents had asked if a more traditional telling of the nativity story could be found. This has been put to staff for next Christmas.

Clothing collection:

Karen had suggested a bag to school collection to help raise additional funds, maybe after the holidays when parents might be clearing out summer clothes. It was agreed that Mrs Mitchell is to contact the company to arrange a suitable date.

3: Summer event planning:

Date for the summer event is Friday 5th July. It will be a fundraiser for the new outdoor equipment. The theme is an English Tea Party.

It was agreed at the last meeting to hold the event from 2-4pm. It will be open to the public between 2-3pm where the children will run the hall as a cafe taking orders and serving tea and cakes. From 3-4pm the cafe will be more self-service supervised by adult volunteers. People will be able to spread outside if they so wish and can bring picnic rugs etc. Parents should collect children at 3.15 as usual and either come early for a quiet cuppa or later for a more family affair.

It was agreed that parents are to be asked for contributions of cakes or biscuits which should then be brought to school on either Thursday 4th or Friday 5th July in readiness for the day (as per cake stall at Christmas fair). A request for cupcakes, muffins etc will be sent out in the school newsletter. It was noted that larger cakes will need to be pre-cut before the event and that should not enough donations of cakes be received a member of the partnership will purchase additional supplies.

The idea of children in school making crispy cakes or rocky road in class was discussed.

It was agreed that children will once again run their own stall as an enterprise intuitive. This means that they will be able to keep any money that they raise for themselves and be requested to make a donation to the school should they make more than £10.

The possibility of additional attractions was discussed.

Fundraising at the event:

Tombola and raffle to be run on the day. Mrs Mills to arrange a non-uniform day (probably 7th June) in return for wine, chocolates and biscuits that can be used as prizes. Some of the donations will be possible used to make hampers for a raffle. It was agreed that some money could be taken out of parent partnership funds to buy additional items if required, A voucher for a summer activity like the York Maze was suggested as a possible prize. It was decided that external letters are not going to be

sent out asking for prizes (so as not to duplicate with the Christmas fair requests) and tickets will not be sold in advance of the day so a license will not be required. Karen agreed to source books of raffle tickets.

Suggestions of themes for the non-uniform day included dance troop, football team, all one colour etc. It was suggested that this be discussed with the children in class so that ideas could be shared to ensure that no child would be left out or felt awkward. Mrs Mills to brief staff.

Additional attractions for the event were discussed including:

- a 'guess the weight' game going round tables at 50p a guess for a small prize.
- Craft and colouring activities on the traction engine theme for the children in return for a donation. Christine to look into ideas for this.

Resources:

Christine to check parent partnership cupboard for tea, coffee, sugar, paper plates and tea spoons, extra to be purchased as necessary.

Karen to ask village hall if we can borrow some cups and saucers and one of the water boilers for the afternoon.

Food bags and paper plates to be bought if none in the cupboards so any cakes left at the end can be sold for people to take home.

Children will need notepads and pencils for taking orders. Ask Mrs Binns if the trolleys from the kitchen can be used so no children are carrying hot drinks.

Mrs Mills and Mrs Mitchell to look in the school cupboards for bunting and cake stands.

Children possibly to make table decorations - suggested jam jars with flowers and grasses from the wildlife area and school grounds.

Karen will do posters and advertise around the village. Deadline for HandyMag and Grapevine is 4th June.

It was felt that some other entertainment would be nice if possible. After discussion re it was suggested that Liz Hart be asked about the Morris Dancers who had visited a few years ago. If they are available they could do a display and workshop in the hall between 3-4pm.

4: Sponsored event:

All the money from the sponsored orienteering is now in and raised £826.10. This has been added to the money raised at last year's event which was also for outdoor play equipment so the total available is over £1700.

A parent asked if the nursery were going to help with the fundraising as they use the outdoor area as well. This has not been coordinated yet but they have offered to help (and are supplying a traction engine for the summer event).

One parent commented that more money could have been raised from the sponsored event if the wording had been clearer on the entry forms. It had been stated in the original paperwork that each child would be able to find 20 stations and so you could sponsor per station found. The older children did a trail in the village and there were only 12 stations available. In addition some of the younger children had found it difficult and either didn't find the stations or didn't mark their sheets so only found 3-4. These comments will be taken into consideration when planning future events.

5: AOB and questions from parents.

Meeting times:

A parent had suggested that future parent partnership meetings be held in the morning after school drop off like the sharing assemblies, 9.10am. It was agreed to try this to see if it was easier for people to attend and also help those who forget in the afternoons.

Vegetables with hot dinners:

A parent asked if vegetables could be made compulsory for all children to have on their plates. Mrs Mills highlighted the issues around children who refuse to eat anything if their food has been touched by vegetables or if certain foods were on their plate. The importance of all children, including those with sensory problems and those with food issues, being able to decide which food they wish to eat was spoken about. All children are encouraged to have vegetables and to try new foods during lunchtimes at school. However it was felt that parents should take the lead in encouraging their children to include vegetables in their diet.

Water in class:

One parent asked if staff can be reminded to encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Mrs Mills agreed to remind staff.

Spelling sheets:

One parent asked if spelling homework sheets could be made more visually attractive for younger children. Mrs Mills agreed to raise it with staff as part of the school review of spelling.

Parking:

There is one parent consistently parking outside no.1 The Hollies opposite the school gates and parents felt that this was causing problems for anyone trying to get in and out of the pub car park due to blocked visibility. The yellow zig zags indicate a no parking zone but they are only painted on one side of the road.

Refurbishment of the toilets:

This is on-going. Mrs Mills is in the process of obtaining quotes. Any quotes then have to be put to the board of governors for approval.

Meeting closed 3.10pm