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Stoke Goldington CE School NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2 2025



Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to a new half term and look forward to enjoying the last weeks of what has been a gloriously colourful and abundant autumn before thoughts of winter fun set in!

We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead with lots of exciting activities planned so please have a look at the dates for your diary. As the weather is changing, please make sure that children have their coats in school every day. Please can you check that all gloves, hats etc. are named, so that children can become independent at taking care of their own belongings.

Thank you for joining us at the church for a wonderful **Harvest celebration** with the village and for all your generous contributions.



Values



This term our value is **Trust**. We'll be learning all about trust – what it means, how we can demonstrate it and why it's so important. We will explore not only trusting other people but also trusting ourselves and what we can achieve.

Communication

We will keep you informed through ParentMail regarding trips, dates and all other school information. We also have a class dojo which is used to share activities we have been doing in school and to share curriculum information such as phonics videos. If you need to contact us, please use the school email address or telephone the office, as the dojo messages may not be seen until the end of the day. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to speak to any member of staff. Mrs Parkins works every morning apart from Wednesday and is always happy to help.

Celebrate the world

This is our topic this half term. We will be 'Celebrating the World' by exploring different countries and cultures through stories and poems, learning about food and festivities around the world. We will be going outside and looking at seasonal changes in and the children will observe and describe the weather associated with the seasons and how the length of the day changes. We will be looking at maps and learn about the human and physical geography of the UK and the World's 7 continents and 5 oceans.

We also hope to be able to welcome some of our families and community in to school to learn about their experiences around the world.



School Trips



After a successful visit to MK Museum we are really excited to have more exciting opportunities

planned for the whole school this half term.

Thanks to the **Friends of Stoke Goldington School** we will be doing our annual visit to the local Christmas Tree Farm, kindly hosted by the owners Chris and Jenny. We will join with the other VSF schools to go to see Stick Man at The Stables Theatre. The children will also have the chance to sing at the Olney Christmas Tree Festival. We're always looking at ways we can bring our curriculum to life for the children, so do keep your eyes peeled for more adventures!

Clubs

Clubs are back in full swing and it is lovely seeing the children so engaged and enjoying these additional opportunities. While many of you have already signed up to our clubs if you are interested in joining any clubs then please do not hesitate to contact us and we will try and accommodate you.

Our current clubs are:

Monday – Active Maths

Tuesday – Encore Football

Wednesday – Yoga

Thursday – Art.



Anti-Bullying Week



This week is all about empowering children and young people to use their **Power for Good** to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

We will be teaching this through exploring how our behaviour affects others, how we all have similarities and differences and how we can be respectful.

Harry's Rainbow

You may have heard of **Harry's Rainbow**, a local charity that helps children and families after someone dies. Their mission is to give bereaved



children a brighter tomorrow. We know that even our youngest children can feel sad when someone they love is gone. That's why it is important to talk gently about grief and feelings, so children know it's okay to be sad, ask questions, and remember special people and pets. This year Mrs Underwood will be using Grief Awareness Week 17th – 23rd November to share a special story and talk to the children about grief and grief education to help them feel more resilient and understand loss.

Dates for your diary

- Power of Good Week – **10th – 15th November**
- Children in Need – **14th November**
- Grief Awareness Week – **17th – 23rd November**
- Christmas Tree Farm Visit – **17th November**
- Olney Christmas Tree Festival – **Saturday 6th December @ 1pm**
- Nativity performance – **15th December @ 6pm**
- Christmas Theatre trip – **17th December**
- School Christmas lunch – **18th December**
- End of Autumn Term – **19th December @ 1pm**
- Spring Term Starts – **Tuesday 6th January**

A note from Mrs Wallace



As the clocks change and winter draws in, it is easy to forget in the cold and dark how exciting this part of the year can be for children. With Halloween spookiness followed closely by the whizz bangs of Bonfire night, quickly being replaced by the sparkle of Christmas decorations and the long wait of the advent countdown, there is always something to look forward to. It is as much a joy as a teacher as it is as a parent to share in their excitement, and we are all looking forward to using that excitement to expand the children's learning.

Whether you are talking about a friendship, a family member or even a teacher/pupil relationship, the cornerstone of any relationship is trust. We know that as parents you place a great amount of trust in us, as we nurture and educate your children. This half term, we are looking forward to teaching the children about trust and hope that you too can support us in explaining its importance to them at home.

I look forward to seeing you all at the school gate soon.