



OLD SODBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we have made it through another year here at Old Sodbury, and what a year it's been! Please can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year. We say good-bye to some wonderful staff who have over the years given so much to this school and made it a truly great place for children to learn and be happy. Our final farewell will be at the leavers' service in church so if you missed our Saturday's celebrations then don't worry. Thanks to all who have given donations to their leaving gifts.



RE Afternoon

Thanks to those of you who came to our annual RE afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed having you in their classes and showing you what they do in RE lessons. We hope to run the same event next year but in the morning as it would be great to see even more of you there.

Inset days

The inset days for 2018/2019 are as follows;

Monday 3rd September 2018
Tuesday 4th September 2018
Friday 26th October 2018
Monday 25th February 2019
Friday 28th June 2019

School sleepover

This was a truly wonderful event and it couldn't have taken place without all the adult support we had. The children had a great time. Thanks again to Rosalind Poole, Vicky Slee, Christina Williams, Jo Lewis, Jana Clark, Lindsey Harvey, Chloe Allsopp-Jones, Charlotte James, Andy Newell, Leisl Morgan, Phil Morgan, Eddie Garnier, Annette Garnier, Emily Lewis, Charlotte James, Simon Bateman and Sarah Hewitt. I am incredibly grateful for all the time you gave up to give the children such an amazing time and create some special memories for them.

Summer events

LIFESKILLS SUMMER CHALLENGE

Can you get a balloon from A to B without letting it touch your body? Can you draw a realistic self-portrait while blindfolded? Get crafty, creative and competitive in the Lifeskills Summer Challenge. Take part in fun challenges inspired by 'Task Master' and 'The Button'. When? 13th and 23rd August, 10am – 12pm. Where? Lifeskills, The Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN. Entry is £2. Most suitable for 7-11 year olds but all ages welcome. Contact johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk or call 0117 922 4511 for more information.

LIFESKILLS DOORS OPEN DAY

Come along to the Lifeskills Centre this September for a fun, family-friendly day out. We will have stalls from the fire service, the RNLI, Network Rail and more. There will be games, crafts and other activities including a puppet show. When? Saturday 15th September, 10am – 4pm (last entry 3.30pm). Where? Lifeskills, The Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN. Free entry. Suitable for all ages. Contact johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk or call 0117 922 4511 for more information.

South Glos Music Hub are hosting a 'Hands On' event where students will be able to try out all the instruments that we teach. The event will take place at:

4-6pm - Wednesday 12th September 2018
Little Stoke Primary School

Register at <https://southglosmusicub.eventbrite.co.uk>
or on Facebook @southglosmusicub

This is a fantastic way to inspire your child to start instrumental lessons and join a band or orchestra. South Glos Music Hub offer lessons on the following instruments, and you can try them all!

STRINGS: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass WOODWIND: Flute, Recorder, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, BRASS: Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Tuba Guitar (Classical and Electric), Bass Guitar, Piano, Voice, Drum Kit, Percussion

Please fill out the online registration form so we know you are coming. The link is on our Facebook page @southglosmusicub - please like our page to see all the different events our musicians take part in!

It won't be long until your child is ready to join one of our development centres on a Saturday morning. This is when the fun really starts as they can join one of our bands or orchestras, make new friends and have fun performing around the county.

There are different types of lesson to suit your budget and you can hire one of our instruments to get started straight away. Please contact us for more information and we are happy to answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Best wishes

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The Summer Reading Challenge

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find [new books to read](#), take part in [competitions](#) and play [games](#). To find out more look at the website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The Life Skills Bus

The life skills bus will be back in school again on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

These life skills sessions are delivered in a mobile classroom driven into school grounds and we have used this resource for over 10 years. They take a three-strand approach addressing children's knowledge, skills and attitudes, and their programmes are aligned with the National Curriculum (Citizenship, PSHE Education), covering all Key Stages. If you would like to know more then please check out their website; <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/life-bus-box/>



Well done assembly

The next well done assembly will be on **Thursday 25th October** at 9.15am in the school hall. All welcome.

New behaviour system

The school will be introducing a brand new behaviour system for September. This is going to be a whole school approach to ensure consistency throughout and will also be in operation during lunch times. More details will come out to you next term and all will be explained to the children on the first day they are back. We hope that it will support a no tolerance approach to classroom disruption and ensure that all pupils get the best learning in all lessons. We would appreciate your support once this is in place.

Year 6 leavers

Please join us all to say a fond farewell to our wonderful year 6 pupils. They will be very much missed. The service starts at 9.15am and please join us back to school for tea and coffee afterwards.



Along with some wonderful year 6 pupils, we are also losing some amazing year 6 parents who have contributed so much to this school. My heartfelt thanks to you all for all you have done. You have helped make and shape this school to what we see today and I appreciate every lift, every meeting, every idea every offer of help that you have all given. You will be missed.

School Website

I will endeavor to update the school website during the summer holidays. Within the first few weeks of the term the class curriculum maps should be on ready for you to look at and the school development plan will follow shortly once agreed by the full governing body. The calendar will also be updated with as many events scheduled for the year.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on **Monday 22nd October**. The vaccinations will be available for children in reception through the school until year 5 (Not year 6). More details will follow at the start of term 1.

Afterschool clubs

Afterschool clubs will be starting the week **beginning 17th September**. Details of what will be on offer will come out to you during the first week we are back.

FOSSA

Next FOSSA meeting is on **Wednesday 19th September at 2pm** in the school library. All welcome! FOSSA have a page on the school's website. Please visit it to see the minutes from all the previous meetings. FOSSA AGM is on **Thursday 25th October** after the well done assembly in school.

Creative curriculum topics for 2018/2019

Our creative curriculum topics for next year are as follows;

Term 1: Inspiring Sculpture



An Art focus for term 1 looking at famous sculptures and artists and their history. The children will be using a variety of materials to create different kinds

Term 2: Ice Age



A Geography/Science focus for term 2. A look into global warming and climate change, the reduction of ice sheets. The effects this has on various animals around the world.

Term 3: Blue Planet



An Eco focus for term 3. A look into the high level of usage of plastics and the effects on the environment and ocean and ocean life. How we can make a difference. David Attenborough's programs about plastics – children creating own

Term 4: Off with their head!



A History focus for term 4. A look into the history of the Tudor/ Stuart family, the war of the roses. How the Tudors lived. Battles and conspiracy,

Term 5 and term 6: When I grow up!



A “STEM” focus for terms 5 and 6. A look at the world of employment, children's aspirations for the future, the world of business, engineering and technology. A visit to the new aerospace education centre.

Internet safety advice

How to continue to keep your children safe whilst online....

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online.

Put yourself in control

Install [parental controls](#) on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

Use airplane mode

Use airplane mode on your devices when your child is using them so they can't make any unapproved purchases or interact with anyone online without your knowledge.

Bench donation

Some of you may have noticed a wonderful new bench on the school field. Huge thanks to the year 6 parents who donated it to the school. It is very much appreciated as it replaces one which is really on its last legs!

Reception stay and play session

The first stay and play session for new reception parents to come into class is on **Wednesday 24th October** from 9-9.30am.

Attendance News and Facts:

Congratulations to the following children for their 100% attendance!

Ollie Adams, Joe Hewitt, Emily Hewitt, Evan Fortune and Kailah Williams. What an amazing achievement!

Sports news



It has been a very busy term for competitions. The children have taken part in cricket, tri-golf, district sports field and track events. They also participated in quad kids (4 events consisting of 75m sprint, vortex throw, standing long jump and 600m). Old Sodbury were the top small school and went through to the county round at Bath University. Well done!

Yesterday the final round of the Cotswold Small Schools football competition took place. The children played fantastically winning every game and well done to Erik for keeping a clean sheet. Old Sodbury won the competition for the 3rd year in a row! Congratulations to Toby who also won the golden boot.

Another successful year for Old Sodbury!

Miss Hancock

Monday 3 rd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th September	First day back for all children. New Reception children: 9am-11.45am.
Monday 10 th September	New Reception children: 9am-1.15pm
Monday 17 th September	New Reception children in full time. Afterschool clubs start this week CRY assembly
Wednesday 19 th September	FOSSA meeting 2pm in the school library.
Thursday 20 th September	Regenerate assembly
Friday 21 st September	Ambulance visit into school.
Monday 24 th September	Road safety assembly
Tuesday 25 th September	New reception parents/carers invited in for school lunch. 12.00-1.15pm
Wednesday 26 th September	Dog fouling assembly.
Wednesday 3 rd October	Life skills bus visit in school 9.15am Ethos committee meeting
Monday 8 th October	6.30pm FGB meeting
Thursday 18 th October	Bishops visitor is in school.
Monday 22 nd October	Flu vaccinations in school (Not year 6)
Wednesday 25 th October	Stay and play session for New Reception parents and carers. 9.00-9.30am
Thursday 25 th October	Well done assembly 9.15am FOSSA AGM after well done celebrations Last day of term 1
Friday 26 th October	INSET DAY

Have a wonderful Summer break!

Bernice Webber -Brown - Headteacher