

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Welcome Back & Thank you!

Welcome back everyone to a new school year, and welcome to all our new staff.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your overwhelming generosity and support at the end of last year. All staff were totally overwhelmed with the cards and gifts and thanks they were given at the end of term.

Please visit the school website for staff and class details: www.stoswaldsnetherton.com

Attendance

We encourage outstanding attendance in every class from Nursery onwards and believe that every day in school is crucial to children's education. Every week the class with the most attendance are awarded 'Cuddles' the bear and a voucher to spend as they wish. Each individual child gets a bronze, silver or gold award for termly 100% attendance and a treat at the end of the year for 100% attendance.

Congratulations to the winners for last school year from 02/09/15 - 21/07/16 - Y3 with 97%. Overall attendance for each class last year is as follows:

Reception 95.6%, Year 1 95%, Year 2 96.6%, Year 3 97%, Year 4 95.1%, Year 5 96.9%, Year 6 96.4%.

Our overall attendance for the school was 96.1% - we are hoping to beat that this year, our target is 97%!

Dinners from September 2017

Please note that this year there is no price increase and the cost of a child meal will remain at £2.00 per day. Dinner money should be paid on the first day of the week for the week ahead for all children, not in arrears. You can also pay for the whole term.

From Year 3, children have a choice to either stay for a hot meal or bring a packed lunch. If you want your child to change over, we need you to contact the school office and give one week notice to change. The new menu is available to view on our school website at <http://stoswaldsnetherton.com/page/school-meals/30666> and in the notice boards on the playgrounds.

Free School Meal Applications

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, it is now a really simple process to apply. We urge you to apply as this would also mean that school would also receive additional funding. Please contact the school office for more information.

Allergies

Just a reminder that any children with food intolerance or allergies need to supply school with a doctors letter or medical evidence for our records. Thank you

Birthday Cakes Order

If you would like to order birthday cake for your child, please contact the school office. The cost is £2.00 and orders should be placed a week before

Summer Diaries

As always we will be collecting in children's completed summer holiday diaries in September. All diaries entries will be awarded a certificate and prizes for those who have made the most effort. I look forward to reading them and what they have done over the six weeks holidays the deadline for entries is Monday 18th September.

PFA Summer Fair

The summer fair held on Wednesday 19th July 2017 raised a whopping £1221.42. A huge thank you to all those who volunteered, supported and helped the PFA to run this activity.

Raffle Winners were as follows:

1	Summer Toy Hamper	Amelia R Y6
2	Farmer Ted's Family Pass	Aidan W Y4
3	Packet Steamer £25	Esme H Y1
4	Acorn Farm	Layla C R
5	Play Away Passes	Kate G Y5
6	Europa Pools Family Pass	Aeryn M Y1
7	Signed Everton Photograph	Aidan W Y4

Other Winners were as follows:

Guess the name of the sea creature winner: Alfie Donnahey Y4. Name: Hershey

Contact Sheets

As we do each year, the contact sheets and other paperwork has been sent home with your child. This year, the contact form is asking for additional information. The information is for a government collection of data which takes place 3 times per year. School is required by law to complete these returns. Failure to return these forms may mean that the school will have less money for the school to spend on the children. I would be very grateful if you could return these forms as soon as possible.

Newsletter by email

Some parents choose to receive the weekly newsletter by email. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please complete the attached tear off slip at the bottom and return to the school as soon as possible.

September 2017

6th September- First day back & Nursery home visits

8th September - Peer coaching for Year 6. World Literacy Day Competition Deadline.

11th September - 100% attenders from last year (Years 1, 2 & 3) - trip to Safari Park

12th September - Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

13th September- Roald Dahl Day

18th September- Mini church 11.15AM for Nursery and Reception at Church - all families welcome.

After School Clubs begin this week.

19th September - Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

20th September- Communion 10.00am at church - Years 1 - 6 - all families welcome

Year 3 trip to Cathedral for Sukkot workshop

26th September- European Languages Day

28th September- National Poetry Day

October 2017

1st October - (Sunday) - 10.00am Harvest Festival (at school) all families welcome

4th October- No Pens Wednesday

16th October- Assessment Week

19th October - Diwali.

20th October - Year 5 Pearl of Africa Performance

Schools birthday tomorrow (21st October) - 58th

23rd - 27th October- Half term

30th October- Back to school

For dates for the year please see the school website and remember that there is no evening performance for the Christmas play this year - dates and times are on the website if parents wish to take time off from work.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher

I would like to receive the newsletter by email for the school year 2017/18.

Name of child _____ Class _____

Email address (please print in capital letters) _____

Signed Parent / Carer _____ Date _____