

Stukeley Standard

'Getting Our Best Even Better, Every Single Day'

Friday 8th March 2019

Care Create Compete Collaborate



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AAAAAAND TO THE WEEKEND!

Mr Singleterry Speaks...

I'm deliberately keeping this section short as our extended 'Stukeley Six' below tells its own story! Thank you to Mrs Page and everyone else involved with this week. A magnificent example of hard work paying off and giving opportunities galore to our children. See you all on Monday!

This Week's Stukeley Six!

- 📖 We launched Stukeley Book Week – an annual highlight!
- 👪 Families came in to share stories with their children – record numbers in attendance!
- 📖 Record numbers of books came in for the Great Big Stukeley Book Swap – thank you for all donations!
- 📖 We created our own Oak Leaf Book Shop WBD voucher for use in our own shop!
- 👩 Teachers swapped classes to share stories across the school!
- 🦇 Almost all children and staff dressed up as some of their favourite book characters – even 'Batman' Partridge!
- 📖 The poet AF Harrold joined us for the day – thank you FOSMS for funding!
- 🥞 We held our own Pancake races at Stukeley and the Year Fives joined the Huntingdon Town Flipathon!
- 📖 The DfE visited us to look at how we teach French in Key Stage Two – they were very impressed!
- ⚽ Some Year Fours enjoyed a St Ives Football Festival and Year Five/Six competed in a tournament
- 🏐 Our Netball teams played away at Holywell (one win, one defeat) – super effort all round!

CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY 'SIXTY SECONDS OF STUKELEY' VIDEO ON TWITTER AND YOUTUBE!

OFFICE, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY UPDATES!

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL FUNDING LETTER ATTACHED TO THIS STANDARD

MOTHERS DAY MEALS – info will follow next week...

Any family issues, upsets or concerns? Email gpriddle@stukeleymeadows.cambs.sch.uk or speak to the school office.

Any questions or concerns around SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities)?

Email ajohnstone@stukeleymeadows.cambs.sch.uk

LETTERS AND PMS HOME!
FUNDING LETTER
THIS STANDARD!
LUNCH ORDER FORM
(if you didn't receive something that you think you should have, please email or pop into the office)

STUKELEY SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

SCHOOL WEBSITE
We're excited to add new, relevant content to the website now that it is fully established. Let us know if you have any ideas!

SCHOOL TWITTER
731 followers (and counting) are seeing regular updates about all things Stukeley! We also have offshoot accounts!

INSTAGRAM
227 followers are seeing all things arty! Join up to see the creativity...

YEAR GROUP TWITTER
Staff tweet year-group specific info and images from here!

YOUTUBE
Videos aplenty are uploaded here and then tweeted out! Keep watching this space!

2018/19 STUKELEY PRIORITIES:

LEARNING (cognition in the curriculum) **INTERVENTION** (to get to age-related expectation)
SYSTEMS (routines for behaviour) **TEACHING** (monitoring and developing)

STUKELEY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

COMIC RELIEF

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH!
Come dressed in any accessories that you might have – we are **not** asking for donations!

COMIC RELIEF

CAKE SALE
This will take place straight after school and be run by the Stukeley Parliament!

NEWLY ADDED DATES ARE IN BOLD

REGULAR DATES

- Every Month First Weds 7pm FOSMS TEAM MEETING
- Every Thursday 8:30am STUKELEY SINGSONG
- Every Friday 2:30pm SHARING ASSEMBLY
- Every Fri 9am FRIDAY GET TOGETHER

SHORT TERM DATES

- Thu 14th Mar** GENER8 ASSEMBLY 13:30
- Thu 14th Mar** CROSSHALL FOOTY TOURNEY
- Fri 15th Mar WEAR COMIC RELIEF ACCESSORIES
- Fri 15th Mar COMIC RELIEF CAKE SALE
- Thu 21st Mar Y2 WOBURN TRIP
- Thu 21st Mar** HOLYWELL (H) NETBALL
- w/b Mon 25th Mar MOTHERS' MEALS WEEK
- Thu 28th Mar** Y3 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL
- Fri 29th Mar** Y4 DRESS REHEARSAL
- Tue 2nd Apr** Y5 BURGHELEY TRIP
- Tue 2nd Apr** HOLYWELL (A) NETBALL
- Wed 3rd Apr** HAPP Knowledge Challenge
- Fri 5th Apr** LAST DAY OF TERM

LONG TERM DATES

- Mon 22nd Apr EASTER MONDAY
- Tue 23rd Apr TEACHER TRAINING DAY
- Wed 24th Apr CHILDREN START BACK!
- Tue 30th April Y2 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL
- Thu 9th May Y1 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

TERM DATES FOR THE 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR ARE ON THE CALENDAR SECTION OF THE WEBSITE

NEXT SHARING ASSEMBLY?

**Friday 15th March
FS/1/2 ARE IN!
YEARS 1/2 SHARE!**

RESULTS ARE STILL PENDING!

FAMILY FROLICS!

Y4 Joe completed an indoor sky dive! He still appeared to be smiling afterwards so this can only be a good thing!



COMMUNITY CAPERS

365 IN (ALMOST) 365!

Peter Conisbee, one our Y1 Dads, recently completed the Cambridge Half AND his challenge to run 365 competitive km in 365 days (though it took a touch longer than hoped!). To date, he has raised over £1300 for GOSH. Alongside this, he ran over 1500 km in training! Donations can still be made at



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-conisbee>

SAVE OUR SWIFTS!

Every summer, Swifts travel thousands of miles to Britain. Since the Roman era they've found homes in nooks and crannies of British buildings. But the design of new buildings means these homes are rapidly disappearing - and so are the Swifts. In the past 20 years, the number of swifts has halved. Every summer they make their home in Huntingdon under the A14 viaduct, which is soon to be demolished, luckily the new flats and houses being built across the road could solve the problem. By adding special "Swift bricks", we can make sure Swifts have somewhere to nest. A petition has been set up calling on the minister for housing to make sure Swift bricks are in new homes across Britain. Will you sign the petition today to show him the public want him to do more to help our special summer visitors?

GOOGLE...
38 DEGREES SAVE OUR SWIFTS TO VOTE!

GOODBYES

Goodbye to Y4 Austyn – we wish him and his family all the best for the future.

FOSMS

(Friends of Stukeley Meadows School)

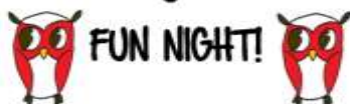
A FURTHER THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CHOCOLATEY DONATIONS LAST WEEK. THANKYOU ALSO FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Fri 29th Mar FUN NIGHT!
Thu 4th Apr EASTER RAFFLE!
FOSMS Committee Meetings fall on the first Weds of each month – all are welcome!



FOSMS 'FAMILY AND FRIENDS'



FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019 6:00 – 8:00PM

£3 PER PERSON!

TEAMS OF EIGHT – CAN BE ARRANGED ON THE NIGHT!
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE... FROM FOUNDATION STAGERS TO (VERY) GROWN UPS!

OUR THIRD CHALLENGE EVENING RETURNS WITH THE...

'QUIZ ROUND'
(with things only five year olds or fifty year olds will know...)

'SPLIT FACES'
(Who on earth are these people looking at me?)

'CREATE ROUND'
(Can it beat last year's 'hat' round?)

AND BRAND NEW RECORDS...

'ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS'
(speaks for itself)

'WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?'
(Stukeley Staff set the challenges for you to fathers...)



SOFT AND ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ON SALE – BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND NIBBLES!

SO ON THE LAST POSTER WE MADE UP SOME QUOTES TO BUILD THE EVENT UP. THIS, HOWEVER, IS A GENUINE QUOTE FROM LAST YEAR...

'We need to have more children so that we can keep coming to these events forever'

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Dear Parent / Carer

Update - School Funding Issues

I wanted to contact you to provide an update on current issues relating to school funding.

Sadly, I have to confirm that despite intense lobbying of the Government and Department for Education, matters remain extremely challenging. In short, schools are still not being provided with adequate funding and resource to deliver the level of provision and support that is expected and that our families and children deserve.

Current Concerns

- Since 2010 school budgets have been reduced in real terms by 8% and by 20% at post-16
- Class sizes are rising and the curricular offer is being restricted
- Increasingly, schools are being asked to support with children's emotional health and wellbeing. Frequently, we do not have adequate resource to meet a growing need.
- Often, the most vulnerable students in our schools - those from disadvantaged backgrounds or those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - are bearing the brunt of cuts and schools are struggling to provide the levels of support that they are entitled to.

These issues are not simply affecting a few schools. They are common features across our education system up and down the country. Levels of concern are so widespread amongst headteachers that we are all working together with a united voice.

As such, we have written to the Secretary of State for Education on three separate occasions since September 2018. We are dismayed that he has chosen to ignore our communications and repeated requests to meet. On 13 December 2018, we were informed by a junior civil servant that ***"I am afraid that, on this occasion, the Secretary of State and the Minister of State must decline your offer to meet. I hope you will understand that their time is heavily pressurised and their diaries need to be prioritised according to ministerial, Parliamentary and constituency business."***

Given the seriousness of the current school funding crisis and the impact upon schools, children and families, head teacher colleagues and I, believe that this approach is entirely ill-judged. On 14 January 2019, we wrote again to the Secretary of State for Education asking that he reconsider meeting with representative head teachers. Six weeks later, this request was declined once more: ***"As I'm sure you will appreciate, both their diaries are very full and they are unable to accept your kind offer at this time."*** Thousands of head teachers simply do not understand what issues could be seen as more important than the ones we are raising on behalf of schools, children and families.

In September 2018, over 2000 headteachers campaigned at Westminster in order to underline the seriousness of the current situation. This action was unprecedented.

The 'Worth Less?' campaign group now comprises 64 Local Authorities and Boroughs, covering thousands of schools and millions of families. This gives a clear indication of the levels of concern felt by reasonable and moderate head teachers in England.

We continue to recognise that there is not a 'bottomless pit' of money and also acknowledge that many local MPs from across the political spectrum are taking a supportive approach. We must make clear, however, that the current response from the Department for Education is inadequate.

Why we need to meet

- Head teachers want to contribute constructively to overcome current funding issues.
- Head teachers want to reflect the serious concerns expressed by families regarding inadequate levels of resource and provision especially for our most vulnerable students.
- Head teachers want to ensure that schools receive a much better deal when future Government spending plans - the Comprehensive Spending Review - are drawn up over the next few months.
- Head teachers want to indicate serious and rising concerns relating to the wider pastoral and social care that schools are expected, by default, to provide against a background of severe cuts to Local Authority provision.

Head teacher colleagues and I, feel fortunate that we have been so strongly supported by parents and carers as we campaign for a much improved level of funding for our schools and pupils. We urge you to continue to make representations to your local MP and to the Department for Education and wider Government to ensure that matters improve.

We will continue to inform you of the facts and to campaign vigorously over coming weeks and months. A positive starting point should come from the Secretary of State for Education in the form of an urgent meeting.

Yours sincerely

James Singleterry
Head Teacher