

Stonelow Junior School Newsletter 2

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Parents and carers,

Further to our first newsletter last week, there are a few additional notices.

Parking and crossing - During drop off and pick up times, please park your cars considerately, thinking about residents and their ability to get out of their driveways as well as obstructing junctions. We are lucky to have the car park near to the park which can be used during these times.

Crossing Patrol - Mrs Steele is a valuable resource to our school and we are very lucky to have a crossing patrol person at Stonelow, as many schools are without. Please encourage the use of the crossing area and cars must not park, pick up/drop off in the marked zones outside school or in the staff carpark, as this makes it unsafe for the children who are crossing on foot and for children jumping out of cars at the road side.

Clubs – We have a range of clubs for children to attend during the school day and after. Please keep your eye out for the text/email and return slips via your child during registration time.

Active lifestyles for all - At Stonelow we encourage our children to lead healthy and active lives. We provide many opportunities for the children throughout the year but day to day there are a few ways in which you can support school and our policies. These are:

- A named water bottle which can be refilled during the day from our classroom water fountains.
- A healthy snack for playtime e.g. low sugar, fat and salt – a piece fruit would be ideal.

- PE kit in school every day so that every sporting opportunity can be taken advantage of.
- Children are allowed to come to school on scooters or bikes and these need to be ridden safely to and from school. This includes wearing a helmet and riding safely. There are storage racks in the playground.
- No fizzy drinks in packed lunch boxes please.

Playground equipment – On the playground in the morning (before register) the children must not ride scooters or bikes, or play ball games. This is to ensure a calm and safe start to the day. School has purchased a number of footballs for the children to play with. Children are not to bring in their own footballs to play with as we have lots of school equipment provided. This stops any upset with loss or damage and encourages children to share and play well together with communal resources. Thank you for supporting school with this.

Homework – Children will be given homework in every class each week. This may also include mini projects and weekly spelling words to learn. All tasks will have been explained to the children and will link to learning in school. It is always appreciated when you take an interest in your child's work at home and support where necessary. Homework is a great way to engage in the learning your child has been doing in school, for them to show you what they can do and time for you to work together. It is an important part of the school week and encourages responsibility and organisation. Incomplete homework will need to be done in school, outside of usual lesson time.

Open day – Stonelow has an open afternoon and evening for children in Y2 and their parents if they are in the process of choosing a school for Y3 September 2017. The day is 9th November 2016. The afternoon session is 1.30-2.30pm and the evening from 7.15-8.15pm Please tell friends and family if this is something they would like to join us for.

Also for children in Y6 this year there is an open evening at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe on Thursday 22nd September at 6pm. An advert from DHFS will be emailed to all year 6 parents separately.

Eyam trip – reminders for the Year 5/6 children and parents.

On Friday 16th September the children are going to visit the village of Eyam in Derbyshire as a field trip linked to their local history topic. The following are reminders for the day:

- School uniform
- Comfortable shoes for walking e.g. walking shoes or trainers
- Waterproof jacket/sun hat and sun cream (weather depending)
- Packed lunch with no fizzy drinks or glass bottles please
- Rucksack or bag to carry these in for the day

The majority of the day will be spent outdoors. We will leave school at 9:00am and return for 3:30pm. We are all really looking forward to a great day out.

Pupil Update Forms – please return these to the school office via your child's class teacher at registration time. If any of the information is incorrect or needs changing please make alterations, if not we will presume it is all correct. It is vital we have the correct data for you and your family in case of illness or an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Collins and Mrs Perkins