

**Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our November newsletter.**

I hope you a fantastic break over the Christmas period and are looking forward to the year ahead. Next week we look forward to welcoming 200m swimmer Sophie Allen to the school. We hope she will encourage and inspire the children to go on and achieve their dreams whilst providing year’s 3-6 with important advice on healthy diets. Staff have already added over 150 books to the school over the Christmas period and more new books will be following this month to help our children develop a real love for reading – your help with supporting both reading and healthy snacks/lunch boxes is really appreciated. We hope you will be able to attend our upcoming Communications Evening on the 31st of January and we hope you will be able to take the time to share your views and ideas on our parent questionnaires which will be released next week. We really appreciate your input in helping to drive our school forward. Please continue to check our website for information about your child’s class, school events and diary dates. As always should you need to discuss anything please do not hesitate to contact me. ***Mr Lee***

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**Newsletter**

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**A Welcome from the Governing Body**

**GOVERNOR CORNER**

Welcome to a new feature of the termly newsletter; a regular update from the Governors of Stathern School which will tell you more about our work in terms of how we support the school and also ask questions that make sure that the school is running in the right direction.

We are involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards. Governors also help to make big decisions about the school’s long-term goals.

Our school currently has a board of 9 governors, and in a couple of weeks time we will be sending out more information about us all so that you know exactly who we are. We meet about 7 or 8 times a year and we are all involved in visiting the school and reviewing all that the school does for the children.

We look at the academic standards, we review school policies, we attend training and have to keep up to date with what is happening within the local authority, and even the current political agenda for schools. But, most importantly, we get to oversee that the school provides the very best experience for each and every one of the children that pass through the door.

Already, since September, we have checked all of the school’s safeguarding arrangements, supported the teachers by looking at the quality of marking and feedback, set up a clear timetable of policy review and much, much more.

So, the role keeps us very busy; but it is a real privilege to be able to support our children and be involved in the work of such a fantastic team. If you have any questions about our work, please do not hesitate to ask. And, in the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year on behalf of all of the governors at Stathern School.

**Clare Allen**

**Chair of Governors**

**Dates and Things to Remember:**

* Sophie Allen 200m Swimmer Visit – Wed 17th Jan 1:15pm (All children in school time)
* Space Centre Trip –Class 3&4- Mon 22nd Jan
* Girl’s Football Tournament – Primary Stars – Wed 24th Jan 1pm-3pm
* Communications Evening – Wed 31st Jan 6pm (All parents)
* Vale Cross Country – Tue 6th Feb 1pm-2:30pm
* Sky Dance Competition @ Melton Theatre – Yr 4-6 & parents – Wed 7th Feb
* Last Day – Break up for half term – Fri 9th Feb
* Film Night @ WMI – Mon 19th Feb TBC (All children and parents)
* Longfield Cross Country – Sat 24th Feb
* PGL Caythorpe Daytrip – Year 6 – Mon 26th Feb 2pm-5pm
* Maths Calculation Evening – all parents and children – Wed 28th Feb 6pm
* World Book Day – All Children – Fri 1st March
* Parents Evening – Mon 12th March & Tues 13th March (Note: Class 3 12th& 19th March)
* Sarah Outen – Adventurer Visit to school – all children – Wed 14th March
* Vale Choral –Year 4 – Belvoir High - Wed 14th March
* Easter Service and Celebration Assembly – All children and parents – Mon 19th March
* Year 2 Beaumanor Residential – Tue 20th March & Wed 21st March
* Last Day, Enterprise Sport Relief Day and Wear Your Hat and Easter Fun Day – All children, parents from 2:30pm – Fri 23rd March

**Sports and Clubs Update**

Several cross country events will take place this term please look out for details and further opportunities for your child to get involved.

8 of our girls have been given the opportunity to play in the Leicester Primary Stars tournament organised by Leicester City Football Club. The winners of the tournament go on to play at the King Power Stadium – good luck girls!

A full list of clubs available for this term has gone out with this newsletter. Please sign up to take part.

Healthy Diet & Lunch Boxes expert from the Local Authorities Healthy Schools department will be working with children in school towards the end of February. This session will run alongside the work of our PE specialist Clare Rozentals and sports ambassador Sophie Allen.

**Welcome Back from all our Classes!**

A huge Happy New Year and welcome back from all our classes. Everyone is looking forward to the year ahead and excited about their new topics!

I’m also pleased to welcome Miss Pearce back to school after a period of illness and report that Mrs Ombler is recovering well after injuring her leg and hopes to back as soon as possible. Miss Roadnight will be providing temporary cover.





**School Nurse**

Andrea Fiford our school nurse will be available for you to see on the 29th of January between 3pm and 4pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to see her.

**Vacancy - Midday Supervisor Role**

We continue to look for someone to come and join the team at lunchtimes. The role would be for an hour a day for up to 5 days (training provided).

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested then please contact the school office.

**FOSS Burns Night Sat 27th January**

Burns Night will be on Saturday 27th January (adults only) at the WMI - £10 a ticket to include a traditional ‘Burns Night Supper’ and music. Tickets are available from FOSS members or the school.