A great start to the new term! Welcome back to school! We’ve had a great start to the new term with children looking smart, eager to get on with their learning and remembering all our expectations including their manners – making Stoneydelph Primary School a great place to be. I spoke with the children in assembly about remembering to be welcoming and respectful – they were great at remembering what to do to make that happen. They also all knew about being good role-models for each other. It was great that they all remembered that they needed to use ‘stop it please’ if someone is upsetting them, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

**Healthy Lunch Policy**

In line with the most recent guidance we have asked our new Reception children to have a school dinner for at least this term.I am pleased to say that the children have been great at having a go with eating their dinners and when they see their friends eating they are willing to have a go at trying new things – they are becoming very confident with this already. We’ve had lots of empty trays!

I have included the menu on the back of this newsletter and our new school cook, Sam, is happy to support any children who require specialist foods due to allergies, etc.

Can I ask that all parents / carer have a good look at the lunch menu with your child, particularly those in Year 1 and 2, who are at the current time entitled to a free meal, and see if there are any days that they would like to have a school dinner.

I will be working with the School Council and inviting your views too when creating a school Healthy Eating Policy over the coming weeks.

**I would like to request, as a starting point, that you** **ensure that children do not have sweets or bars of chocolate in school - for before school, playtime snack (KS2) or in their lunchbox (children who choose to have sandwiches at lunchtime) please.** These are items that you may wish to treat your children with occasionally when they get home rather than in school. I would really urge all parents to abide by this guidance, which has always been in place. I will also be reminding staff not to include sweets or lollys in their class ‘goody / prize boxes’ in the classrooms.

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 26th Sept** McMillian Coffee Morning

**Thurs 10th Oct** EY & KS1’Come and read in class with your child’ 2.30 – 3pm

**Mon 14th Oct**  KS2 ‘Stay and read in class with your child’ until 9.30

 **Tues 15th Oct Individual** and family photographs – details to follow

**Thurs 17th Oct**

Yrs 2 – 6 trip to National Space Centre in Leicester

**Monday 21th – Thursday 24th** **Oct** ‘Space Week’

**Thursday 24th Oct** Halloween Discos – details to follow

**Friday 25th Oct** INSET Day – school closed to children - staff at school for training

**Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov** school closed for half term

**Tues 12th & Wed 13th Nov** Parent Consultation Evenings – details to follow

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Stoneydelph Newsletter

Grow & Achieve

I have visited all our classes since we have started back and seen some great learning – including a fantastic ‘Maths Meeting’ session in Reception! I’m delighted to say ‘welcome back’ to our existing families and hope everyone enjoyed their summer holiday. Also a ‘big welcome’ to our school for our new families – we hope that your child / children enjoy their learning journey at Stoneydelph. Can I also take the opportunity to remind everyone that we are here to help with any problems or concerns however big or small. You can always ask your child’s class teacher, the staff in the office Mrs Dodd / Mrs Clifton, Mrs Bevan (our School Liaison and Support Officer) or myself. If we don’t have an immediate solution for you ourselves, we can always signpost you to someone who can help either in or out of school. Please come in and ask.

Building Work As you can see, the building work has been progressing at a very fast pace over the summer holidays. The roof is still ongoing and the elevation boards will be replaced very soon; the new boilers and central heating system is being finished off; the windows and doors have started to be replaced and the internal works have all started. Please continue to ensure that when you are coming to and from school children do not enter the fenced off areas and are supervised in the car park. Please be assured that the children can’t access the internal work from within the school as the internal windows and corridor has been bricked up. Pedestrian access to the school office will continue through this part of the car park but please take care.

The builders have promised to minimise vehicle movement in this area during the beginning and end of the school day. As a consequence many of the deliveries have been planned for before the official start of the school day so we have decided to continue to have Breakfast Club in the KS1 Hall until further notice. Please can parents dropping their children at Breakfast Club take extra care though because of the deliveries entering and leaving the school site at the same time? The access path to the KS2 playground to the right of the building (by Y3/4) remains open but the access path to the left of the building (by music room and my office) will continue to be closed. We will keep you posted with how the work is progressing and if any further temporary access alterations need to be made. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Reminders

**Uniform**  The children look incredibly smart in their new uniforms – thank you parents / carers for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform. Please remember to name your child’s clothes – in biro on the label is fine as long as you go over it regularly – it means that when your child leaves them somewhere we can get their jumper or cardigan back to them so they won’t be ‘lost’. With nearly 300 children with the same jumper or cardigan matching lost property to owners can be quite a challenge without a name!

**Parentpay** Lunch money (£2.30), daycare fees, breakfast & after school club fees, after school sports clubs and school trips **must be paid in advance** please.

**Times of the Day** Please aim to have your children in the school playground **at 8.45am**. The KS2 bell rings at 8.50am. The Rec and KS1 bell rings at 8.55am. If your child arrives after the bell they must enter school through the school office and will be marked as late.

**Water bottles** Please can you ensure your child has their own named, refillable water bottle with them in school.

**Email Virus** We are aware that a number of parents may have received an unexpected e mail from Mrs Bevan during the summer holidays and/or Mrs Hall last week. They were sent due to a virus piggy backing on an e mail received by those staff. Luckily our security systems have ensured they have not accessed our school network. If you receive an email from school / a member of staff that you are not sure about please don’t hesitate to ask the Office to check before opening the email.