

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last twelve months we have been looking closely at the curriculum offer we have been providing at Stroud Green. This means we have been looking at how we teach your children and starting to make the topics they learn much more engaging and linked to their own life experiences. In honesty I still think we have some work to do in this area but we have made great strides; making the learning more hands on, more challenging, more exciting and more memorable.

You may have noticed that we have been organizing half termly visitors coming into school or trips going out – these are corner stones to the new curriculum learning and give your children vital hands on learning opportunities we simply can't offer in school. It might be that your child attends a venue they have been to before on a trip – please don't worry we do know what we are doing! We have always booked specific workshops for children to attend which are linked to topics, so yes we may visit the Science or V&A museum several times, but every time we will take your children it will be a different workshops or exhibition which is linked to their learning.

Below I have again added the dates of the trips and titles of workshops – please get these in your diary, we hope you can offer the teachers your valuable support to make these learning opportunities really memorable in your child's learning journey.

Cal Shaw Head Teacher

Internet Safety Awareness Week is coming Week commencing Monday 19th February

Workshops for parents & children...Practical advice on how to keep your children safe at home.

Educational Enrichment Trip - Spring Term

Year Group	Spring 1	Trip / Visitor	
Reception	Book Focus	<u>Visit from: Freshwater Theatre:</u> Tuesday 6 th February 2018	
	Whatever Next		
		Day trip to Brighton Toy Model Museum - Monday 5th February 18	
Year 1	Old and New Toys	Children will attend the ''Comparing Old and New toys/Mechanical	
		Toys' workshop .	
Living things & their Day trip to Paradise Wild		Day trip to Paradise Wildlife Park - Tuesday 6th February 18	
Year 2	habitats	Children will take part in the 'Helping Habitats' interactive talk	
	Animals (inc Humans)	<u>Day trip to London Zoo workshop</u> - Thursday 1st February 18	
Year 3		Children will attend the 'Bones and Movement' workshop.	
	Egyptians	<u>Day trip to British Museum</u> - Tuesday 23 rd January 18	
Year 4		Self-led visit to the Egypt Galleries	
		EXHIBITION: Make a Canopic jar or mummy or pyramid – Thursday 8 th Feb	
	Life cycles of plants	Day trip to Kew Gardens - Tuesday 6th February 18	
Year 5	and animals	Children will attend 'Pollination' workshop.	
		EXHIBITION: Write a Fact File about Life cycles - Wednesday 7 th	
	Benin	Day trip to Horniman Museum: Benin Artifacts	
Year 6		Cassatt: Wednesday 21st February	
		Cezanne: Wednesday 28 th February	
		Children will attend 'The Ancient Benin' Learning session.	

Individual letters will be coming out for each trip – Teachers are always looking for additional parent volunteers on trip so please do talk to your child's class teacher if you are free and can help.

Head Teacher's Monthly Coffee Afternoons/Mornings

Thursday 1st February 2018 at 2.30pm Thursday 1st March 2018 at 9am Friday 20th April 2018 at 2.30pm Thursday 24th May 2018 at 9am Thursday 21st June 2018 at 2.30pm Thursday 19th July 2018 at 9am



Please see above advanced notice of Head Teacher coffee mornings/afternoons – these are group meetings when I will be around to listen to feedback and also tell you about the things I am currently working on to improve Stroud Green. I would love to see as many of you as possible.

Did you know!

Stroud Green Primary School Choir will be performing at the O2 Arena on Monday 29th January 2018! Good luck everyone

Message from our Chair of Governors

Welcome to 2018!

I hope everyone has settled into the new term happily. I'll be available for anyone who wants to come and chat, feedback and ask questions of the school governors on Friday 2nd February from 2pm. We'll send a text reminder earlier in the week.



We are desperately seeking a parent/carer who can help with high quality photographs of our children and school so we can update our website.

If you can help please email me asap on head@stroudgreenprimary.com

Email Tara to reserve a place Finance@stroudgreenprimary.com

Holiday Playscheme 12th -16thFebruary 2018

ALL PLACES NEEDED TO BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE

Theme: Animals

We are now taking bookings for our February holiday play scheme All places should be booked by Friday 2nd February 2018

February Date Reminders

- Thursday 1st February Friends of Stroud Green meeting @ 8.15am
- Thursday 1st February Full Governing Body meeting @ 6.45pm
- Friday 2nd February Matisse Class Assembly @ 9.10am
- Friday 2nd February Meeting for Year Four Parents
 @ 2.30pm
- Wednesday 7th February Year 5 Exhibition
- Tuesday 6th February Freshwater Theatre visit for Reception children
- Friday 9th February Main school closed Nursery closes at 2.30pm



Stroud Green Clean-up Day Sunday 4th February 11am until 2pm

Come and lend us an hour to help tidy and clean up the school site!

Attendance & Punctuality Week commencing 15th January 2018

Week commencing 15 January 2016				
Year Group	100% Attenders	Number of Lates		
Reception	41	5		
1	34	5		
2	47	1		
3	53	4		
4	29	9		
5	38	6		
6	40	5		

Well done Year 3 who had the most 100% Attenders.

Week commencing: 29th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

My name is Ms Amonsingh and here at Stroud Green I organise and lead on the teaching of Maths across the whole school. Next week I have organised a Maths Week, children will spend every afternoon working with their teachers specifically on Maths activities relating to NUMBERS. Children will still have English lessons with the opportunity to write number poems and stories in the mornings and our afternoons will be packed with fun activities all about number.

Here's the plan for the week

Monday

To launch this special occasion, we want all our children to dress up in costumes that reflect this favorite number and they can be as imaginative as possible. They will get to go on parade in our launch day assembly, a prize winner will be chosen and a prize given to the best costume. For all those dressing up on the day, there is a £1 charge which will go towards our children's math learning.

Tuesday

On Tuesday I have organised for the Happy Puzzle Company to come into school and spend the whole day running workshops with classes. They will be working with the children in their year groups organising games and supporting them in solving puzzles all about number. If you get a chance have a look at their website https://www.happypuzzle.co.uk/ they do great interactive online games and puzzles that you can all share at home. In addition, they will be running an after-school 'Parents and Family Puzzle Challenge' session. You are invited to come along with your children (all year groups welcome). There will also be an opportunity to purchase games and puzzles. The Friends of Stroud Green are paying for the workshops – so please do ask you children all about them (Thank you to the Friends!)

Wednesday - AM

Parents of children in Reception can come in and join in with fun maths activities in the classroom. There will be lots of counting, drawing shapes, estimating and playing with numbers. There will be activities et up all morning that you can get involved in so please do come along if you have any time. It will be great just to have parents in the classrooms to work with children solving problems with and playing with numbers.

Wednesday – 1.30pm – 2.30pm (Years One and Two)

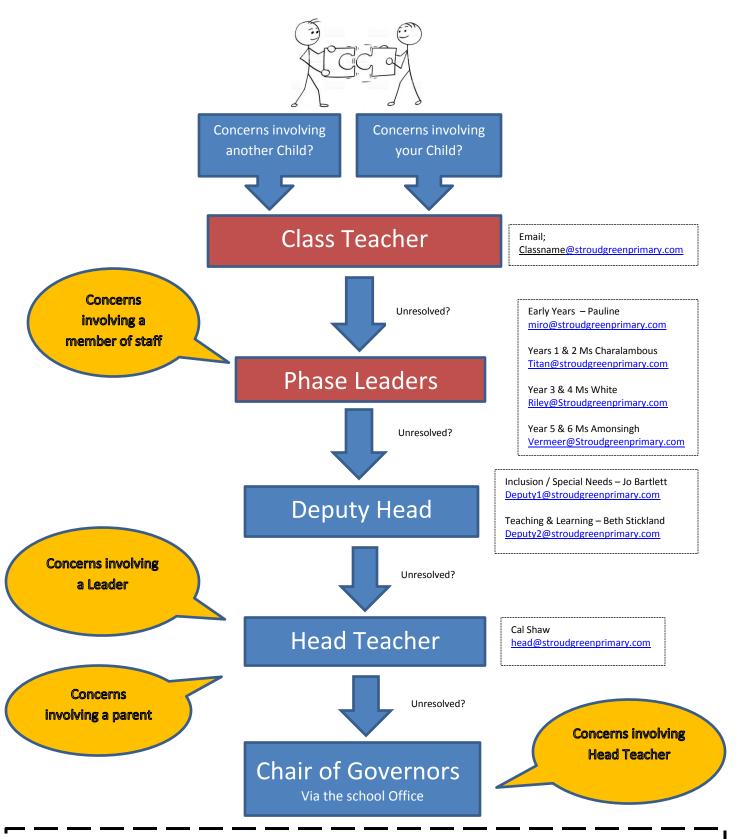
Wednesday – 2.30pm – 3.30pm (Years Three, Four, Five and Six)

We would love to see as many as parents as possible join us in the classroom to share puzzles and games – we have things like Giant Jenga, Giant Snakes and ladders, Jumbo Dominoes, Matchstick puzzles and lots more all going on in the classrooms and halls – come and join in the fun. I will be down in school Reception to meet you and take you up the halls and classrooms where you can take part in puzzles with your children and their teacher.

Thursday 1.30pm- Family Fun Afternoon

Sign up for a child and parent's problem solving competition – we will have spaghetti and marshmallows – your task will be to work together to build the highest tower that can support itself. You will work in teams with prizes for the highest and most genius towers.

Who can help you in Stroud Green if you have a concern?



The Staff at Stroud Green always want to help – please do talk to us if you have concerns, compliments or queries. Teachers and support staff are on the playgrounds every morning and afternoon, we can all be contacted via email or leave a message at the school office. It's important we get your feedback