



# Stroud Green News

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Whatever Next	<u>Visit from: Freshwater Theatre:</u> Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Year 1	Old and New Toys	<u>Day trip to Brighton Toy Model Museum</u> - Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 18 Children will attend the 'Comparing Old and New toys/Mechanical Toys' workshop .
Year 2	Living things & their habitats	<u>Day trip to Paradise Wildlife Park</u> - Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 18 Children will take part in the 'Helping Habitats' interactive talk
Year 3	Animals (inc Humans)	<u>Day trip to London Zoo workshop</u> - Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 18 Children will attend the 'Bones and Movement' workshop.
Year 4	Egyptians	<u>Day trip to British Museum</u> - Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 18 Self-led visit to the Egypt Galleries <b>EXHIBITION: Make a Canopic jar or mummy or pyramid – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
Year 5	Life cycles of plants and animals	<u>Day trip to Kew Gardens</u> - Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 18 Children will attend 'Pollination' workshop. <b>EXHIBITION: Write a Fact File about Life cycles - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>
Year 6	Benin	<u>Day trip to Horniman Museum: Benin Artifacts</u> Cassatt: Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February Cezanne: Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at 2.30pm  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 9am  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 2.30pm  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 9am  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 2.30pm  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:head@stroudgreenprimary.com)

Email Tara to reserve a place

[Finance@stroudgreenprimary.com](mailto:Finance@stroudgreenprimary.com)

### Holiday Playscheme 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

#### February Date Reminders

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



#### Stroud Green Clean-up Day Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 11am until 2pm

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

#### Attendance & Punctuality Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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.**



# Maths Week



**Week commencing: 29<sup>th</sup> 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 set 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)**

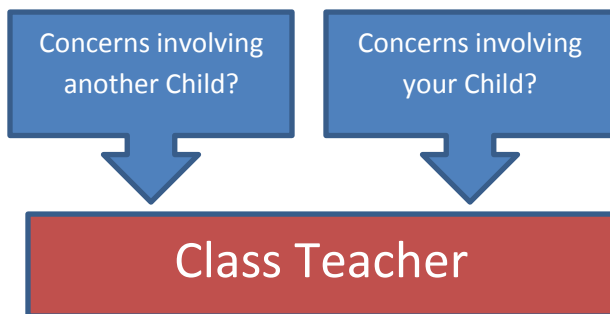
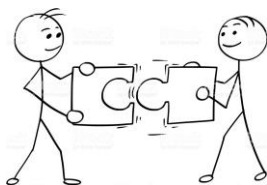
### **Wednesday – 2.30pm – 3.30pm (Years Three, Four, Five and Six)**

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?



Email;  
[Classname@stroudgreenprimary.com](mailto:Classname@stroudgreenprimary.com)

Concerns involving a member of staff

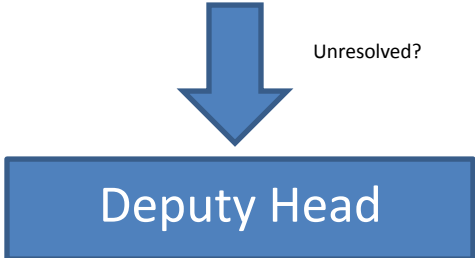


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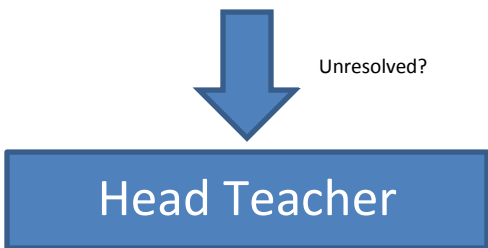
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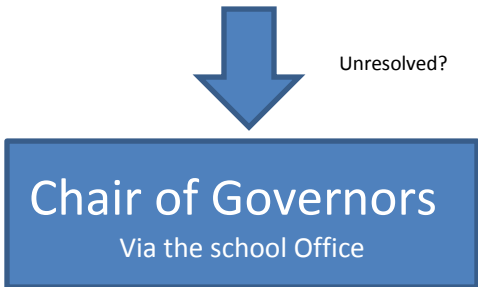
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Concerns involving a Leader



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Concerns involving a parent



Concerns involving Head Teacher

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