



# Stamfordham First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May – SFS Water Safety Week.** Our swimmers will be taking part in various lifesaving challenges during their swimming session on the Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. As well as their usual swimming kit, the children will therefore also need a t-shirt and a pair of shorts. I am sure that you will agree, such experiences are hugely valuable and give the children the opportunity to work together in life-saving simulations.



- **The Living Eggs;** a report by Megan Scott and Emma Robson of Year 4. 'On the 4<sup>th</sup> May, we got some little visitors - chicks! On the same day they arrived, one of the eggs hatched! Danny called it James Bond, but then he found out that it was a girl so he named it Rosie! After a week, all of the eggs hatched except two who had sadly died. Now they are all fit and healthy and have grown feathers. This is 'eggcellent'... The chicks used to have stones in their water so that they could not drown, but now they don't need them, this is an improvement for them.' Thank you to both Megan and Emma; the children are very much enjoying chick-watch! More from the children next week.
- **Advance notice. Parent/Child Yoga for Class 3 children and parents.** Once again I have secured funding from Family Learning for a series of Family Yoga Bug sessions. They begin after the half term hols with the turn of Class 3, each Wednesday for 3 weeks from 2.15-3pm. Why not come and join us? I appreciate that for lots of you, this is just not possible however the invitation is open; join us for some and not all sessions if you can? (**Years 3&4 from 9/6 to 23/6 & Years 1&2 from 30/6 to 14/7**).



- **Advance notice number 2 - a training course for young cyclists.** Class 3 children will be taking a very different lesson in the coming weeks – the theory of safe cycling. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The final session of this course is in practical riding and has been booked for THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY. Children will be required to have bikes and helmets in school with them on this day. BIKES CAN BE DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO THE THURSDAY SESSION IF THIS IS EASIER FOR YOU? We can very easily and safely store them in school over night.** Alan Gibson from County will be leading the morning. I hope that the training gives our children an opportunity to practise basic riding skills. It will be conducted on the playground for maximum safety. It's also probably more sensible for children to wear their PE kit to school on this day as we will be heading outside directly after registration, weather permitting! Children who do not have a bicycle will be taking part using the small number of bikes provided by County in support of the Safe Cycling Scheme. Let's keep our fingers crossed for dry weather.
- **Planned School Summer Fair – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm-4pm.** For those of you who didn't manage to make it to last week's meeting, the date has been set for this exciting new event in the school calendar. Please save the date and start mentioning the event to family and friends as we need as many people there as possible in order to make it a hugely successful and enjoyable day.

If you think there's anything you could do to be involved, we'd love to hear from you. If you can bake a cake or grow us some plants, offer to man a stall for an hour, if you know someone who might be able to donate goods or services (think bouncy castle or brass band for instance) or you know someone who

might like to take a stall, please contact school and the team will be in touch. We want to make this the best Village Fair in the area and, if everyone does just a little bit to help, we think we can do it!

- **Haircut/Big Movie Night.** Haircutting with Anneli Riley will take place once again on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May from 3.15PM. Appointments are available. **Please drop Dawn an email if you would like to book an appointment, giving us details of the cut and the pick up time you require. This then helps when Dawn is organising the appointments on behalf of Anneli.** Once again we are trying to cut the amount of paper coming to you from school. Our admin email address can be found at the top of the school letterhead. Many thanks.

Boys		Girls	
Trim	£8	Fringe trim	£1.50
Re-style	£11	Trim – all over	£8
		Re-style	£13

- **‘The Masque Ball’** will take place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Dissington Hall** and tickets do remain. As ever with such events, your support is much needed. All funds raised are in aid of our small, village school. Many thanks.
- **Jewellery recycle.** Friends have just received a cheque for £54.80 from ‘The Fundraising Company’ from our jewellery recycling effort. Many, many thanks to all who supported us with this. A great result for our small school. Thank you.
- **Raffle tickets.** Sarah O’Neill will be at the school gates on Monday evening, selling raffle tickets at £1 per ticket for the raffle to be held at ‘The Masque Ball’ on 21st May. Raffle prizes are: Irish Exiles team polo shirts; bottles of wine; £25 food and drink voucher for the Angel Inn; £20 Marks and Spencer voucher and £10 fuel voucher. Your support would be very much appreciated. Thank you.
- **From our local Brownie pack.** Our local Brownie pack meets each **Wednesday, 6:15pm -7:15pm**, in the **‘Church on the Green’**. If you are aged 7 or over and want to come along, spaces are currently available. All girls welcome.
- **Missing Fleece.** It seems that Amy Jones’ school fleece (of reception class), bearing Stampers logo, has disappeared. It is for ages 5-6. Could we ask that you check your child’s fleece to see whether Amy’s has been taken home by another child in error. Please let Dawn know in the school office if you happen to come across it. Many thanks for this.



- **Thank you.** Finally, a huge thank you to **William Railton** who has counted the Tesco vouchers almost single-handedly. We are hugely grateful to him. I believe it was up to five thousand! Quite some achievement, thank you to William!

Enjoy your weekend.  
Yours

Claire McKinney  
Head Teacher

**Diary for the coming weeks:**

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reverend Mark assembly
Thursday 20 May	Big Film/Haircut with Anneli Riley
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Masque Ball
<b>Friday 28 May at 3.10pm</b>	<b>School Closes for Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 7 June at 8.50am</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>

