



Dear Parents,

11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**PENGUIN CLASS ASSEMBLY:** A huge well done to Miss O'Rorke's class for their wonderful assembly this morning. They showcased work from their study of the Anglo Saxons, including some very impressive jewellery and ornaments that they had made, and entertained us with a couple of lovely songs. My thanks go to Miss O'Rorke and Mrs Devaney for all of their hard work with the class.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS:** This year the School Development Plan included a focused look at our IT provision and how the children are interacting with technology in an ever-growing number of ways. We have been keen to ensure that all children are developing an understanding of both the dangers and opportunities that IT can present. With that goal in mind, there has been a lot of activity within the school this year. We held an online safety day that provided every year group and teachers with information on topics such as how to stay safe online, protecting one's personal data and cyber bullying. A further session was held after school for parents offering advice on the different ways children can be supported to stay safe online at home as well. The day was a great success and there are plans to repeat it next year. It is worth noting however, that the efforts do not begin and end with a specific day. Children are being taught about keeping safe online throughout all computing sessions they take part in each week. Our teaching staff are also using IT in ever more varied ways in the classroom; be it interactive activities using iPads, or perhaps planning their lessons to embrace the use of our new interactive whiteboards fully. The school is also focussing on computer programming and all teachers are embracing the challenge of delivering this across the entire school. In particular, children should keep an eye out for a school wide computer programming competition coming soon!  
Mr E. Babister, Parent Governor

**YEAR 6 TESTS:** Next week the Year 6 children will be taking their statutory assessments in maths and English. They have worked very hard and their teachers have fully prepared them for the tests ahead. I hope that the Year 6 children take advantage of the weekend and go outside and enjoy themselves – but also hope that they go to bed at sensible times to ensure that they are fully rested when they come to school on Monday. The school will be open from 8:15am for the Year 6 children on Monday – Thursday next week when they will be served breakfast in the Studio. Good Luck Year 6!

**ROYAL AFTERNOON TEA:** Thank you if you have given permission and paid for your child to participate in our Royal Street Party next Friday. Please remember that we would like the children to come to school dressed in the colours of our national flag: red, white and blue. The children have been learning the national anthem in Tuesday's singing assembly in order to sing it all together at the party. It should be fun! Please send in any outstanding permissions and payments. Thank you.

**FSU NEWS:** The Foundation Stage children have all enjoyed a wonderful visit to Stoke Woods to see the awe and wonder of the beautiful bluebells. The children have had an excellent time and have also enjoyed following the woodland paths to explore dens and see signs of wildlife. Please look out for photos on tapestry and the school website. We would like to thank our parent helpers who joined us on the visit, without their help this trip wouldn't have been possible. Mrs S. Obinna FSU Coordinator

Have a lovely weekend

**Mrs L Daulton**  
Headteacher