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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Important notice for parents and families - Autumn half term holiday 2013.

May I please draw your attention to a change to the previously published autumn half term holiday dates. After Wiltshire Council published term times and school holidays for the 2013 - 14 academic year the GCSE examination boards timetabled a GCSE English exam on Tuesday 5th November 2013. This will involve most of our Year 11 students (those who are in Year 10 now) and so we are proposing to adjust the half term holiday dates.

New Arrangements:

Thursday 24 - Friday 25 October are now holidays

The week from 28 October - 1 November is unchanged and is still a school holiday

Monday 4 - Tuesday 5 November are now school days.

I do apologise for any inconvenience caused but events were beyond the school's control. Any unforeseen absence caused by holidays which were pre-booked will naturally be authorised.

Reports

It might surprise many of you to learn that the issue of reporting progress to parents probably attracts more comment, criticism and enquiries than any other subject. I am contacted by parents on this issue more frequently than I am for bullying, for example, although in one sense this is good because it reflects the relatively low number of bullying incidents occurring at school.

I have drafted a consultation document, which parents can access via the school website, here: http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/our-school/parents-information

I would be grateful to receive your thoughts on how our reporting system could be improved. Could you e-mail your views to my PA Mrs Harker via harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you.



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ACCESS TO SITE

As you may recall in our October Newsletter last year we requested that parents **DID NOT** drop their children off on the school site. This was due to the problems caused when we had to call the fire brigade and they were delayed at the main gate because of a small number of parents who had driven onto site to drop off their children, and their cars caused an obstruction. **Their actions put the safety of pupils and staff at risk**.

Unfortunately we still have a small number of parents who feel this does not apply to them and they continue to put students and staff at risk by driving on to the site to drop their children off. This has been raised in our Health and Safety audit and we again request that parents drop their children off at either the Sports Centre or at the top of Antrobus Road.



We would be grateful for your help in this matter.

N D Roper Headteacher

Year 7 Summary

We are now slap bang in the middle of a very busy term. Year 7's are involved lots of extra curricular activities. St Trinians, Area Athletics, The School Fayre to name just 3. Behaviour continues to be good, although I do think that the Year 7's are starting to show they are ready for Year 8, and are becoming more confident and in a few cases they are more disruptive. As Progress Leader it is my job to ensure progress at all times and anyone who is preventing learning will be placed on report and may incur after school detentions.

Attendance

Well done to 7SRO for achieveing 100% attendance last week. All 5 tutor groups had attendance over 95% - this is fantastic and sets great foundations for the future. Keep it up.

Litter

Now the sun is finally shining the students can eat their lunch on the field but we are seeing an increase in litter. We are trying to encourage the students to ensure the site is tidy. Please reiterate this message at home.

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Year 11 Summary Exams

I would just like to start this newsletter off by congratulating Year 11 on their outstanding Maths results! All those revision sessions certainly paid off and as a year group they achieved 65% A^*-C with an amazing 22 students achieving an A or A^* . This truly is an excellent result for a January exam. Well done Year 11! Thanks also goes to the Mathematics team who worked so hard with Year 11 to secure those results.

Hopefully the positive result in Maths will inspire Year 11 to go on to achieve similarly outstanding results in the rest of their exams. Keep up the good work with the revision and good luck with those final few exams. I look forward to seeing you all back for your results on August 22nd.

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Goodbye Year 11

I'm sure Year 11 are all looking forward to finally saying goodbye to exams and are excited to embark on their chosen future path. Although I am also excited for them, I will also be sad to see you all go. It truly has been fantastic working with all of you over the last three years and it has been great to get to know so many supportive parents. The only thing left to say is: "Good Luck Year 11 and you have made me proud!"

Mrs Staker Year 11 Progress Leader stakerf@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



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We have been advised by Wiltshire County to make parents aware of the following information which we have received from them.

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BRIEFING NOTE ON S.141F EDUCATION ACT 2002 (ALSO REFERRED TO AS S.13 EDUCATION ACT 2011)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this note is to explain the restrictions on reporting alleged offences by teachers.

LEGAL POSITION

If an allegation has been made against a person who is employed or engaged as a teacher at a school and (1) the allegation is that the teacher is or may be guilty of a criminal offence and (2) the allegation is made by or on behalf of a pupil, then it is a criminal offence to publish any information which may lead to the identity of the teacher who is subject to the offence.

Under the Act 'publication' includes any speech, writing, relevant programme or other communication in whatever form, which is addressed to the public at large. Therefore this includes any allegation which is published in any newspaper or posted on any website including any social network site such as Facebook, Myspace or Twitter.

It is important to note that it is not just naming the alleged offender that can amount to an offence; any information published that can lead to members of the public identifying the teacher can be considered an offence and may lead to a criminal conviction. Therefore a person who publishes the name of a particular school and the age of an alleged offender may find that they have committed a criminal offence, if the information which they publish leads to members of the public being able to identify the teacher.

It is possible to dispense with the reporting restrictions; however this requires an order from the magistrates' court and is only granted if it is in the interests of justice to do so. These restrictions also cease to apply once the alleged offender has been charged with the offence.

ADVICE

Please therefore be aware of the restrictions that are in place and ensure that all staff are informed of the legal position. If necessary this advice should be given to parents to make them aware of the seriousness of publishing information of this nature.

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Charity Fun Run

On the 28^{th} April, 2013, Myself, my Brother, a friend, her mum and my Mum, all ran a 4km fun run in Houghton, New Forest.

The times varied as people of all ages competed. The fastest time was 17minutes and 18 seconds. The slowest time was 47 minutes and 13 seconds. I came in at a time of 36 minutes and 51 seconds.

Me and my family managed to raise £22 and all the money raised will go to the Houghton All Saints church.

I hope to run again next year.



That is Me



Brook Smith 8CLM



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Basketball Playoffs

On Sunday 28th April Mr Protheroe and myself took a group of pupils to Wembley Arena to watch the Eagles play the Riders in the British Basketball final.

A highlight of the day was watching the basketball stunt team completing somersaults and acrobatics while slam dunking!

A great day was had by all,









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April's 100 club winners

1st prize - Mrs Terry £9.60 2nd prize - Miss Wrighton £4.80 3rd prize - Mrs Hillier - £1.60

The more members the bigger the prize money pot so why don't you join us by completing the form on the back page of the newsletter or call Claire Busby for further information.





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The Stonehenge School Race for Life 28/06/13

Get training!!!!



More details to follow

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Interested in hiring a locker?

Lockers are available in both upper and lower school

£6.00 per school year (paid in advance) + a £5.00 refundable deposit (on return of key)

Please register your interest by requesting an information pack by contacting Mrs Browning in the Premises Office on 01980 623407 or browningn@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk





Click on the link on our website which will take you directly there

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The Stonehenge School Fund 100 Club

The 100 club is a new fundraising activity which will help us raise money for the school fund. Each number costs £12 for entry into twelve consecutive monthly lottery draws and the more numbers you buy the greater your chance of a **great cash prize!**

Half the stake money will be given out in prizes with the other half of the monies being donated to the school. As the prize money depends on the number of entries, the prize fund does vary, however there will be three monthly cash prizes.

Please join us and bring little extra excitement to your life! If every family was a member of the 100 Club it would raise over £4,000 for the school each year and mean more prize money!

To join, please fill in the two forms below. Whilst you can pay through ParentPay, setting up a Standing Order means: * Renewal is easy *You never miss a draw *We avoid bank charges

THIS FORM IS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP. Please be aware that there can be no refunds after entry into a draw. Also, as winnings are despatched directly to the notified address it is essential that we have up to date details of all names and addresses. We would appreciate your child's name as a reference on the standing order mandate.

I hope to welcome you to the 100 Club! Claire Broom, School Business Manager

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM DIRECT TO YOUR BANK

100 Club Account details:- A/C No 47498860 A/C Stonehenge School Fund

Sort Code 30-97-41 Bank Lloyds TSB, Salisbury



Please pay to the above account immediately and annually thereafter on 1^{st} April 2013 until further notice £12 / £24 / £36 (delete as appropriate).

A/C Name: Sort Code
Beneficiary Reference (your child's name)
Bank Name/Address
Signature Date
PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL for the attention of Claire Broom, 100 Club
Member's Name and address:
Tel No(for contact about winnings)
Signature Date
Please delete as appropriate:
I have forwarded a standing order form to my bank for £12 / £24 / £36
I have paid via ParentPay for £12 / £24 / £36

A receipt and your membership number will be issued.

