

Stedham with Iping Annual Parish Meeting – April 2019

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| Mrs Dreckmann | <p>Good evening everyone and thank you for inviting us again to talk to you at the annual parish meeting about our village school. This year I am accompanied by one of our Year 6 students, Emily. She will be telling you what has happened at Stedham Primary School since this time last year, and then I will give you an overview of what is coming up.</p> |
| Emily | <p>In the summer 2018 term, the whole school went on a trip to Marwell Zoo, which everyone enjoyed.</p> <p>We had a science enrichment week which included a visitor from a mad scientist!</p> <p>Key Stage 2 held their production in June which this year was Pirates of the Currybean. Also this month, we were lucky enough to have a stone carver come into school through the South Downs National Park's schools programme to work with all Key Stage 2 students to create some carvings for our grounds.</p> <p>We ended our school year saying goodbye to Mrs Helas, a teacher who had worked at Stedham for several years.</p> <p>The new school year started in September and quickly became very busy. In the first week of October, Years 5 and 6 went away on residential to Cobnor Activity Centre, which we all enjoyed.</p> <p>Also in October, we held our annual open days for prospective parents, which were well attended.</p> <p>As always, in November our school choir represented the school at the annual Rotary music festival and in December, they also took part in the Midhurst area schools' choir which opened the Street Carnival.</p> <p>We ended the Autumn term with our Christmas fair, the Carols and Cakes event for grandparents and villagers and the carol service at the church for parents.</p> <p>In January we had an internet safety day with a workshop to support parents and carers in online safety.</p> <p>February was a quiet month and then at the start of March, our PTA surprised us by decorating our school library, just in time for Book Day the next week.</p> <p>The term ended with an Easter Fair.</p> |
| Mrs Dreckmann | <p>So that round up brings us up to date. Our new term started yesterday with lots already planned.</p> <p>We are working again with the Horticultural Society for our annual growing competition which we always look forward to. Next week we have a fitness and nutrition enrichment week in school with lots of activities and visitors and the children in Year 6 have their SATs tests mid May.</p> <p>We continue to develop and maintain our links with the local community; in July, some of our pupils are spending time at South Pond in Midhurst with the pond renovation group, who we have been working with for several years now, and we also have our outside learning day again at Stedham campsite in June.</p> <p>Our Key Stage 2 production will be in June –look out for an invitation nearer the time! We will hold our sports day on the sports field at the beginning of July – thank you to Stedham Sports Association for allowing us to continue using your facilities.</p> <p>The final thing going on for the school is that I am moving on after nine years to take up a headship at a bigger school in Bognor from September. The governors are currently working to recruit my successor. So that concludes our summary of the year. Thank you for your time.</p> |