



# Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

## Visits, budget, FOSNI and the Readathon.

We love to take the children out, each term if we can, on educational visits. We plan these at the start of the year and link them to what we are learning about. We all know how valuable these are for the children in terms of their learning but also because they are such fun and give them wonderful memories of their time in school. There's nothing more satisfying than when a child tells you they've had 'the best day' as they step off the coach. Sometimes they'll ask 'can we do that again?' The answer is always 'yes, but just not tomorrow!'

In the past and this year so far, we have supplemented school visits from our school budget. Going forward this isn't something we can afford to do. This year the visits have cost us around £1100 more than the monies we have collected in.

Legally we can only ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of visits. School never aims to make any profit. We merely divide the total cost (usually of entrance fees and coach hire) between the total number of children going. We are not allowed to charge each child more just in case we don't collect contributions from everyone.

Our school budget at the moment and going forward is very tight. We are looking at ways we can save money and raise money so that we can balance the books from September onwards. Why? The birth rate is low at the moment. We have fewer children in school than ever before and our budget is set mainly around our numbers. In September we have 38 children joining us. Our numbers each year fluctuate but we've never had such a small intake before. It will affect our budget dramatically so anything we can do to save for September is essential.

Going forward, unless we collect sufficient contributions (and by this, I mean all) to meet the total cost of a visit, it won't go ahead.

Our small but very effective FOSNI have done a wonderful job over the last couple of years raising funds for school. This is being saved so that we can use it to improve the outdoor play spaces for the children. At the moment we are deliberating on whether to keep saving to 'do the job properly' or to spend the money we have raised so far to enhance what we have. Once we have decided we'll let you know. We are always so grateful for how well the fundraising activities are supported. Thank you!



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I am staggered by how successful the sponsored read has been. We have raised £1470.40 and I am astounded by this. I can't think of another sponsored event we've done that has raised so much money. We want to replenish books in classrooms and I want the children to make the decision about which books they want. We have a wonderful Usborne catalogue to look through. There's a beautiful book about the Titanic. I'm sure that's going to be very popular with some of our Y2 children! Thank you to everyone who has taken part. We have the forms and shall announce the winners of the book tokens next week.

Best wishes,

Jane Townsend,

Headteacher



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