



July 2017

## Tax Free Child Care

Tax-Free Childcare is a new government scheme to help working parents with the cost of childcare.

Parents of the youngest children can now open an online account, which they can use to pay for childcare from a registered provider.

For every £8 a parent pays in, the government will pay in an extra £2. Parents can receive up to £2,000 per child, per year, towards their childcare costs, or £4,000 for disabled children.

The scheme will be available for children under the age of 12, or under 17 for children with disabilities.

To qualify, parents will have to be in work, and each expecting to earn at least £120 a week. Each parent must not have income over £100,000 per year.

Tax-Free Childcare will be introduced on 21 April 2017 and will then be gradually rolled out over 2017, with parents of children aged under four (on 31 August), and parents of disabled children (aged under 17) able to enter the scheme first.

Parents will be able to apply for all their children at the same time, when their youngest child becomes eligible. All eligible parents will be able to join the scheme by the end of 2017.

Stondon Stompers is currently in the process of obtaining our unique reference code which our parents need to apply. Deb is chasing this URC and as soon as we get one that works (!) we will inform you all so you can make your application. Please bear with us.



## Terms and Conditions

As from September 2017 we will require all parents to sign Stompers Terms and Condition.

You will find a copy of these in your SWAT file which we would appreciate you reading, agreeing, signing and returning.



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## End of term 'Clear-out'

As we near the end of the Summer term please ensure you collect all your child's belongings along the way. We will be disposing of any items left left in the foyer area, SWAT files and children's drawers.

## Dates for your diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Chicks to arrive
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Stondon Lower Schools fayre (5-8pm)
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Graduation 2pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term party 10.30-1  Last day of term
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumn term starts



## Sun Cream

As of September 2017 we will be providing sun cream for all Stompers children.

The sun cream we will provide will be Soltan Kids Hypoallergenic Suncare Sun cream SPF30. This sun cream has a UVA 5\* rating.

You will be required to sign a sun cream permission form which will be in your SWAT file. This form also provides information on the sun cream itself and what you need to do if you do not wish to use our sun cream. Please sign and return to a member of the team.



## Events –

**28<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day 11am** - The challenges will take place on Stondon Lower School's field. If you wish you come and cheer the teams on please use the gates to the field on Hillside Road. These will be open from 10.45am. Please bring with you a chair or blanket for comfort. Refreshments will be available for a small donation. If your child usually attends on a Wednesday morning, bring them in as usual. We will take them over to the field and you can then meet us on the field at 11am. If your child does not usually attend on a Wednesday morning, bring them to Stompers at 10.45am and then make your way to the field. We will take all the children back to Stompers with us and ask that you pick your child up from the entrance of the village hall. We ask that you provide the appropriate coloured T shirt (see white board) and sensible footwear

**12<sup>th</sup> July - Parents Evening-** The consultations will be between 7pm-9.30pm (the last appointment being offered at 9.00pm). We are continuing to offer a 10 minute time slot to ensure that all parents have the chance to talk to their child's key carer. If you feel you will need longer than this time allocation, or there is a specific issue you want to discuss please arrange an alternative time to meet with your key carer. It is really important we keep to your appointment times. A parents evening appointment list will be displayed on the white board in the entrance area next week so please add your name to a time slot

**20<sup>th</sup> July - Graduation** - Graduation for our leavers will be at 2pm. Please RSVP by 14<sup>th</sup> July to let us know if you will be coming to see your Stomper Stomp-Out during our Graduation Ceremony. We can only reserve 2 seats per child at the moment. If your child does not usually attend a Thursday afternoon please bring them to Stompers at 1.40pm.

**21<sup>st</sup> July - End of term party** - 10.30am-1pm. If your child does not usually attend on a Friday morning they are invited to attend but will need an adult to stay with them for the duration of the party. We will be having a Magic Show by Magic Mel at 11.15am and the Committee provide a party-style lunch for all children who attend. **NO NEED FOR PACKED LUNCHES ON THIS DAY**

And finally.....

We would like to wish all our leavers the very best for the next step in their journey and 'thank you' to our families who have continually supported us

