



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2021-22/28

Friday 29th April 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,



My goodness me, we really did hit the ground running this week! We have hosted open afternoons for Years 1 and 2, taken school photos for Reception and Year 6, started a completely new school lunch menu and launched our all new after-school club programme for this term. We have also been organising Bikeability for Year 5 in May, and finalising the administration and arrangements for our residentials - the first of which is only two weeks away! The teaching staff have put the final touches to the learning plans for this term. They are published today for you to see. There is a LOT going on!

This week we welcomed Tanzen and Leo who are new starters in Year 1. A big, warm hello to both of you, and to your parents and carers. We hope you will soon feel part of our school family and we look forward to getting to know you.

New polytunnel

Many thanks and much appreciation to Mr and Mrs Oakley for replacing our much loved Polytunnel over the Easter holidays. We had a grand unveiling for Year 5, with Max cutting the ceremonial ribbon. We have already started to make use of the Polytunnel, with Year 3 planting tomatoes, lettuce and fennel seeds to enhance their Science learning, with expert advice and support from Max. We have installed the thermometer and humidity gauge; temperatures have already been recorded at 34 degrees Celsius! It all looks fabulous!



Year 6 SATs Week

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War on Waste

This week the Eco Council presented their findings from their War on Waste investigations, and delivered an assembly, with Alex Mack from the Devon Waste Project, to the whole school to explain how we can all contribute positively to reducing the amount of waste the school produces by recycling more and using fewer paper towels. They told us how we can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, ending with a recycling rap. As well as labelling bins to help us put the right item in the right bin, the Eco Council will be undertaking a litter pick across the school site.



In School this week

The Reception children have had a super start to the term with an exciting visit from Alex from the Devon Waste Education Team, who taught them about the impact of plastics in the world's oceans. During the interactive workshop, the children went on a pirate adventure to find some treasure and rescued some sea creatures trapped along the way, including Timmy the turtle, Sammy the seagull and Sally the seal. Amelie said "I learnt that you should never, ever chuck rubbish because sometimes it can go into the sea and then it is really bad for the environment and can hurt sea creatures and the whole planet really. We need to all look after it." Euan reminded us that "You should put your rubbish in the recycling or reuse it and then the animals won't think it is food and eat it, because that is really bad for them and they can die."

The children are very much enjoying their new topic and text *The Treasure of Pirate Frank*, and are looking forward to coming to school dressed up as pirates on Friday 6th May for a day full of pirate-themed adventure.

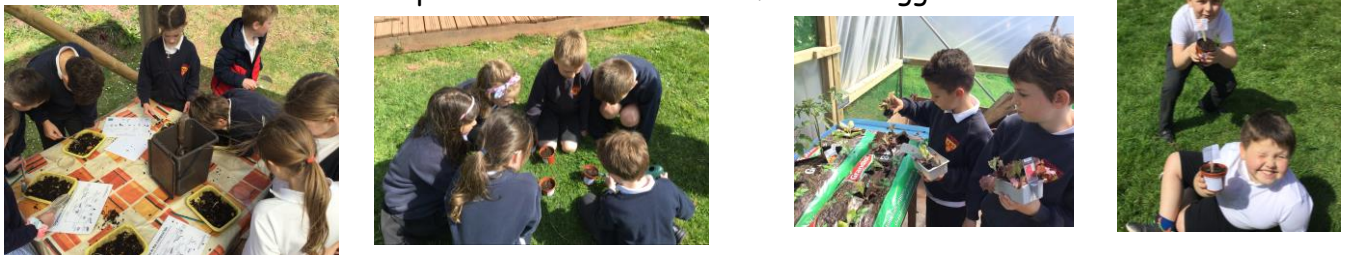


This week in Year 2, the children have been busy finding out all about the properties of different shapes and using Venn diagrams to sort their shapes. They had to sort shapes into different categories - shapes with 3 vertices, 4 sides, curved sides, straight sides and were able to say why some shapes belonged in more than one group.

Eric - "These shapes go here in the middle because they have got curved and straight sides"



As the May Day bank holiday is just around the corner and planting season is upon us, in Year 3 this week we have been exploring our science topic. We planned an investigation into what plants need to grow, testing our hypothesis that plants need light, nutrients and water to grow. We then got into the much new and improved polytunnel to plant some tomatoes, lettuce and fennel, for future experiments that will "bear fruit" after half-term! Finally, we had a visit from Devon Waste to talk about reduce, reuse and recycle where we got up close and personal with a compost bin and some beautiful worm eggs!



We have had a lovely week in Year 4 and have started several new exciting topics. In Geography, we have been learning about earthquakes - what they are, how they are caused and what they in turn cause to happen. We will be learning about volcanoes in our next lesson. In French, we have been learning new vocabulary linked to the familiar story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We thoroughly enjoyed our PE lesson on Wednesday from Achieve 4 All and really made the most of being out in the sunshine.



This week, Year 5 made the most of their first forest school session with firefighting, creating delicacies in the mud kitchen, swinging and working together to create an ambitious fort - all in the glorious sunshine.



This week Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit with Alex from the Devon Waste Education team. They looked at various items that could be recycled and learnt that all items that we throw away come from the Earth. We had a fun quiz to guess what various items had been recycled from and the children all received a recycled pencil and the winning team a recycled ruler!



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Year 4 Residential

Only two weeks to go before our Year 4 residential camping trip. A few admin details:

- Friday 13th May is the deadline to pay the balance in full. If your child does not attend the residential, please let Charlotte in the office know.
- A kit list is attached for the residential.
- If you haven't already handed in your SOE3 form and travel detail forms, please can these be handed in on Tuesday at the latest. An email has been sent to the relevant parents.



Year 5 - Bikeability Week Commencing Monday 16th May

Year 5 pupils will be involved in their Bikeability training during the week beginning Monday 16th May. The children do not need to wear uniform on the days that they are doing Bikeability (more details to follow) and additionally, they will be allowed to keep their bikes at school overnight in the school hall. It is a fantastic experience for all the children to take part in. Although letters have been sent out, the Bikeability team ask that all parents enrol their child onto the course via the online link which has been sent separately via email. If you have already handed in your paperwork, apologies but please enrol online. Any queries, please let the office know.

News from the Kitchen



We have launched our new lunch menu. We are working in conjunction with Dart Fresh and Educatering to provide a varied and popular menu with both meat and vegetarian choices each day. School lunch prices have increased to £2.40 per day. The initial feedback is really positive and the take-up of school meals has increased. We would like to remind all parents and carers to ensure that children have a water bottle with them when they come to school each day - they need to take them in to lunch with them. On a Friday's lunch will be served outside, weather permitting.

Swimming Pool Time Table and PE Timetable

Please see below the swimming pool timetable and PE timetable. It's very exciting that we can start swimming lessons as of next week. The pool is warming up and is currently 29° C. Please ensure that your child has their **PE kit in school every day** and their swimming kit in school on the days their class are swimming. If they have long hair we do ask that swimming hats are worn.

Swimming Timetable	
Monday	Year 2 and Year 4
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday	Year 3
Friday	Reception and Year 6

PE Timetable

Wednesday	All year groups
Thursday	Year 3
Friday	Year 4

Sponsored Read

You may recall that we promoted an Easter sponsored read partnered by Usbourne books. We have received a few responses so far and have raised £123 of our £600 target! One person managed to raise £80 on his own! Well done Joe in Year 4! If your child took part in the sponsored read and has money to hand in please could they bring it in on Monday? If your child did not take part but would like to then we have extended the deadline by one week so that we can get to our target. If every child in the school read just one book and raised £3 in doing so we would easily get to £600 by next Friday. Please can you encourage them to take part? The school will be able to buy many new books with the funds raised.

A note from Miss Carter - Anxiety In Children

As part of my National SENCo Award qualification I am undertaking an action research project designed to improve teaching and support for children with anxiety. I am looking for parents who have recognised anxiety in their children to volunteer to take part in the project. It will involve filling in two questionnaires. Answers will be anonymous and you have the right to withdraw at any time until your answers are submitted.

If you would like to be involved please e-mail Research@southhamsfederation.org.uk

Thank you.

Clare Carter

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Have an enjoyable and relaxing Bank Holiday Weekend Break.

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

Congratulations

This afternoon we held our special assembly when we celebrate the children's achievements in school and share successes in their interests and activities outside school.

Awards this week go to:

Arthur
 Joshua
 Wilf
 Arthur
 George S
 Lilly
 Finley G

After School Clubs

Monday	Year 1 and 2 Mindfulness Colouring Club Year 4 to 6 Netball Club Year 4 to 6 Arts & Crafts Club
Tuesday	Girls defence class with Caroline
Wednesday	Year 1 and 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club Year 6 Lunchtime Homework Club Year 1 and 2 Yoga Club KS2 Summer Sports with achieve4all Club KS2 Choir and Music Club
Thursday	Year 4 to 6 Lunchtime Football Club KS2 Lacrosse Club Year 1 to 3 Multi Skills Club Karate with Caroline
Friday	KS2 Lunchtime Football Club

The Week Ahead - New Menu!

Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Tuesday 3rd May	SATs Lunchtime Revision - open to all year 6
Wednesday 4th May	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons After School SATS Revision Club - open to all Year 6
Thursday 5th May	After School SATS Revision Club - open to all Year 6
Friday 6th May	Reception - Pirate Day - See above Monica Chapman Music Lessons SATs Lunchtime Revision - open to all year 6 Year 3 Open Afternoon from 3pm

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May	All Week	6	SATs
Wednesday 11 May	PM	3	Trip to Northcott Theatre Exeter - letter sent out today - Friday 29th April
Thursday 12 to Friday 13 May	All Day	4	Residential Trip - see above
Friday 13 May	PM	5	Open Afternoon
Monday 16 May	PM	Reception & 6	National Weighing and Measuring Programme
Monday 16 to Friday 20 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Course - see above
Friday 20 May	AM PM	6 6	Singing Paddles - letter sent out Open Afternoon
Wednesday 25 May	All Day	5	Paignton Zoo Trip - letter sent out
Friday 27 May	PM	4	Open Afternoon
Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	All day	All	HALF TERM
Monday 6 June	AM	All	Back to School
Friday 17 June	AM	6	Singing Paddles - letter sent out
Tuesday 21 June	All Day	3	Royal Albert Museum Exeter trip -TBC
Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 June	All Day	6	Residential
Thursday 30 June to Friday 1 July	All day	3	Residential
Tuesday 19 to Wednesday 20 July	All Day	5	Residential
Friday 20 July	PM	All	Last Day of Term

Slapton Community Shop Vacancy

Part-time Assistant Manager needed for our award-winning Community Shop, working with our team of over 25 volunteers. Minimum 20 hours per week. Competitive salary and hours by negotiation.

We are looking to appoint an Assistant Manager who is hard working and efficient.

A good "people person" with excellent communication skills. Ideally will have experience of working in a retail environment. Will need an awareness of food hygiene, and health and safety at work requirements. Responsible for shop ordering and stock control. Will need to be able to carry out manual handling tasks.

We are looking for someone who is a hard working team player and enthusiastic about all aspects of helping to manage and develop a village shop on behalf of the whole community. The role is fully supported by the Shop Management Committee.

- Job Types: Part-time, Permanent
- Starting Salary £12 per hour
- COVID-19 considerations:

Customers are requested to wear a face mask and sanitise hands.

Please apply in writing by 20th May 2022 to Gill Hall-Smith, Slapton Village Community Shop, Wood Lane, Slapton, TQ7 2QX. Or email : gillhallsmith@gmail.com