



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2021-22/27

Thursday 7th April 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,



We're ready, the children are ready and I hope you are ready for a fantastic and restful Easter break! The Spring term always feels long as we endure half of it with short days and often unpleasant weather. Here's hoping we are blessed with 2 weeks of sunny days and warmer temperatures, happy easter egg hunts and time with friends and family.

It has been a very busy final week in school. The children have all enjoyed Art week, Scratchwork Theatre AND Explorer Dome Science Show! We have certainly succeeded in bringing them variety, fun and lots of entertaining learning. I would like to thank the staff team at Stokenham for putting together and running an amazing array of activities for everyone to get involved in. It has been brilliant! Well done!



The summer term will bring new after-school clubs, much-loved swimming pool time (once the pool reaches temperature) and lots of learning opportunities out of doors. We have a new school lunch menu and ParentPay to introduce, SATs for our Year 6 pupils and trips and residentials to look forward to. Our Year 6 class will be in their final term of primary school and we must prepare to send them on their way to adventures new. It is always an exciting term, and I have a feeling we are going to be busier than ever!

Road traffic and safety

I am greatly saddened and disappointed to report that on Wednesday of this week another member of staff's car was damaged on Kiln Lane by a school site user. It is completely unacceptable to cause damage of this nature to anyone else's vehicle, and irresponsible not to report such an incident. I implore all parents and carers to please take care when parking and 'unparking' on Kiln Lane.

Running for Ukraine

This morning all the children took part in a run for Ukraine, organised by some of our year 5 pupils, Connie, Lauren, Amie, Ava, Millie with Thomas helping the KS1 children with their running and Mrs Jeffrey! What a fantastic effort everyone made and we raised over £115.00! Well done everybody, you were brilliant - you can be very proud!



Around the school this week



The Eco-Council met this week to continue our War on Waste! They created signs to ensure that discarded items are put in the correct bins in order to reduce waste and improve recycling. They worked together to create an information assembly for the rest of the school which will be delivered after the Easter holidays.



The KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive and creative Scratch Works drama session, generating a range of story ideas, adding accompanying movements for the characters and then putting it all together to create a wonderful performance.



In addition to the superb science dome experience and drama workshop on Tuesday, the Reception class have engaged in a wide range of creative and artistic activities this arts week all linked to Indian culture. This included sketching Indian landmarks and animals, creating colourful handprint peacocks and drawing decorative mehndi henna designs. They also enjoyed listening to Indian music, and learnt and performed brilliant bhangra dance routines with great rhythm and much enthusiasm!



For KS1 the theme for our Explorer Dome session was 'Bubbles'. We learnt about how bubbles were formed. We also learnt that if we had a wet, soapy hand then we wouldn't be able to pop the bubbles, they only pop when they hit something dry. We then looked at how gravity impacted on the flight of a bubble. Ben led the session then taught us all about how bubbles behaved differently when in contact with different gasses. He used carbon dioxide which is a heavy gas and made the bubbles sink. He then used helium which was a very light gas and made the bubbles float right up to the top of the ceiling in the hall. At the end of the session Ben used propane gas which made the bubbles burn, they went off with quite a bang! We had a fabulous time and all very much enjoyed the interactive session.



KS2 were very excited to see the Explorer Dome presenter and his box of experiments! We explored states of matter, with the differences and relationships between solids, liquids and gases. Did you know that solid carbon dioxide expands 500 times its volume when it becomes as gas?!! Most excitingly there was a lot of liquid nitrogen on show along with some very excitable liquid oxygen and we learnt how to make some very sci-fi looking drinks using dry ice. Parents and carers, you have to ask them what 'sublimation' is.....



In Year 2 we have also been looking at the artist and illustrator Abigail Brown. She enjoys making birds and animals. Every animal is made from fabric or paper mache. She makes each piece herself by hand. We have looked at some beautiful African birds to inspire our models. We drew our own template of a bird and cut out our fabric. We then stapled around the edge leaving a small opening to be able to stuff it and make it 3D. We then decorated it and attached legs made from pipe cleaners.

Year 4 made some fantastic Ancient Egyptian masks for Arts Week. Aren't they colourful?



Year 5 worked together to collaboratively create a piece of improvised physical theatre - we had fat red frogs, fluffy parrots and shiny silver fish all having adventures in our rainforest setting by a waterfall and stream.



Year 6 SATs Week

KS2 SATS week commences on Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May. All details of this will be on google classrooms including revision tips and links to useful sites. The children are coming home with some revision packs as discussed during parent consultations (we have sent family members/friends home with packs for those children who are away today). There will be booster classes after school still on Wednesday 27th and Wednesday 4th open to anyone who would like to come, along with lunchtime booster sessions for any children who want to join - this is not compulsory.

We are excited to offer a Sponsored Reading challenge!

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a sponsored read between now and Thursday 29th April 2022; a great activity to enjoy over the Easter Holidays! A letter has been sent home with the children, please check book bags. You will find a sponsorship form for your child and a Reading Bingo Card offering different challenges/types of reading. Your child could be sponsored per challenge ticked off, or simply for participating in the challenge. All sponsorship forms and money should be handed into the school office by Friday 29th April, in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly written. Thank you.



The project is being organised in conjunction with a local Usborne Partner and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books! **Our target is to raise at least £600 in sponsor money, with Usborne donating an additional £360 of books for free. This will give us a minimum total of £960 to spend on new books and resources for our children.** An amazing opportunity I am sure you will agree!

Book Amnesty

Whilst we talk books, please can we send out a plea for any Stokenham school books that may be at home. Please have a rummage whilst on your Easter holidays and return any books to school when we return after our break.

After-school Clubs

Details of next term's after-school clubs will be released in the first week back after the Easter break. Full details will be in the first newsletter after we return.

News from the Kitchen



After the Easter break we will be launching a new menu! We will be working in conjunction with Dart Fresh and Educatering to provide a new menu with both meat and vegetarian choices and more! School dinner prices will increase to £2.40 per day. Devon County Council have not increased the cost of school meals for almost 3 years. Attached with this newsletter is the brand-new menu. For example, on the first day back, Monday 25th April, the children will be able to choose from Cauli Mac 'n' Cheese with Focaccia bread and salad, 5-Bean enchilada with Wedges and Corn on the cob, or Jacket potato with either cheese, beans or 5-Bean chilli. Dessert will be either a fresh fruit platter or a yogurt. Delicious!

Open Afternoons after Easter break

In the first week back after the Easter break both Year 1 and Year 2 will be hosting an Open Afternoon. Year 1 is scheduled for Wednesday 27th April and Year 2 on Friday 29th April. Both afternoons will commence at 3pm. Parents will be able to visit the school and look at their child's work and to meet with staff members for that class. Full details regarding timings and where to

Forest School for Reception & Year 5



Starts Monday 25th April - the first day back after the Easter break. Make a note please and remember that Reception come to school wearing old clothes/waterproofs/wellies etc for the day, bringing a spare set of clean clothes just in case they get wet or very muddy. Year 5 will need to wear school uniform as normal but need to bring with them suitable old clothes/waterproofs and wellies to change into for Forest School in the afternoon.

ParentPay



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COUNT ON US

Next term we will be introducing ParentPay. We will be able to accept payments for online items such as dinner money and school trips using your credit / debit card, or you can continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores within your local community. <https://consumer.paypoint.com/>

Please watch the promotional video via the link below for an insight on how the system will work.

<https://vimeo.com/336556633>

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Have an enjoyable and relaxing Easter 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:

Reception - Kaitlyn B

Year 1 - Daisy

Year 2 - Daniel S

Year 3 - Ellie J

Year 4 - Faye

Year 5 - Chloe

Year 6 - Olivia S

The Week Ahead - New Menu!

Monday 25 th April	First Day back after Easter Forest School Reception and Year 5 John Sipple Drum Lessons Holly Molyneux Music Lessons
Tuesday 26 th April	Open Afternoon Year 1 - see above
Wednesday 27 th April	Tempest Photography - see above Abi Tucker Singing Lessons After school Choir practice After school SATS club - open to ALL Year 6
Thursday 28 th April	
Friday 29 th April	Monica Chapman Music Lessons Open Afternoon Year 2 - see above

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 2 May	All Day	ALL	Bank Holiday - School closed
Wednesday 4 May	PM PM	6	After school Music Showcase After school SATS club
Friday 6 May	PM	3	Open Afternoon
Monday 9 May	All Week	6	SATS
Thursday 12 to Friday 13 May	All Day	4	Residential Trip
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 - details to follow
Friday 20 May	AM PM	6 6	Singing Paddles tbc Open Afternoon
Wednesday 25 May	All Day	5	Paignton Zoo Trip tbc
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 tbc
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

Vacancy for a Teaching Assistant/Mealtime Assistant at Loddiswell Primary School
Temporary position until August 2022 -
possible job share opportunity

Loddiswell Primary School are looking for a full-time Teaching Assistant/Mealtime Assistant to start as soon as possible. This will be a fixed-term contract, initially until August 2022, but is likely to be extended. The role will include working within whole class settings, supporting groups of learners and working with specific children with special educational needs. Hours are 23.75 per week as a Teaching Assistant and 5 hours a week as a Mealtime Assistant, term-time only, 38 weeks per year. We are happy to consider applications for anyone looking for a job share for this position.

As a Teaching Assistant you must be able to motivate and encourage our children in their learning. You will need good communication skills, a good level of Maths and English and must be flexible to meet the changing needs of children. A positive and encouraging attitude is essential, as is kindness, patience and an ability to use your initiative. Training and support will be available to develop the role.

- We are looking for someone who:
- is enthusiastic and hard-working
- can work with parents, staff, Head of School and SENCO to support children's learning
- can set clear and consistent boundaries
- is committed to helping create excitement, creativity and independence in learning
- is dedicated to raising standards and is a good role model
- has a reflective and evaluative approach to your work.

The South Hams Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service check.

Hours are 23.75 per week as a TA and 5 hours a week as an MTA, term-time only, 38 weeks per year. However, we are willing to consider a job share for the right candidate.

Salary = NJC Scale Point B2 - B3 = £9.60 - £9.79 per hour as a TA and £9.50 per hour as an MTA.

Please apply by noon on Wednesday, 27th April 2022. Interview date: to be confirmed

An application form and job description are available from Helen Leather at

hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk or phone 01548 580551.