



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2021-22/26
1st April 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just one week to go before the Easter break! We have been very busy this term despite our challenges with the Covid virus the children have been adaptable, positive and enthusiastic about their learning days in school. We have had to cancel quite a few sporting commitments in the last few weeks but we are hopeful that the Summer term will allow us to get all these activities going again. Thank you for your understanding, tolerance and patience during the weeks in which we were juggling staffing across the federation, and emailing you from time to time to amend or cancel scheduled events.



Our final week of term is designated as Art Week. Around the school we have an exciting array of activities for all the children to engage in, including a visit by the Scratchwork Theatre Company. We are also excited to be welcoming Explorer Dome - this is the science visit that was cancelled a few weeks ago.

Visit by the RNLI Lifeguards



On Wednesday we were visited by the RNLI Lifeguards! The whole school were involved in learning about the work of the lifeguards, warning flags, raising the alarm, rip currents and beach safety. Lifeguards Josh and Ed commented on how knowledgeable and enthusiastic our children were in participating in the various activities and games they had organised. If you would like to know more about the RNLI lifeguards, they have suggested the following link for more resources for children online - colouring and quizzes etc <https://rnli.org/youth-education-resources> They even recruited a new lifeguard!!



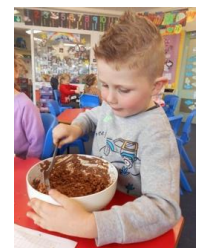
Year 6 Exeter Cathedral Trip

Year 6 finally had a trip! Full of excitement on the bus and singing all the way, we arrived at Exeter Cathedral with gasps of 'it's huge!' Two very knowledgeable guides took us around the Cathedral pointing out lots of interesting artefacts and telling us stories to bring the history of the magnificent building alive. Lots of notes were taken and after lunch teams pitted their knowledge against each other in a fun quiz. It turned out that each guide had shown us different things, so the afternoon was spent sharing the facts learnt as we were left to explore the cathedral. Some great sketches and rubbings were also made. Too soon we had to leave but the bus driver was kindly persuaded to give us a quick detour to take in the Cities Roman Walls. Ellis thought the most interesting story was about a cat who was in the Cathedral when a World War II bomb landed. The cat is immortalised in stone along with a mouse 'just to keep him entertained'. Harry thought 'it was a good factual experience'.



Around the school this week...

The Reception class have had an excellent Easter-themed week, learning about the Christian Easter story, how Easter is celebrated and ordering and comparing numbered Easter eggs in maths. The favourite activity of all was following a recipe and making chocolate nests, exploring and describing the changes in the chocolate from solid to liquid as it was heated and then cooled again.



This week in year 1, we have been looking at balances and counter balances. For this lesson the children were asked to work in pairs and groups to support each other in a balance. They came up with some very imaginative ideas! We will be looking into this more next week and I'm looking forward to seeing what new ideas they come up with.

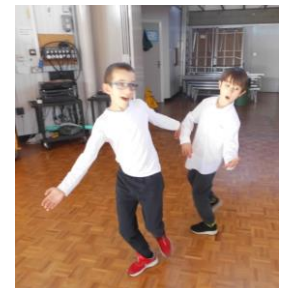


Year 2's computing topic this term is all about being researchers! We have linked our learning with our science topic 'Animals including humans' and researched different animals. To begin with the children had to create a mind map of questions that they would like to find the answers to. They then used 'DK Find Out' to research their chosen animal and recorded their answers. Next, they will be creating a PowerPoint presentation of their information.

We are also missing our Esmae who has been off this week in hospital. Get well soon Esmae, we miss you in class!



This week in Year 4 we have finished making our torches in DT. We have evaluated them to see if they are suitable for their intended user and purpose. We have also continued to develop our space-themed dance routines in PE.



Fun Run for Ukraine - Thursday 7th April

Next Thursday our last day at school we are going to have a fun run to raise money for Ukraine. Some of our girls in year 5 have organised the event. Your child will be running, walking, skipping or



even dancing around the playground and field throughout the morning. If you would like to donate some money for the DEC for Ukraine please bring it in next Thursday. The children will need their trainers.

Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers

Thank you all for sending in your Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers - we have been able to order lots of new hand tools for little hands! Here are some keen and budding gardeners with big smiles! They can't wait to get digging.



After-school Clubs

Please remember that there will be **no after-school clubs next week**. Details of next term's after-school clubs will be released in the first week back after the Easter break.

Please Pay Before the end of Term - REMINDER

All outstanding payments for your child's school lunches **were due on Monday 28th March**. If you owe money on your child's account you will be sent a letter requesting immediate payment via Tucasi, in order to clear all accounts outstanding by the end of term. We can also accept cash or a cheque but we are trying to minimise the use of this form of payment.

They Are back!!

Please could you make sure you complete thorough head checks for 'little critters' this weekend when washing hair, and repeat for the next week or so? We have had several reports that they have not gone away and they are determined operators! We would be grateful for a concerted effort by everyone so we can start the new term head lice free. Thank you.



Mobile devices

Parents and carers are politely reminded that the use of mobile telephones or other mobile devices is **NOT** permitted on school premises at any time.

Road and Vehicle Safety

It is rather upsetting to inform our parents about an incident which occurred yesterday in Kiln Lane. A car belonging to a member of staff has been damaged due to another vehicle driving into it which has resulted in a very costly repair. It seems timely to issue a reminder about traffic along Kiln Lane for school users. Please could all parents and carers note the following:

- Do not park in the bus bay outside school or on the yellow zig-zag lines at the school entrance
- Do not park on grass verges, across driveways or obstructing access to properties or adjoining roads/lanes
- Drive and park with awareness of other road users, and with respect to pedestrians
- Park carefully and at all costs avoid damage to other vehicles!
- Do not remove children from cars into the flow of traffic/into the middle of the road
- Use the pavement for pedestrian access to school, and cross the road at the appropriate point. Do not escort your children to school on the road in amongst moving cars

Our job as adults is to teach the children about road safety by setting a good example. Safe use of the road and the pavement is the way to do this. Our school neighbours are very tolerant of us all but we must bear them in mind at peak drop off and pick up times. They live along Kiln Lane, we are the visiting road users. Thank you all for your tolerance and understanding concerning this issue.

Introducing ParentPay - coming next term

We are pleased to announce next term we will be changing our online payment system to 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/>



More details will be coming after Easter but in the meantime 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 weekend.

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

Congratulations

Every Friday we hold a 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:

Ashley

Paige

Freddie T

Percy

Sebby R

Luke

Barnaby P

Mealtime Award

Dougie

The Week Ahead - Menu Week 1

Thursday will be Fish & Chips

Multi-Cultural Theme Week

Monday 4 th April	Forest School Reception and Year 4 John Sipple Drum Lessons Holly Molyneux Music Lessons Parent Consultations
Tuesday 5 th April	Explorer Dome Science Day Scratchwork Theatre Company Parent Online Consultations
Wednesday 6 th April	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons Scratchwork Theatre Company Parent Online Consultations
Thursday 7 th April	Fun Run for Ukraine - see above Year 4 Residential paperwork deadline to hand in Last Day of Term
Friday 8 th April	Non-Pupil day

Easter Holidays

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 25 April	AM	ALL	First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 27 April	AM	Recp & 6	Tempest Photography - Group Photographs
Monday 2 May	All Day	ALL	Bank Holiday - School closed
Thursday 12 to Friday 13 May	All Day	4	Residential Trip
Monday 16 to Friday 20 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Course - details to follow
Monday 30 to Friday 3 May	All day	All	HALF TERM
Monday 6 June	AM	All	Back to School
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.

Clerk to Governors' Vacancy

Organisation	South Hams Federation
Occupational group	Admin, Secretarial & Office Support
Salary details	NJC Grade D - £10.60 - £11.70 per hour
Job term	Permanent
Appointment type	Term Time Only
Hours	9 hours per week, 38 weeks per annum
Closing Date	Noon, Friday, 1 st April 2022
Interview date	To be Confirmed.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the team of the South Hams Federation as the Clerk to Governors. We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and flexible clerk with excellent organisation skills and with proven administrative experience to support our governing body. As Clerk, you will oversee the organisation of governor meetings and record accurate minutes and advise on changes in legislation, policy and governance issues. You must be able to work under your own initiative, manage deadlines and keep accurate records. The ability to remain impartial, comply with data protection legislation and maintain confidentiality is essential.

The main purpose of the job is:

- To provide advice to the Board of Governors and its individual members on governance, constitutional and procedural matters, ensuring the board meets its statutory requirements.
- To provide administrative support to the Board of Governors to facilitate effective and efficient meetings and strategic governance.
- To make a key contribution to ensuring a strong evidence base is provided for Ofsted/Audit by an accurate record of governing board challenge, actions and decisions via concise and accurate minutes.
- To manage information effectively and in accordance with legal requirements, observing confidentiality.
- To facilitate and co-ordinate the induction process for new governors and promote governor training, succession planning and recruitment based on the skills required to fulfil the governing boards' key roles.

The successful applicant should:

- Have a high standard of grammar.
- Be able to record and transcribe minutes.
- Have excellent ICT skills.

- Have good communication and organisational skills and a confident telephone manner.

- Be willing to work as part of the federation team to provide efficient administration support.
- Be adaptable and able to work under pressure.

The South Hams Federation is a successful forward-thinking dynamic Federation based in the South Hams region of Devon comprising Kingsbridge, Loddiswell, Malborough with South Huish C of E, Modbury and Stokenham Area Primary Schools; all of which are Devon Council maintained primary schools.

Closing date is noon on Friday, 1st April 2022. Interview date to be arranged.

An application form and job description are available on request from

hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This role requires an enhanced DBS disclosure and the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.