



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/03

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Things definitely took a turn for the Autumnal this week! We had the first wet lunch break on Wednesday when it was too 'wet and wild' to go outside because of the wind and rain. Nobody could remember the last one! It is a timely reminder to send your child to school with a waterproof, warm coat with their name inside!

As Stephen King said "Books are a uniquely portable magic"

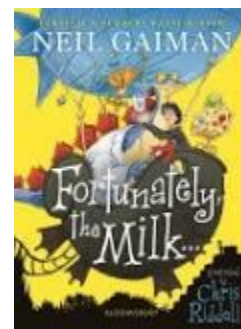
Yesterday afternoon we hosted our Scholastic Book Fair - with the help of our class reading ambassadors, Mrs Cross and Mrs Turner set all the books up in the hall and all the children had an opportunity to take a look at the books on display, select a title or two that they liked the look of and hopefully purchase. Thank you so much to all the parents who ordered books from the fair. For every book purchased by you the school receives a free book for the library from Scholastic. We do appreciate that it is tempting just to buy books online - but by purchasing from Scholastic Stokenham Primary School benefits too. Thank you so much.



Whilst we talking books and reading, Finlay and Edith from Year 3 were very excited to tell us all about their recommendation, "Fortunately, the Milk" by Neil Gaiman. So the story goes something like this:

"Dad goes to buy some milk because there is none in the house because Mum is away and Dad hasn't got any! No milk for breakfast and the children are hungry! Dad gets captured by aliens but escapes and time travels and end up with pirates. Decisions now...will Dad become a pirate or will he walk the plank and attempt to escape. Did he walk the plank, become a pirate, get thrown overboard or get rescued....?"

As Finlay and Edith said, "it's quite funny, and there are wumpires not vampires, jungle Gods, with one of their favourite character being Splod the God of people with short funny names.



New School Councillors and Class Representatives

This week our pupils elected their class representatives for the various councils at school. Congratulations go to the following pupils:

	Arts Council	PE Council	Reading Ambassadors	Eco Council
Year 6	Ben and Hugo	Lexie and Roman	Faye and Maurice	Hailey Rose and Monty
Year 5	Casey and Holly	Thea and Finn	Lily and Dillon	Tom and Niamh
Year 4	Phoebe and Toby	Isadora and Gil	Blaise and Emilee	Evie R and Wilf
Year 3	Lucy and Tanzen	Edie and Sebby	Edith and Finlay	Daisy and Fraser
Year 2	Mia and Euan	Poppy and Hugo	Alba and Arlo	Hester and Jack

Data Collection Information

At school we have an electronic pupil information system on which we record important information about your child's personal details, nearest contacts and their details, any relevant medical and dietary details, and any other important information supplied by parents and carers.

Each year we ask for parents and carers to check that the information we hold is correct and up to date and to inform us of any changes.

The data collections sheets have come home this week with your child. Please can all parents check the details we have regarding your child and return the signed paperwork to the office **by Friday 29th September**. **ALL data sheets need to be returned**. It is vitally important that this information is up to date for every child in school and particularly with regard to any contact or medical information the school needs to be aware of.

PTFA News

The PTFA held their AGM this week and it was very well supported. Thank you to all those who came along. If you would like to join but missed the meeting please contact Anna Weir 07932 501 187 or Louise Stone 07891 803 110 who can add you to the WhatsApp group.

Your PTFA Committee looks like this:

Chair: Anna Weir

Vice Chair: Louise Stone

Treasurer: Mary Roberts

Secretary: Rachel Smith

Big Events co-ordinator: Iona Davies

Catering Manager: Katie Lee

Committee Members (2 representatives for each year group)

Suzie Hammoudeh

Anastasia Abramczuk

Michelle Acton

Camilla Fawcett

Caroline Simpson

Jackie Garton

Genie Morris

Hannah Iles

Evette Duncan

Georgina Kent

Louise Haines

Jo Waldock

Jill Mottram

Vacancy fm Year 2

As you can see there is a vacancy for a second representative in Year 2. Being a PTFA member requires only a little time, is a very sociable thing to do and helps to raise much needed funds which benefit the children in school directly. Anna or Louise would love to hear from a Year 2 parent/carer who would like to support the PTFA.



The PTFA have lots of events planned for this year and your support is greatly appreciated. Please keep an eye on the website and read your weekly newsletter for updates. The first update is to say that after the Harvest Festival Event on

October 6th the PTFA will be providing coffee and cake. Everyone is welcome and we hope that you will support them with scrumptious donations.

Christmas Cards!

It does seem a little early to start thinking about Christmas but the PTFA are already organising PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS - this week your child was sent home with a template on which they can design a card - these will be collected in and sent off for printing. The PTFA have done this for a number of years now and it always proves popular - it is also a great way to raise funds.



All you need to do is find the template in your child's book bag, encourage them to create a design and return it to school by Monday October 2nd. Please note that the design must be portrait and not landscape!

If you miss the deadline then the card will not be printed! We look forward to seeing all the lovely Christmas-inspired designs.

Can you help?

The Reception class would be very grateful for any kind donations of the following: small world animals and people, baby dolls and accessories, pebbles, shells, log slices, acorns, conkers, sticks, metal kitchenware/jugs, funnels etc. Many thanks.

Swimathon - Friday 13th October

Stokenham have always done extremely well at this event raising £1000's of pounds towards the various nominated charities and for Stokenham School. This year we would like to enter 8 teams from year groups 4 through to 6 for the Annual Swimathon. The event takes place during the afternoon on Friday 13th October. Each team takes it in turns to swim as many lengths as possible in 55 minutes and your child MUST be able to swim a length of the Quayside pool. If your child would like to take part, details regarding the event will go on Parent Pay and a letter will also be sent out next week. Please confirm your child's attendance via the parent pay system as soon as possible so we can sort out teams and travel arrangements. Thank you.

Around the School this Week

After sharing the book All Kinds of People and discussing diversity and difference, the Reception children looked in mirrors and described their facial features. They then mixed and used paints to carefully create these super self-portraits.



This week in Maths, Year 2 have been counting in tens' and ones and looking at the value of each digit in a two-digit number. They have been using their knowledge of unitising and subitising to count tens and ones and recording this in different ways. They used a variety of practical manipulatives to help them group their tens and ones.



In year 3 we have been exploring charcoal in Art and have created large drawings using a range of techniques. We will eventually be creating our own dramatic artwork by drawing with charcoal by torchlight. In French, we have learnt to say our names and ask somebody else theirs. We are enjoying learning a new language and had great fun singing a song in French.



This week, Year 4 have been creating electrical circuits using wires, a bulb and a cell, and learning about the scientific vocabulary we use when talking about electricity.



Year 5 and 6 Residential 2024

Although it is months away before our year 5 and 6 go on their residential, planning is already in place. Letters regarding the residential are being sent home today. If you would like your child to go on their class residential, a deposit and permission slip must be returned to secure their place. More details in the letters. Deposits must be paid via their parent Pay Account.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best Wishes

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