



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/05

Friday 6th October 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children thoroughly enjoyed the Harvest Festival celebration at St Michael's church this morning. It was a fantastic morning, we were very proud of the children's super singing and good behaviour. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy it with us. The PTFA served coffee and cakes afterwards to parents and carers. We will be having a Bake Sale after school for all the children to enjoy. It really was a lovely way to end a very busy week! Thank you to everyone for the donations of truly scrumptious cakes, biscuits and cookies. We would also like to



thank Mr and Mrs Darke from Coleridge Dairy for the donation of milk for the coffees this morning. The generous donations of food items have been sent to the Food Bank in Kingsbridge. Thank you for your kindness it really is wonderful to see the generosity in our school and wider community

'The House with Chicken Legs!'

Class report about our brilliant Theatre Trip -

On Thursday 5th October, Year 6 went to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth and watched the House with Chicken Legs. The children reported that they all really enjoyed it and the plot was very fun and also sad at some points. It was very dramatic and the mood varied throughout. The play was very emotional which made it even more interesting. The acting was very good, which helped us to feel immersed and that it was really happening. It was about a girl called Marinka who lived with her Baba (grandmother) in a house with chicken legs. Marinka and her Baba helped people transition from the land of the living to the stars, from whence they came. After the play, Year 6 had the special opportunity to ask the cast questions about the play and their acting careers. A special thank you to Mrs Powell, Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Lewis for accompanying our Year 6's to the theatre.

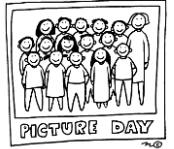


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Tempest Photographs - Thursday 12th October

Tempest Photography will be visiting school next Thursday to take individual and sibling pupil photographs. If you would like a family group photograph with younger or older siblings who do not attend Stokenham Primary School, please arrive from 8.30am. All other children will have theirs taken throughout the morning.



Year 6 Junior Life Skills - Friday 13th October

Next Friday is our Year 6 Junior Life Skills morning at Quayside Leisure Centre. Points to remember:

- All children to be at Quayside for **9.00am** to meet Miss Longland in the reception area
- All children to wear school uniform
- Girls to wear trousers/skorts not skirts due to the nature of some activities
- All children to bring packed lunches and plenty of drinks and snacks
- Bring swimming kit if taking part in Swimarathon
- **Photographs may be taken by the gazette and the various agencies involved. Should you not wish your child to have their photograph taken, please inform Charlotte in the office as soon as possible.**

Please bring younger siblings into school earlier on Friday morning if you need to be at Quayside for 9am.

The children not taking part in the Swimarathon will need to be brought back to school by parents. Junior Life skills will finish at approximately 12.30pm.

Swimarathon - Friday 13th October

Good Luck to our children who are going to swim next Friday afternoon at the Swimarathon.



The children will leave school at 1pm, swim between 2-3pm and be collected at 3.15pm.

Whilst they are swimming their hearts out, it is up to all our families, friends and relatives to sponsor them! Half of the amount raised by our swimmers comes back to the school and the other half towards the Rotary Club charities. Please don't forget to send your child in to school with their **swimming kit** and **sponsorship form** (but not their money) next Friday. The forms will be returned to the children on the following Monday. The children are really looking forward to this event and if you would like to come along to support your child during the swim, the children are swimming from 2- 3pm. **It's not too late to sign up and this is done via the Parent Pay system.** If your child would like to take part please sign up by Wednesday 11th at the latest. Once we have all our pupils signed up we sort out teams and final arrangements. Thank you.

Parent Consultations - week commencing Monday 16th October

We will be organising Parent Consultations for each year group in **week commencing Monday 16th October**. A letter will be sent out giving details regarding our booking system known as School Cloud. Parents will require a **unique code number**, which you will need to set up your parent consultation appointment. These numbers will be sent home via your child's book bag/homework diary.

Please remember that if your child is in school during your appointment time they must remain with you as we are not able to supervise them. Stokenham School is a mobile phone free area and we request that you switch off your phones while you are having your meeting.

Please, no PRIME drinks!

We have noticed an increase in the number of children bring Prime plastic drinks bottles in to school. We understand that they are brightly coloured and fun to have but they are distracting the children from their learning, and they are 'hydration/energy' drinks so completely unsuitable for use in primary school.



Please send your children to school with an ordinary, re-useable drinks bottle filled with fresh water each and every learning day. Thank you.

Transfer to Secondary School

The application process for secondary schools is now open on the Devon County Council website. Please see link below. The closing date is 31st October. Any queries should be directed to Devon County Council on 0345 155 1019.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

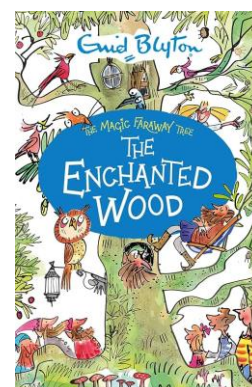
Around the School this Week



The Reception class have enjoyed learning about their local area and exploring a range of interactive maps, aerial photographs and images. They worked collaboratively to create their own 'messy map' of Stokenham and the surrounding area using a range of loose parts and materials to create villages, fields and other geographical features. They kept referring back to the satellite map to check the location and position before representing Stokenham, Torcross, Slapton Ley and the beach. What super young geographers we have!

Books and Poems Everywhere

Arlo and Alba our Year 2 Reading Ambassadors have suggested their class book "The Enchanted Wood" by Enid Blyton as a thoroughly good read! It is all about Joe, Beth and Frannie who move to a new house in the woods. They have lots of amazing adventures and climb the magic faraway tree. Alba's best bit so far is when the children have climbed the tree and gone to Roundabout Land, whilst Arlo enjoys it when the children go to Moonfaces house. It is all very funny!



We have also been celebrated national poetry day this week at school. QR codes popped up around the school which we could scan with our iPads to hear poets performing their work. It has been lovely to hear their excitement and hear how they describe the day:

"It was so cool" "It was like opening a door and finding a poet" "Can we do this every Thursday?!"

"I loved Karl nova, he was like a pro rapper"

Year 4 enjoyed exploring new poetry and their class favourite was "Dog In The Playground" by Allan Ahlberg because it was funny. We also had an interactive French lesson, working out the ages of different characters.



In Art this week we created dramatic and suspenseful drawings by torchlight. We used charcoal and chalk to make areas of light and dark, as well as creating lots of shades of grey. We used small world creatures and dolls as our focus and shone the torches on the 'scenes' to create shadows. Each piece of art tells a story!



World Mental Health Day - Tuesday 10th October

Next Tuesday is World Mental Health Day - we would love to see everyone wearing something yellow with their normal school uniform. Yellow socks, hats, hair clips, hair bands, ribbons - anything practical, to show our support for this important awareness day.



Kitchen News

Year 1 have won the weekly booking of school dinners. Well done to our year 1 class and thank you to parents for booking school dinners in advance. The class have been rewarded with extra playtime.

An amendment to the school dinners next week; on Tuesday the kitchen will be serving Chicken Wraps with Potato Wedges and not the chicken Noodles as per the menu on Parent Pay.

Please note: No choir next Wednesday 11th October



If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me
Have a lovely weekend.

With best Wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Coulthard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher