



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/08

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It really feels like Autumn is here now! A very wet and windy Halloween followed by storm Cairan. We hope that you were all safe and sound throughout the storm and that not too much damage was done. As we kick off for the second half of the Autumn term we have lots of information to share with you in this newsletter. Please keep a note of diary dates and forthcoming events. They can also be found on the school website.

### **Rotary Club Swimarathon 2023 - Sponsorship Money**

Please hand your sponsorship money into the office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. As you know, half the money raised by our swimmers comes back to the school and half goes to the various Rotary Club charities. Thank you.

### **Flu Immunisation Programme**

The immunisation team will be visiting school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The consent online system is now closed so you are not able to sign up. For those parents who consented by the deadline but have since changed their decision and do not wish their child to have the flu nasal spray, please let Charlotte in the office know ASAP.

### **KS2 Cross Country Festival at Malborough - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Letters have been sent out via email regarding our Federation Schools Cross Country Festival at Malborough Playing Fields next week. Please consent via Parent Pay. If your child does not wish to take part - please let Mrs Lewis know on Monday so we can ask other pupils.



### **Important - Please ensure your child has:**

- PE Kit
- Trainers/running boots
- A coat and tracksuit or similar to keep warm before and after their running
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy

**We would be grateful if you could complete the consent form via Parent Pay by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to confirm you are happy for your child to participate in the festival.**



### Reading Ambassadors Recommendation of the week

Reading Ambassadors Finlay and Edith were giggling away when they explained their book recommendation "The Nothing to See Here Hotel" by Steven Butler. So, what's it all about: *A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel. When a goblin messenger arrives at The Nothing to See Here Hotel, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest.* Finlay loves it when Granny said there is a "woopsie" and Edith loves the part when they are trying to fight against the pirates! I think we can all do with a good giggle!



### Children in Need

Children in Need day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - please wear something spotty to school in exchange for a donation. The PTFA will also be holding a **second-hand uniform** and **Christmas jumper** sale on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> also. More details next week, make a note in your diary!



### Please Shut the Gate!

We politely request all parents and visitors to the school to ensure that the pedestrian gate is closed whenever possible. We have noticed that quite a few of you override the closing mechanism so that it remains open for your convenience. The gate, like the fencing, is there to ensure the safety of all our children and the children at the pre-schools. If the gate is propped open it not only allows children to run out of the school grounds and into the bus bay but it also compromises our safeguarding commitments. **Please do not latch the gate so that it remains open.** Thank you.

**We have received a report of rather inappropriate language at the school gates. Please refrain from this offensive language. Young children are present who repeat these inappropriate words.**

### Coats & Hats!

Please make sure that your children have a warm and showerproof coat in school every day, and that it is **named**. We will always have outside play during the school day unless the weather really is too wet. Hats, scarves and gloves help to keep us all warm but please make sure they are named clearly. Thank you.

### Water bottles

Whilst we have a small number of 'borrow bottles' in school we need every child to bring a freshly filled water bottle from home each day. Yesterday we ran out of borrow bottles as they were all in use. Please remind your children to fill their bottle and bring it to school every morning. Thank you.

### New School Menu

We have a new menu for the autumn/winter term which will continue through to March 2024. **Remember all lunches must be booked and paid for in advance via the Parent pay system. Please check your accounts pay for any outstanding balances.**

With best Wishes

**Tess Coulthard**  
**Executive Headteacher**