



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/09

Friday 10th November 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we started with the annual Flu nasal sprays on Monday, mid-week was our Federation Cross country Event at Malborough and this morning in assembly we observed the two minutes silence as a mark of respect and the children sang a beautiful song about Remembrance.



Before we continue with the newsletter we would like to say a:

Big thank you to all our volunteers!

"We would like to say a very big thank you to all our volunteers who visit each week to hear reading or to help in school in other ways, who are part of our wonderful PTFA team or provide support to the school in the form of lifts for trips and visits. We are so very grateful to you all. Thank you for turning out in all weathers with a smiling face and for working alongside our children. We appreciate you very much."

KS2 Cross Country Festival at Malborough

Malborough with South Huish Primary School hosted a fantastic event, allowing children from across our Federation to come together and compete in this year's first federation sports event. First up were the Year 3 and 4 girls. Jemima led from the start and won the race with Nelly coming in second. Six of our girls were placed in the top ten so it was a brilliant way to start the competition. Next were the Year 3 and 4 boys - Harry M led from the start and won the race with Toby coming in third. Again, we did really well in this event with five of our boys placed in the top ten. Lexie then carried on our winning streak in the Year 5 and 6 girls race, again leading from the start and winning by a clear margin. Five of our girls were placed in the top ten in this event. The final race was the Year 5 and 6 boys, with Finn putting in a fantastic run to come third and three more of our boys



placing in the top ten. Well done to all of our children, we are incredibly proud of you! You showed fantastic team spirit by cheering on all of your schoolmates and children from the other federation schools. It was a brilliant afternoon and we're already looking forward to the next event.





Tag Rugby Festival at Loddiswell Playing Fields - Thursday 16th November 2023

Letters have been sent out via email regarding our Federation Schools Tag Rugby Festival at Loddiswell 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
- Rugby boots/suitable footwear
- A coat and tracksuit or similar to keep warm before and after each match
- 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 13th November to confirm you are happy for your child to participate in the festival.

Children in Need - Friday 17th November

Children in Need day is next Friday - 17th November 2023 - please wear something spotty with your school uniform to school in exchange for a donation. On parent pay there is a link to pay direct but you can also bring in any cash donations.



The PTFA will also be holding a **second-hand uniform** and **Christmas jumper** sale. Second hand uniform will be available in the school hall from 3pm onwards. Donations of second-hand uniform are welcome, along with any Christmas jumpers you wish to donate. Please bring in any items to school before next Friday.

PTFA Film Night - Thursday 23rd November

Further details are on parent pay for you to consent but the films are a definite Christmassy feel! The event will start straight after school and there will also be Stokeley Hot Dogs available to buy. Please see parent pay for more details.



Pyjama Day - Friday 24th November



On Friday 24th November, there will be a non-school uniform day - **come to school in your pyjamas!** The School Council are organising this in readiness for their Christmas Fair stall which will raise funds to revamp our shared library spaces. In exchange for wearing pyjamas we would like the children to bring in a donation in the form of 'the gifts that are not quite your style'. Every Christmas most adults are given something that isn't quite their thing'. It might be a scarf, a book, a pair of Christmas socks or maybe a scented candle for example. We are looking for '**as good as new**' gifts from home that might be sitting in your bottom drawer. Please don't buy anything new. The children are hoping for gifts suitable for both men and women. Bring these in on Friday 24th November.

PTFA Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 1st December! The PTFA are already working hard to make sure there is something for everyone to enjoy, especially the children. Please keep an eye on newsletters and year group WhatsApp group chats for updates. Raffle books are coming home today for you to buy. Also attached to this newsletter is a poster requesting donations for the raffle hampers. We ask for any festive item of food, drink or gift of your child's class colour. All girls received.

Reception children to bring in chocolate confectionery for a children's tombola.

Year 1 Green items

Year 2 Red items

Year 3 gold/yellow items

Year 4 silver/white items

Year 5 purple/blue items

Year 6 to bring in a 'boozy' bottle for a grown-up's tombola.

We ask that all donations are brought in to school by Tuesday 22nd November please. The PTFA can then create the wonderful raffle prize boxes, wrapped and ready for the fair - Thank you.

Christmas Choir Concert - Heron Valley Friday 8th December

A letter has been sent out via email and details are on parent pay regarding the Christmas Choir Concert to be held at Heron Valley on Friday 8th December. We ask that parents' consent via Parent Pay by **Monday 13th November**. We need to confirm numbers to Heron Valley by Tuesday.

Around the school this week

The Reception children have enjoyed listening to and performing firework poetry, learning about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot and discussing how to keep safe around fireworks. They then created their own fabulous firework pictures using a range of metallic mark-making materials and sparkly stickers, looking closely at video clips and photos of fireworks so that they could observe and recreate spectacular patterns, lines and colours. What fantastic artists we have Reception!





This week in Year 3 we have been comparing the Neolithic Stone Age to life today, we have used our senses to evaluate a range of ingredients and products in D&T and we have learnt ten animal names in French. In gymnastics, we have been learning about symmetry and asymmetry and have created a range of different balances with a partner.



Royal Society Book Prize!



We are excited to announce that Stokenham Primary School has been selected to judge the Royal Society Science book prize. This week our Reading Ambassadors carried out an "unboxing" and had a look through the books. "Bodies, Brains and Bogies" and "Am I Made of Stardust?" were instant hits of course! All our classes will have the opportunity to look at the books we have been asked to judge, and decide which they think should be chosen as the overall winner. We have started 'Non-Fiction November' and we celebrated National **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Day this week, so receiving the shortlist of Royal Society Books on science tied in nicely!

Rotary Club Swimarathon 2023 - Sponsorship Money

Sponsorship money is now overdue! As you know, half the money raised by our swimmers comes back to the school and half goes to the various Rotary Club charities. Please bring the money into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

