



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/17

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a chilly but very active few days in and around school this week – lots of fresh air, outside PE and play with rosy, rosy cheeks! It has been so good to get the children out doors to break up the school day. It really helps them to stay bright.

This is the time of year when we put our planning in place for extra-curricular trips, sporting events and of course our residential programme later in the year. Please keep your eyes peeled for letters and notifications about these. You will be required to give permissions and consents on the Parent Pay system for them all. Everything will be made clear in letters home and in the newsletter, so please make sure you read your newsletter each week.

The first of our sporting events is the KS2 in-house tag rugby festival next week and the following week. This is a FRIENDLY sporting activity to promote tag rugby as a sport that every child can enjoy and as such it is open to all abilities and levels of confidence. Please see the paragraph below. We hope that everyone will join in – remember to sign up via parent pay.

### In-House Tag Rugby Festival – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Our budding rugby players will take part in a friendly in-house festival on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The event will take place straight after school and parents are very welcome to come and watch. If your child would like to take part, please sign up via Parent Pay. Three cheers for Lannacombe, Slapton, Gara and Beesands. Who will be victorious?



### REMINDER – Forest School NEXT WEEK

Please note that for next week only Year 3 and Reception will do Forest School on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> NOT Friday 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Gym and Dance Festival Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

We are making plans for a Gym and Dance festival which will take place at Malborough Village Hall. Our pupils are very excited about performing and have been practising in earnest for the occasion. If your child is taking part they will need taking to Malborough. As soon as we know more we will of course let you know.



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### Around the School this week

The Reception children have been inspired by the Arctic-themed artwork of the local Devon artist, Jo Haskins, describing the colours, shapes, lines and tones. They created their own Arctic landscapes by tearing a range of collage materials to create jagged lines like icebergs, and making careful choices about the colours and textures as they mixed paint and glitter to create icy tones.



### Year 1 Teddy Bears Party

We had cuddly owls, chimpanzees, dinosaurs and all shapes and sizes on squidgy teddy bears this afternoon in Year 1. The class had the most amazing time celebrating their warm and fuzzy reward. As well as games they were treated to delicious cupcakes which were all quite scrumptious. To help wash them down the children enjoyed milkshakes kindly given to the class by the Darke family and Coleridge farm. Yummy - I think strawberry was the most favourite!



## Reading Ambassadors

"A Word in your Ear" by Tony Ross sounds a very intriguing book. Faye and Hailey Rose from Year 6 explained all about it in assembly. The book is a collection of thirteen short stories. One which they have read is a ghost story, about a boy who moves to Cornwall and sees ghosts at his bedroom window. The ghost is always pointing at the wall and after the boy and his mum investigate, they find lots of drawings which they sell to a London museum. It is all very mysterious, a little scary and creepy in places but also very exciting and they can't wait to read the next story. Probably, because it is rather scary, they recommend Year 4 upwards!



## PTFA School Disco!

Its disco time again, all very exciting! Letters went out yesterday via email. If your child would like to come to the PTFA School Disco on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February please sign up and complete the consent forms via the Parent Pay system. EVERYONE is welcome. The cost of a ticket is a donation of £3.50. This will include cordial, biscuits and a glow stick.

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| Key Stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & 2) | 4.15pm - 5.15pm |
| Year 3 & 4                      | 5.30pm - 6.30pm |
| Year 5 & 6                      | 6.45pm - 7.45pm |

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

With best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Coulthard'.

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

## The Week Ahead - Menu Week 2

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| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>    | After School Karate with Caroline - Years 1 and 2<br>Music Lessons with Holly<br>Singing Lessons with Abi  |
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>   | Singing Lessons with Abi<br>Music Lessons with Rose  |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> | Forest School Reception and Year 3<br>Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club<br>Ri Physics at KCC<br>After School KS2 Music and Choir Club<br><b>Year 5 and 6 In-House Tag Rugby - see above</b> |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | Drum Lessons with Alan<br>After School Karate Year 3 to 6 with Caroline<br>After School Plymouth Argyle Football Club  |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>    | Music Lessons with Monica<br>Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Mindfulness Colouring Club<br>Achieve 4 All After School Club  |

## Diary Dates

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| 31 January           | In House Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Tournament at Stokenham - see above   |
| 2 February           | NSPCC Numbers Day - Details to follow   |
| 7 February           | Visit from Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service<br>Gym and Dance Festival at MWSH - details to follow |
| 12 to 16<br>February | HALF TERM   |
| 19 February          | Back to School  |
| 23 February          | National Weigh and Measuring Nursing Team at School   |
| 7 March              | World Book Day - details to follow  |
| 15 March             | Sport Relief Day - details to follow  |
| 22 March             | Scholastic Book Fair - TBC  |
| 25 March             | Parents Consultations   |
| 26 March             | Parents Consultations   |
| 27 March             | Year 2 Theatre Trip - details to follow   |
| 28 March             | Last day of Spring Term   |