



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/19

Friday 2nd February 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just one more week to go before we reach February half term break! The time has gone by so quickly, it has been a very busy half term. This week children from Years 3 and 4 took part in their In-House Tag Rugby Festival led by Mrs Taylor and her team of fantastic helpers. Thank you everyone for joining and being such good sports. We took part in NSPCC Numbers Day today - we all dressed up in numbers and joined in with special number themed activities during the day.

Next week the fun continues with a Polar Explorer Day on Wednesday for Reception, a Gym and Dance Festival also on Wednesday, PTFA School Disco on Thursday, and a Cake Sale on Friday. It's all go-go-go!

NSPCC Number Day

Adding up, taking away, dividing, multiplying and then there were the angles and geometric shapes to contend with! The children have all enjoyed their day of numeracy, solving problems, working out puzzles and investigating all aspects of maths. Our kitchen staff were ably assisted by two of our year 6 pupils. How many cookies to ice.....over 200!



Polar Explorer Day - Wednesday 7th February

Hopefully it won't be Polar weather for our Polar Explorer day next Wednesday. Our Reception children are to come to school dressed as a polar explorer or if they wish a polar animal of their choice e.g. penguin, polar bear, arctic fox, arctic hare, reindeer, snowy owl, seal, walrus?? All very exciting and this does include the staff!

Gym and Dance Festival Wednesday 7th February

Our pupils are very excited about performing in the Gym & Dance Festival next week. They have been practicing really hard. If your child is taking part they will need taking to Marlborough to do their final practise. The performances start at 4.30pm for approx. 1 hour. Please remember to consent via Parent Pay.



Don't forget:

- Their outfits if applicable
- Music to play
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy



PTFA School Disco!



Its disco time again, all very exciting! If your child would like to come to the PTFA School Disco on Thursday 8th 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.

Key Stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & 2) 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Year 3 & 4 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Year 5 & 6 6.45pm – 7.45pm

**** Please note that due to the disco Karate with Caroline will be cancelled. ****

Cake Sale Friday 8th February



Next Friday, the School Council has decided to hold a cake sale for the end of this half-term. They would like to make this a half-termly tradition from now until the end of the summer. They would like children in **Beesands Blues** to kick things off and bring in cakes/biscuits/cookies to sell next Friday. The School Council members have spoken to their classes to let them know about the event.

Please remember that we are a NUT free school and the food items must not have nuts in them at all. The children throughout the school will all be able to buy a cookie or cake for a suggested 50p donation. Thank you in anticipation.

Year 4 Warm & Fuzzy Reward Day - Friday 8th February

Next Friday afternoon Year 4 are going to have their warm and fuzzy treat. They have chosen to have a games afternoon. The children can bring in some games from home to play with, and one cuddly toy. (Please remember to put your child's name on the toys and games) An email has been sent out to parents. If you have any queries please see Miss Woollard.

In-House Tag Rugby Festival

This week it was the turn of Years 3 & 4 to take part in our in-house Tag Rugby Festival. On Wednesday afternoon we had another brilliant afternoon playing tag rugby on the school field. 31 children from across Years 3 and 4 took part. It was fantastic to see so many children trying the sport for the first time, alongside more experienced players helping to guide their teams. Team spirit was high, and the drizzle did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm. Would Slapton Scarlets and Gara Greens tie for first place again, as they did last week?

Well, this week Beesands Blues were victorious, scoring 13 points! Slapton Scarlets came second, scoring 11 points. Gara Greens and Lannacombe Lemons tied for third place, with 7 points each.

Thank you to all the hardy parents who wrapped up and cheered us all along with enthusiasm - and thank you once again to Mr Taylor and Mr Down who were brilliant referees. Without your support as parents and carers events like these just couldn't happen, and we are very grateful.

We are looking forward to holding another in house tournament in the second half of term, watch this space for further details. Which sport will it be?!



Around the school

"Bonjour et bienvenue dans notre salon de thé!" Year 4 had their own French café where they were able to eat and drink some delicious French foods and drinks while practicing how to order in French, using all the vocabulary we have learnt this half term.

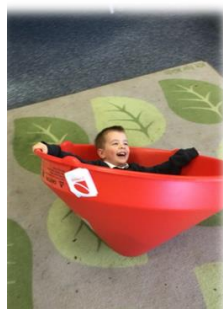
"It was really good because it was fun saying all of the orders we wanted and eating it."



Year 4 have been exploring the work of contemporary and traditional still-life artists - Hillary Pecis and Paul Cezanne. This week they have been painting the elements they will need to create a cut paper collage still life, observing and painting patterns and textures.



The Reception children love continually developing their gross motor skills in a wide variety of different contexts, but are particularly enjoying using the large spinning top with increasing skill and speed. Even Mrs Cowling, Mrs Stevens and other staff members enjoy having a go!



Artist of the Week - Vincent Van Gogh

Our Year 5 Arts Council Casey and Holly told us today all about the Artist of the week - Vincent Van Gogh. A Dutch artist who became more famous after he died - one reason being, he chopped his ear off! He was only 37 years old. One of his famous paintings 'The Starry Night' would cost a large fortune, between £70 million to £100 million. He painted over 900 pieces of artwork over 10 years, approximately 1 painting every 3 to 4 days.



Reading Ambassadors

All our Reading Ambassadors explained to the school about a World Book Day Bookface Competition. It is a competition led by the Devon School Library service. The overall winners in each age group will win £100 worth of vouchers to spend on books for their school. The deadline for entries is Friday 23rd February. The idea is to take a picture of yourself that becomes part of the book itself and matches the book cover. If you wish to take part, please bring your book in to school and we can take a picture together.



Once a week, take a peek!

They're trying to make a comeback! We know that most of you are vigilantly checking and treating your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis. PLEASE will ALL parents ensure that they check children's hair at least weekly and treat EVERY time it is necessary. We strongly recommend that hair is covered in conditioner and then combed through with a nit comb to catch the eggs as well as the little 'critters. Specialist shampoos can be purchased from the chemist if the problem persists. The breeding cycle of head lice is rapid and they lay eggs in their hundreds, so it is really important to check all your children each and every week. Thank you.



Our proud winners this week of Dusty Bin
Year 4



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

With best Wishes

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead - Menu Week 2

Monday 5th February	After School Karate with Caroline - Years 1 and 2 Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi
Tuesday 6th February	Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 7th February	Reception Class Polar Explorers Day - see above Devon & Somerset Fire Rescue Visit Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club Ri Physics at KCC After School KS2 Music and Choir Club Gym and Dance Festival - see above
Thursday 8th February	Drum Lessons with Alan After School Karate Year 3 to 6 with Caroline - CANCELLED After School Plymouth Argyle Football Club School Disco - see above
Friday 9th February	Forest School Reception and Year 3 Music Lessons with Monica Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Mindfulness Colouring Club Achieve 4 All After School Club

Diary Dates

12 to 16 February	HALF TERM
19 February	Back to School
21 February	Year 6 Trip to Exeter -TBC
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