



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/21

Friday 23rd February 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! That little break from school flew by, and we hope that you all had a lovely time. We are back to school in earnest this week, despite the very wet weather - we have lots of things planned for all the children over the coming weeks. You will hear about them all in the newsletter each week as we keep you up to date. We have parent consultations coming up in March, along with World Book Day and Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Lots to look forward to. After-school clubs are all up and running - if you want to sign up to Achieve4All or Plymouth Argyle you will find the links at the end of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - the use of mobile phones on school premises is strictly forbidden under our safeguarding regulations. If you are required to make or take a call please make sure you do so outside the school gates. This applies to all parents and carers so please make sure anyone who is dropping off or picking up your child is aware of this policy. Thank you.

Google Classrooms



Google Classrooms is a fantastic tool used in school by the children to access many forms of learning. It is also a great platform for us to use to involve you as parents in your child's learning journey. Each child has an individual Google Classrooms account and there is a user name and password for each one. The teachers are going to use Google Classrooms more and more as a vehicle to share important information with you. This will include homework, spellings, reminders and arrangements. It is really important therefore that you are familiar with the user name and password for your child. The teachers will be sending these out to you individually via book bags. Please make sure you look out for the details that you need to sign in and keep up to date!

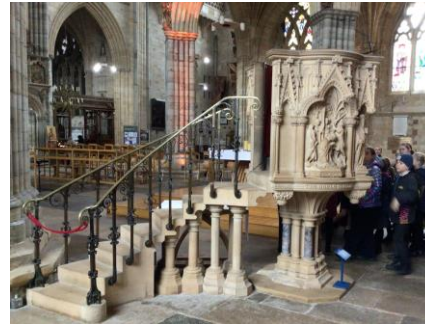
Year 6 Exeter Cathedral Trip

Year 6 went to Exeter Cathedral and St Martins church on Wednesday. Firstly, they looked around St Martins church and had to find similarities and differences between the church and then the cathedral. The biggest difference they learnt was that a cathedral has a special chair called the Cathedra (which is why a cathedral is called a cathedral) and this is where the bishops sit. It was such a brilliant day and really interesting. Thank you to our parent helpers Mrs Smith and Mrs Acton - hope you also enjoyed the day!



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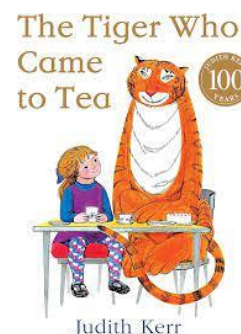
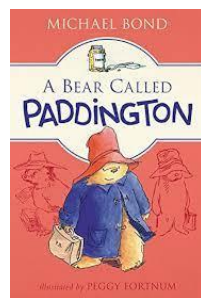
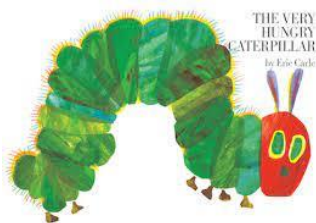
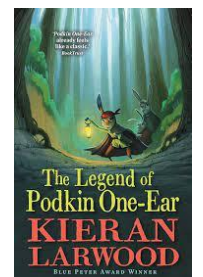


World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

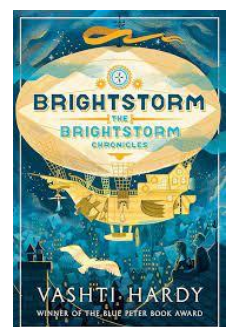
World Book Day is approaching quickly! Our school Reading Ambassadors would like to invite EVERYONE to dress up as a character from their favourite book. The staff will be joining in too! The Reading Ambassadors will decide which character they like best from each class, and the winners will receive a £5 book voucher! This afternoon every child in school has been given a £1 World Book Day voucher to put towards a book of their choice. In March we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair and the vouchers can be used at this event.



We would also like to welcome parents to come into school at pick-up time (3.20pm) on March 7th to share a favourite book with your child in their classroom. We will all be celebrating a 'love of reading' throughout the day. Take a look at some of our favourite books across the school!

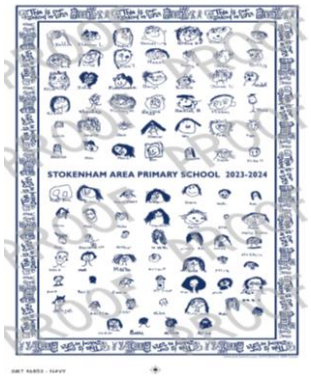


In the kitchen everyone will be able to enjoy a special World Book Day Marvellous Menu designed by Sharon - it looks fantastic! Who'd like Ratburger and Golden Snitch potatoes!



PTFA Fundraisers

As an additional fundraiser this year the PTFA have organised tea towels with the children's portraits for you to purchase. The children have drawn their portraits at school. There are two different designs, one for KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and one for KS2 (Years 3 to 6). Each tea towel is being sold at a price of £6, so two would cost £12 and three £18 etc. They make great presents and are simply lovely to keep as a memory. Please see Parent Pay to order your tea towels. All orders and payment need to be completed by **Friday 8th March 2024 at the latest**. This will allow orders to be processed, tea towels printed, returned and handed out before the end of the Spring term



For World Book Day Our PTFA would like all the children to receive a chocolate bar. Some of the bars will have a 'Golden Ticket' inside them and those children who do find a 'Golden ticket' will receive a prize. A suggested donation of £2 to sign up - please see Parent Pay for more details. Children with allergies will be catered for.



This week the Reception children have very much enjoyed acting out their new minibeast-themed text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. A particular favourite was pretending to be a very sad caterpillar with a stomach ache after eating so much food! What superb young actors we have with excellent expressions!



Minibeast Hotel Resources

The Reception class would be very grateful for donations of the following materials for them to use in their minibeast hotel designs over the coming weeks:
bamboo canes, bricks, roof tiles, pine cones, sticks, loose bark, pebbles, 1l bottles, kitchen roll tubes. Thank you in advance.

Girls Football Clubs - Years 3 to 6

We are starting Girls only Football clubs next week. On Wednesdays during lunch break there will be Girls only football on the playing field - all welcome to come along and have a go. On Fridays - our Achieve 4 All staff will also run Lunchtime girls only football club. For the Friday club - please sign up via Parent pay. The girls will need shin pads and suitable footwear.



If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best Wishes

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead - Menu Week 2

Monday 26th February	Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi
Tuesday 27th February	Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 28th February	Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club Ri Physics at KCC After School KS2 Music and Choir Club
Thursday 29th February	Drum Lessons with Alan After School Karate Year 3 to 6 with Caroline After School Plymouth Argyle Football Club
Friday 1st March	Forest School Reception and Year 4 Music Lessons with Monica Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Mindfulness Colouring Club Years 3 to 6 Girls Only Football Lunchtime Club Achieve 4 All After School Club Eco-council Beach Clean event

Diary Dates

5 March	KS1 Reading Workshop with Mrs Searle - details to follow
7 March	World Book Day - see above
15 March	Comic Relief Day - details to follow
21 st and 22 March	Scholastic Book Fair - TBC
25 March	Parent Consultations
26 March	Parent Consultations
27 March	Year 2 Theatre Trip - details to follow
28 March	Last day of Spring Term
	EASTER HOLIDAYS
15 April	First Day Summer Term
6 May	Non-Pupil Day
27 to 31 May	HALF TERM
19 July	Last Day of Summer Term