



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/22
Friday 1st March 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh My Goodness! When we came to school on Monday morning we did not know that we would be visited by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday for a two-day Section 5 Inspection. We were visited by one of His Majesty's inspectors alongside another Ofsted inspector. They visited lessons, looked in books and met with staff and children. It was a very busy and intense few days but we came through with a smile!

I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all our parents for their messages of support and best wishes. It means a great deal to know that you are all rooting for us.

Yesterday we had an additional inspection of our Health and safety procedures, policies and paperwork. It has been quite a week and we are all looking forward to a peaceful weekend!!



To start our celebrations for World Book Day Year 6 created this fabulous piece of artwork yesterday! It is on display in the main corridor and is so bright and colourful. A picture was cut up in to pieces, everyone coloured in a rectangle and then the picture was reassembled.



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Eco-Council Beach Clean Event today - postponed

The North Wind did blow, or was it from the Southwest? It was bitterly cold and we took the decision to postpone the Eco Council Beach Clean for another date next week.

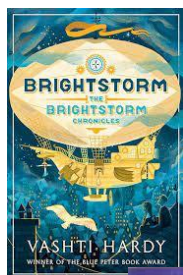
KS1 Reading Workshop with Mrs Searle - Tuesday 5th March

On Tuesday at 3:00pm, Mrs Searle will be holding a Reading Workshop for KS1 parents. This session will recap the phonics taught in reception and year 1. It will also explain our new reading and spelling programme in year 2.

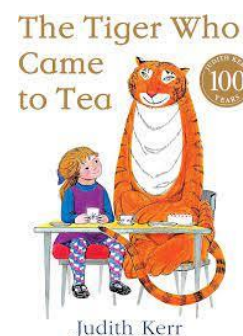
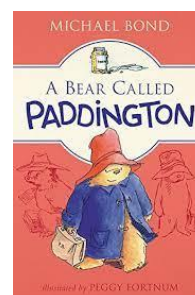
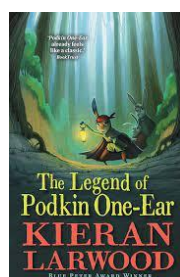
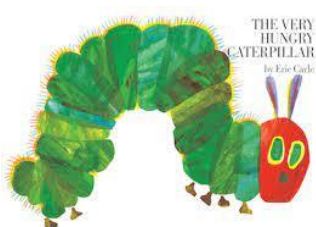
World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Have you ordered your Golden Ticket for World Book day and got your child's costume ready? World Book Day is next week and we would love to see EVERYONE dressed up as their favourite 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!

£1 World Book Day vouchers have come home with your child to put towards a book of their choice and in March we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair and the vouchers can be used at this event. If you have not received a voucher please see you child's class teacher.



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



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.

WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

WILL YOU BE THE LUCKY FINDER OF A GOLD TICKET?

"IT'S THE MOST AMAZING, FABULOUS, SENSATIONAL [DAY] IN THE WHOLE WORLD!"

So to celebrate the wonderful world of books, the PTFA are running a Readal Dahi Inspired Golden Ticket Day.

For £2.00, your child will receive a bar of Cadbury's Dairy Milk chocolate (or branded milk-free alternative, if required). Limited to one bar per child.

The lucky finders of these special Gold Tickets, will win a prize! Not a whole Chocolate Factory unfortunately, but with multiple prizes available per class, every child has a chance of winning. To take part, please pay £2.00, in advance by Friday 1st March, on Parent Pay.

The PTFA will distribute all pre-ordered chocolate bars during the school day on Thursday 7th March (World Book Day), to be opened with parents at home.

Your child should bring their Gold Ticket to school the next day, to receive their prize during Friday's Celebration Assembly. GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



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 Witches Tasty Fingers or Ratburger and Golden Snitch potatoes!



Library Book Exchange

We are so proud of our newly stocked libraries! Our pupils in Key Stage 2 put together wish-lists of books they wanted to add to our library and were super excited to receive our book exchange from the library service this week, as fast as we put the books out on the shelves they disappeared!



"I'm so excited to read the brand-new books that we haven't read, especially Bunny VS Monkey and Tom Gates" Jim

Grace: "They are really good and exciting because they are ones that I have never read. I'm excited to read the 101 treehouse books."

Albert: "I wanted the Polar Bear Explorers Club and the Bunny vs Monkey so I'm excited to read them."

Holly: "I was excited to get Cat Kid because they are so funny and I love them."

James: "I've wanted Investigators for 2 years. I've already started reading it."

Reading Ambassadors

Leo and Edith from Year 3 have been reading in class "Stig of the Dump".

One of those classic books which I'm sure most of have read and thoroughly enjoyed! As described by Leo and Edith: Suit for all age groups although maybe a little 'Scary with suspense for the little ones. It's a nice flowing book and the story is quite funny. There are some strange and a little peculiar bits in it. It's all about Barney who meets Stig who is a bit like a caveman and lives not in a real house but on the Dump.



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

Comic Relief Day - Friday 15th March

doesn't love dressing up?! The children all love it, that's for sure. This year for Comic Relief Day we will be wearing our normal school uniform but it can be embellished by something very red! Socks, scarf, hat, hairband, scrunchies, or similar. There is also on Parent Pay a donation page which you can donate your pennies or pounds, should you wish. Thank you.

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A Plea for Supplies

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, 1ltr bottles, kitchen roll tubes. Thank you in advance.

Spare Uniform:

Do you have any spare grey tights, school socks and school trousers/leggings to help restock our spare clothes supply in Reception/KS1? We seem to be getting through a lot and our spares are very low.

What a busy week we have had in Reception this week! The children have continued to be enthused by their new 'minibeasts' topic and have particularly enjoyed creating a wormery for our investigation area and making handprint hungry caterpillars linked to our text.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

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.



NUTS!!

We have to remind you that nuts of any kind are not to be brought into school - not in lunchboxes and not as snacks. These present a risk to any of the children who have allergies to nuts.

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!

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead - Menu Week 1

Monday 4th March	Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi
Tuesday 5th March	KS1 Reading Workshop - See Above Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 6th March	Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club Ri Physics at KCC After School KS2 Music and Choir Club
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day - See Above Drum Lessons with Alan After School Karate Year 3 to 6 with Caroline After School Plymouth Argyle Football Club
Friday 8th 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

Diary Dates

15 March	Comic Relief Day - see above
21 and 22 March	Scholastic Book Fair - TBC
25 March	Parent Consultations - details to follow
26 March	Parent Consultations - details to follow
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