



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/23

Friday 8th March 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super time celebrating World Book Day! We dressed up as our favourite book characters; we read books; we talked about our favourite books and ate a book inspired lunch! We had such a super day! This morning in assembly we presented our golden ticket holders with their prizes. It's all been such brilliant fun.

"What an amazing World Book and "Wonka" bar day the children had organised by our PTFA. Huge thank you goes to Hannah Morrison at Model Financial Solutions for generously donating prizes totalling an amazing £100 of local book shop vouchers. Additional thanks going to Harbour Bookshop, WHSmith, Taylored Games and Stokenham Primary School for gifting books to this event. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves."

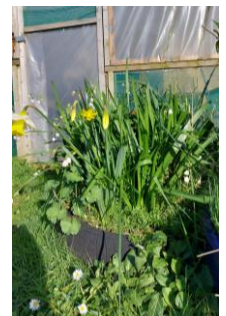


Congratulations to our winners of the golden tickets

Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Hazel	Jake	Fionnuala
Year 1	Grace	Katie	Martha
Year 2	Poppy	Arthur	Jenson
Year 3	Juniper	James	Lucy
Year 4	Ryan	Blaise	Evie R
Year 5	Ellie	Phoebe	Orla
Year 6	Hailey Rose	Amber	Joe O'D

Our School Grounds

Have you seen our beautiful daffodils? We are very blessed indeed to have such wonderful grounds here at Stokenham and we do enjoy using that natural environment as an extension of our school activities each day, through play, outdoor learning, Forest School and eco-therapy. We have further enhanced our green space by planting many daffodil bulbs, kindly donated to us, and also fruit trees. They look so lovely in the sunshine. We took some pictures for you in case you cannot visit us at school to see them for yourself.



This year we are going to participate in No Mow May again to support bees, butterflies and other pollinators, all critical to our landscape. There is a wildflower area underneath the window of the Year 5 classroom and this is the space we will leave to grow during May. We are very proud to nurture our green spaces and to share the importance of doing this with all the children at school. [If you would like to participate in No Mow May at home just visit www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk)

Google Classroom

Google Classroom 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 now using Google Classrooms 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. Please make sure you are aware of the details that you need to sign in and keep up to date!



Google Classroom

KS1 Reading Workshop with Mrs Searle



Mrs Searle would like to thank the Year 1 parents who were able to make the time to come in to school on Tuesday afternoon to recap the way reading and phonics are taught in Reception and Year 1, and to introduce parents to the way reading and spelling will be taught in Year 2. If you were unable to attend but would like to know more please ask to see Mrs Searle at a convenient time for an update.

World Book Day - Around the school

What an eclectic stupendous group of characters we had in school yesterday! Where else would you see Mary Poppins talking with Darth Vader? Cruella De Vil having lunch with Harry Potter?





What a wonderful day we all had yesterday. Our reading ambassadors voted for their favourite characters around the school and each child has received a £5 book voucher. Congratulations goes to: Enzo and Vinnie, Jack W, Joshua, Niamh and Henry W.

The Reception children have been busy improving their early computing skills this week, including drawing pictures of minibeasts on ipads and on the interactive whiteboard. They also loved using the Beebots to explore directional language, programming and plotting a simple route around obstacles.



Some Dates for your Diary for our Reception Class:

- * **Thursday 14th March** - Reception pyjama and movie day as a 'fuzzy reward'. The children can also bring in a cuddly toy and/or blanket. Snacks provided.
- * **Thursday 21st March** - Reception Minibeast Ball Day. Please can the children come to school dressed as a minibeast of their choice ready for a fun-filled day linked to our topic. Food provided.

The Biggest Football Session Was Back! - Today Friday 8th March

33 girls from across Year 2 to 6 took part in a #LetGirlsPlay lunchtime football session. By 2024, The FA's ambition is for girls to have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to influence and drive change, showing that football can and should be played by girls. It is bringing together a growing community of people of all genders, ages and backgrounds who want to champion equal access for girls, helping create independent, resilient young girls who will be a force for good in all local communities.



Sports Fixtures Over Next Few Weeks

KS2 Girls Football South Hams Schools Area Qualifier Final - Tuesday 12th March 2024

Letters have been sent out via email regarding the Girls Football Qualifier final. Please consent via Parent Pay. We will leave Stokenham at approx. 1.00pm. Parents are welcome to stay and watch.

Important - Please ensure your child has:

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- PE Kit
- Plenty of drink and snacks
- Warm clothes (tracksuit/hoodies etc) to wear between matches
- Waterproofs (trousers & jacket/coat)
- Shin Pads
- Navy sports shorts
- Navy Football socks
- Football trainers - to wear on astro turf/all weather pitch

We would be grateful if you could complete the consent form via Parent Pay by Monday 11th March to confirm you are happy for your child to participate in the final.

KS2 Swimming Festival - Friday 15th March 2024

Letters have been sent out via email regarding the KS2 Swimming Festival. Please consent via Parent Pay. We will leave Stokenham at approx. 11.30am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch.

Important - Please ensure your child has:

- Packed lunch
- Swimming kit
- Bag for wet clothes
- Towel and shower wash
- Goggles
- T Shirt to wear in the pool if they wish
- A coat and tracksuit or similar to keep warm before and after their event
- 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 Wednesday 13th March to confirm you are happy for your child to participate in the festival.

Inter-House Football Festival - Thursday 21st March 2024

After the success of the Inter-House Tag Rugby festival, we will be organising an inter house team Football Festival for our Key Stage 2 classes on Thursday 21st March. The event will take place during the afternoon starting at 1.30pm for our Year 3 and 4 teams lasting approx. 1 hour and our Year 5 and 6 starting at approx. 2.30pm. The event will finish at 3.30pm. Parents are very welcome to watch and support their children and the teams. Which house team will be triumphant?

If your child would like to take part, please sign up via Parent Pay by Wednesday 20th March 2024

The children must have:

- PE Kit (suitable clothing)
- Football Boots/suitable Footwear/boots
- A coat and tracksuit or similar to keep warm before and after their matches
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy



Comic Relief Day - Friday 15th March



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.

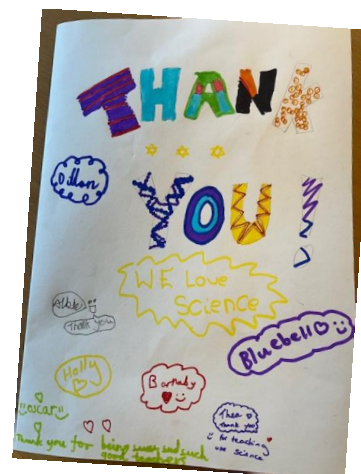
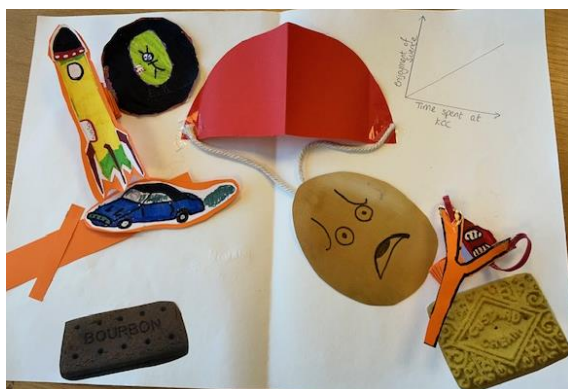
After-School Choir Concert Wednesday March 20th

Abi Tucker has asked us to let you know that there will be a Choir Concert starting at 4.30pm on Wednesday 20th March. Choir Club will practice after school as normal at 3.30pm. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to come along at 4.30pm to hear the choir perform for about 40 minutes.



Thank You Kingsbridge Community College!

Our Year 5 children showed their gratitude to the Sixth Form students at KCC who ran the Royal Institution Science Masterclasses with a wonderful card showcasing their favourite lessons. Over the past 6 weeks they have learnt about gravity, air resistance, friction and kinetic energy. We look forward to them sharing their new-found knowledge at our next Science Fair.



A message from KCC Ri Physics Staff:

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of the students and the adults from your school that took part in this year's KCC Ri Masterclasses. I know our Year 12 sixth former ambassadors really enjoyed putting the sessions together and delivering them. The positive relationships they built with your students throughout the 6 weeks was lovely to witness. The enthusiasm and knowledge that your students brought to the sessions was phenomenal and they conducted themselves every week in such a mature way. Please pass on our praise and well done's - they were a joy to work with. We hope they enjoyed the sessions too.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

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.

WATER BOTTLES

Please send your children to school every day with a full, fresh water bottle. Thank you.





We have also been thinking about Mothering Sunday. We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating Mums! Enjoy.

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 11th March	Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi
Tuesday 12th March	Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose KS2 Girls Football Area Qualifier Final - See Above
Wednesday 13th March	Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club After School KS2 Music and Choir Club
Thursday 14th March	Drum Lessons with Alan After School Karate Year 3 to 6 with Caroline After School Plymouth Argyle Football Club
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief Day - See Above KS2 Swimming Festival - See Above 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

18 March	Parent Consultations - Year 2 only - details to follow
20 March	Choir Concert - See above
21 March	Inter-House KS2 Football Festival - See above
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 Parent Consultations - Year 3 only - 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

First Aid Training

If any parents and carers would like to do First Aid training, Caroline Tolo has organised a one-day event on 3rd May 9.30am - 12.30pm at Chillington Village Hall. The cost is £20 per person. If you are interested please contact Caroline direct at carolinetolo786@gmail.com to book.

