



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/24
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school as you will see from this week's newsletter. Our children have been involved in a regional sporting event, a beach clean at Torcross, a well-earned pyjama day and then today we celebrated Comic Relief!



It makes us feel very proud when we can send out pupils out into the community knowing that they are taking part in extra-curricular activities where they can show us what great ambassadors they can be for Stokenham Primary School. Thank you and well done to all of the KS2 Football teams and to the Eco-council members. We would also like to thank Mrs Taylor, Mrs Lewis and Miss Ramsden for all their efforts in making these activities possible. It takes a lot of behind the scenes organisation before such outings are possible.

Eco Council Beach Clean

The Eco-council undertook a beach clean at Torcross armed with litter-pickers, bags and gloves. The storms and tides of recent weeks left a good amount of litter on the beach but not as much as they expected, and a great deal of it would probably be what we know as micro-plastic waste which is much harder to see. The team felt that they would like to visit again when the tourist season has started to see if the levels of litter are any greater. Miss Ramsden said the children were very responsible and well behaved and that it was a pleasure to take them on this local trip. Well done!

A message from the Dartmoor Rangers

Indie is sporting a smart new lead this week thanks to the Dartmoor Rangers and Holly. They are reminding all dog owners that it is lambing and bird nesting season. When you are out and about enjoying Dartmoor with your family and friends please remember to keep your dogs on a lead at all times.



Sports Headlines!

KS2 Girls Football South Hams Schools Area Qualifier Final

On Tuesday afternoon, 19 girls from our Years 3 to 6 travelled to ICC for the South Hams Under 9s and Under 11s football qualifiers. It was cold and wet and the rain didn't really ease, but this did not detract from the enthusiasm and team spirit the girls showed.



The Under 9s played confidently from the whistle, and beat Ermington 6-0. **This win secured them a place in the Devon County Final to be held in May.** The Under 11s fought a good fight against Ermington and the

teams were very evenly matched. There was some really good passing and attempts at goal throughout with Lexie and Bluebell scoring some wonderful goals in the match and numerous attempts. Aysha and Sonia were gallant as our goal keepers with some great defending. We saw awesome passing and defending from our midfielders and defenders: Millie, Phoebe, Grace, Thea and Amber who all strongly held their ground. The rain didn't stop AT ALL and in very difficult conditions they put up a great defence and matched the opposition goal for goal. Unfortunately, a final goal from Ermington in the last few minutes secured them as the gallant winners. Final score Stokenham 2 - Ermington 3. Well done to all our players - you were brilliant in very wet cold conditions!



Our Winning Under 9 Team



There was an unfortunate "Maradona" Hand Ball moment - luckily no goal was scored!!



Around the School



What a wonderful pyjama day the Reception children had yesterday as a reward for filling their 'warm and fuzzy jar'! They enjoyed snuggling up with their teddies and blankets in the afternoon whilst they ate popcorn and watched 'Superworm'. They also loved playing sleeping lions and sleeping bunnies!

Last week our Year 2 had a lovely day celebrating World Book Day! There were some lovely costumes from all different stories from Dame Snap - The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton, a story which the children are enjoying listening to in the classroom, to Harry Potter and Hermione Granger, Superman, Willy Wonka to name but a few! The children enjoyed reading with the Year 5 children, listening to the stories Year 5 were reading and reading their books to them also.



Cultural Champions

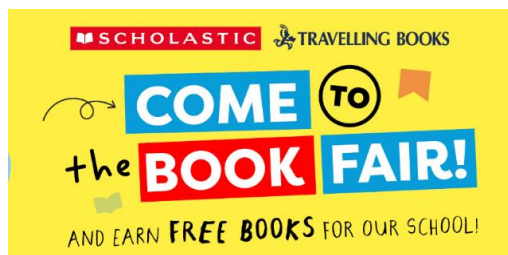
We have been very lucky over recent weeks to have been visited by representatives from the Cultural Champions to learn more about various religions. Last week the children learnt about Hinduism and all really enjoyed the session.





Our Scholastic Book Fair - Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd after school, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the hall. Please remember that you can use your £1 book token to put towards a book. Come and take a look at any new books that you would like to buy. All funds raised help to earn free books for the school! You will be able to scan the QR code to pay for your books online at the Fair or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay.



Reading Challenge

This Week Emma from Kingsbridge Library came to tell us all about the library Secret Book Quest. You can sign up for free at Kingsbridge library (or any other local library) and receive your own Secret Quest Journal. As you read **50 books** you can collect stickers and unlock codes for games in the digital zone.

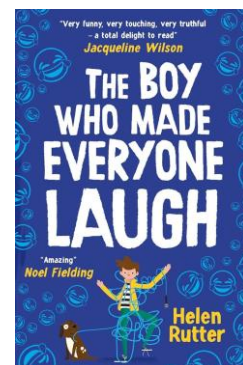
Children can borrow up to 20 books from the library, including audio books. The staff at the library will happily order any titles that children want to read but aren't in stock.

Date For Your Diary - Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop

On Tuesday 23rd April at 3pm, Mrs Searle will be holding a Phonics Screening Workshop in the hall. This will discuss what the Phonics Screening Check is and how it works.

Reading Ambassadors Book of the Week

Lily and Dillon in Year 5 told us in assembly all about "The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh" by Helen Rutter. In the words of Dillon - "It's the BEST, because it involves drama and jokes which are my personal favourite combination. Lily explained that she really liked the book because it shows that people can have a disability but it shouldn't matter. The book is about Billy Plympton who has a stammer and wants to be a comedian and tells lots of jokes! Here are two of them:



"I would tell you a joke about fish and watches.....but..... its not the plaice or time!

Why did the Teddy Bear say no to the Crumble..... because he was stuffed!!

Coming up next week

Inter-House Football Festival - Thursday 21st March 2024

After the success of the Inter-House Tag Rugby festival, we have organised an inter house team Football Festival for our Key Stage 2 classes next Thursday 21st March. The event will take place during the afternoon starting at 1.30pm for our Year 3 and 4 classes 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 (boy or girl) 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



Year 2 Theatre Trip - Wednesday 27th March



Letters have gone out to Year 2 parents about the very exciting trip to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth to see **The Three Little Pigs!** The trip is live on Parent Pay and we ask that you confirm that you child will attend and that you complete the relevant consents as soon as possible. It looks like a brilliant performance.

Parent Consultations

As we head towards the end of the Spring Term it is time for us to arrange Parent Consultations. Year 2 will start us off next week and all the other year groups in week following (the last week of term). The booking system known as **School Cloud** is live. It will close on **Sunday 24th March at 9.00pm**.

Year Group	Day	Day
Reception	Monday 25th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm	Tuesday 26th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm
Year 1	Monday 25th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm	Tuesday 26th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm
Year 2	Monday 18 th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm	Wednesday 20 th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm
Year 3	Tuesday 26 th March 3.00pm to 5.00pm	Wednesday 27 th March 3.00pm to 5.00pm
Year 4	Monday 25th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm	Tuesday 26th March 2.30pm to 5.30pm
Year 5	Monday 25th March 3.00pm to 5.30pm	Tuesday 26th March 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Year 6	Monday 25th March 3.00pm to 5.30pm	Tuesday 26th March 3.00pm to 5.30pm

Please see <https://stokenhamprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

School Dinner Payments

Just a quick reminder regarding school dinner payments. This also includes any children who attend Stokenham Pre-School.

As you are aware all school meals should be paid for in advance and a debt should not accumulate. With the end of term approaching, and also the end of financial year, we ask that all school dinner payments are cleared before we break up for the Easter Holidays. Please pay by Monday 25th March at the latest.

We never wish for a child to go without lunch, but if your child requires a school meal your account must be in credit. If your account is not in credit, it will incur a debt which must be paid soonest. We do not wish to seem heavy handed. However, chasing dinner money payments is embarrassing for both parties and is something we wish to avoid.

A report has to be sent to Devon County council with outstanding debts which are then dealt with by DCC. We do not wish to send such a report.

You can check your child's account regularly using the Parent Pay system. School dinner accounts can be topped up weekly, monthly or termly. Please check on a regular basis to ensure that your account is in credit. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Changes to the Menu towards the end of Term

With the end of term in two weeks our lovely kitchen staff will need to empty the freezers, cupboards and pantry of all foods. This will result in a few changes/amendments to the menu that is published on Parent Pay. Please see below a few changes - highlighted in Bold. We will NOT be changing the menu on the system. Please select Main mat choice, main vegetarian choice or Jacket Potato or panini option.

Monday 18 th	As published - Choice of: Pasta or Jacket Potato
Tuesday 19 th	As Published - Choice of: Hunters Chicken, Vegetarian Brunch, Jacket Potato
Wednesday 20 th	As published - Choice of: Sausages etc, Cheesy Cauliflower, Jacket Potato
Thursday 21 st	Not burgers. Choice of Chicken Nuggets, Halloumi Wrap, Jacket Potato
Friday 22 nd	As published - Choice of: Breaded Fish, Bean and Cheese Pasty, Ham & Cheese Panini
Monday 25	As published - Choice of Pizza, Macaroni Cheese, Jacket Potato
Tuesday 26 th	Not Lasagne or Baked Bean Chilli. Choice of Roast Chicken, Roast Vegetable Wellington, Jacket Potato.
Wednesday 27 th	Not Roast Chicken or Vegetable Wellington or Jacket Potato. Choice of: The Brunch, Vegetable Gnocchi, Tuna Panini.
Thursday 28 th	Not The Brunch, Vegetable Gnocchi or Tuna Panini. Choice of: Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable Sausage Rolls, Bacon & Cheese Panini

A new menu for the Summer term will be published next week.

Next week is National Food Waste Awareness Week. There will not be any bins available except for the food waste bins. All packaging from children packed lunches will be put back in your child's packed lunch box

Lunchtime Chess Club

Your chess club needs you Have you ever wanted to learn to play chess or are you already a chess master? If so, the Thursday lunchtime chess club could be for you. Chess is one of the oldest and most popular board games. It is a game of strategy and war where you have to bring your army to victory by capturing your opponent's king and killing anything that gets in your way. If you can't play already we can teach you and make you better and for people who already know how to play come and join the fun. There could also be opportunities to go to chess tournaments and challenge your skills. We hope to see you, future chess masters on Thursday lunchtimes in the Year 6 classroom. By Zander Porter-Ward



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

With best Wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Coulthard".

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead - Menu Week 1

Monday 18th March	Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi Parent Consultations - Year 2 only
Tuesday 19th March	Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 20th March	Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club After School KS2 Music and Choir Club After School Choir Concert - See above Parent Consultations - Year 2 only
Thursday 21st March	Reception Class Mini Beast Ball - see Tapestry for details Drum Lessons with Alan After School Karate Year 3 to 6 with Caroline After School Plymouth Argyle Football Club Inter-House KS2 Football Festival - See above Scholastic Book Fair - see above
Friday 22nd 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 Scholastic Book Fair - see above

Diary Dates

25 March	Parent Consultations - Book via School Cloud
26 March	Parent Consultations - Book via School Cloud
27 March	Year 2 Theatre Trip - see above Parent Consultations Year 3 only - Book via School Cloud
28 March	Last day of Spring Term
15 April	First Day Summer Term
16 April	Tempest Photography - Reception & Year 6 only
22 April	Explorer Dome - Details to follow
23 April	Year 1 Phonics Workshop - See Above
6 May	Non-Pupil Day
8 May	Year 5 Trip to Zoo - Details to follow
9 May	Year 3 Extended Residential Day
13 to 17 May	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability Week
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.

