



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/25
Friday 22nd March 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just one more week to go before we break up for Easter! This term has raced by. Staff and children alike are ready for a rest, and we are all ready for some sunshine! The end of this term is also the **end of our school financial year** - we would be very grateful if you could settle all your outstanding debts over the weekend - Thank you.

This week we have enjoyed an inter-house football festival, held a celebration of marvellous mini-beasts, a thoroughly enjoyable choir concert and hosted a Scholastic Book Fair. You can read all about these and the other things going on in school in this newsletter. Don't forget that we have Parent Consultations next week, and for Year 2 a trip to the theatre to see *The Three Little Pigs*!

Oh Dear - They are back!

Please could we request that you are all EXTRA vigilant this weekend, and into next week, about hair hygiene? We have had several reports that **head-lice have made a comeback** throughout the school. This is an issue that affects everyone so we all need to act together to eradicate them. Please wash your child's hair thoroughly, comb through with conditioner and if necessary use a specialist shampoo for the treatment of head-lice. This process will need to be repeated a couple of times over the next few days. Thank you.



REMINDER!! Year 2 Theatre Trip - Wednesday 27th March

Letters have gone out to Year 2 parents about the very exciting trip to the Theatre Royal to see *The Three Little Pigs*! The trip is live on Parent Pay and we ask that you confirm that your child will attend and that you complete the relevant consents by Monday at the latest. **There are a few children as yet no going as we do not have consent!** Thank you.



Parent Consultations

As we head towards the end of the Spring Term it is time for us to arrange Parent Consultations. The booking system known as School Cloud is live. It will close on **Sunday 24th March at 9.00pm.**

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



Inter-House Football Festival

The sun came out just in time for our KS2 football festival! Mrs Taylor organised a fantastic afternoon of inter-house football - it was exciting and very much enjoyed by the children who participated, and by the parents and carers who came along to support. Great job everyone!

"Our tournament kicked off in the sunshine with Years 3 and 4 playing in their house teams. The 4 teams were very evenly matched, with some excellent attacking and defending taking place. It was fantastic to see the boys and girls from both year groups playing together collaboratively and with great team spirit. After draws in the first 2 rounds, the final round came with everything to play for. **Both Lannacombe Lemons and Beesands Blues** won their respective matches, making them our joint winners, with **Gara Greens** and **Slapton Scarlets** tying for equal third place.



Years 5 and 6 arrived for their 2.30pm kick off in high spirits and raring to go. **Gara Greens** took the lead after the first round, with some excellent attacking play. **Lannacombe** and **Beesands** drew in the second round and **Slapton** started to edge ahead in the points table with a win. Again, everything was to play for going into the third and final round. **Slapton Scarlets** emerged victorious with 2 wins and a draw, with **Beesands Blues** finishing second overall with 1 win and 2 draws. **Gara Greens** finished third and **Lannacombe Lemons** fourth.



Well done to all of the 63 children who participated in the tournament. We are very proud of you all for showing such fantastic team spirit and camaraderie."



What a Wonderful Choir Concert we all Enjoyed

Wednesday saw our After-School choir concert perform some truly beautifully singing in front of parents, family and friends. It was all rather emotional for some! Nerves were squashed by our soloists and duettist, who all sang beautifully. The confidence by our pupils is remarkable and all quite inspiring. Well done to all our choir who were amazing.



Various songs and solos included:

Tightrope from the Greatest Showman
Solos - Eva & Lily

A Million Reasons by Lady Gaga
Solos - Lily & Daisy

Time After Time by Cyndi Lauper
Solos - Edie & Paige
Duets - Cerys & Edith

Flowers by Miley Cyrus
Solos - Alba & Mia
Duets - Olivia & Polly, & Poppy

Read All About it by Emeli Sande
Solos - Lucy & Orla

Afterglow by Wilkinson (feat. Becky Hill)
Solos - Ruby & Margo

Dandelions by Ruth B
Solos - Daisy & Hope

Got The Love by James Smith
Solo - Anaiyah

Skyscraper by Demi Lovato
Solos - Orla, Esmae & Jemima

Daylight
Solos - Hope & Lucy

Symphony by Clean Bandit (feat. Zara Larsson)
Solo - George
Duet - Annabelle & Honor

Mini Beast Ball

What a marvellous minibeast ball the Reception children had yesterday! They helped Mrs Cowling and Mrs Stevens plan the day and list what they needed to buy prior to the event. They then helped prepare a range of healthy minibeast-themed snacks, including caterpillars made out of celery, cream cheese and grapes and pretzel and pepper butterflies. They further developed their fine motor skills when they made tasty sandwiches using butterfly-shaped cutters. Other activities throughout the day included a bug disco with dance ribbons and pompoms, minibeast stories and songs and observing our class caterpillars begin to make chrysalises in our investigation area. How exciting!



On Wednesday this week Year 1 and 2 had the pleasure of joining a live assembly with the Jewish museum in London, joining in the celebrations of the Shabbat Festival. The children learned all about the story behind the Shabbat festival, which means 'Passover', and the Seder plate, and the significance of the different foods they eat at Shabbat which represent different parts of the Passover story.

The Eco Council need toilet roll 'inners' & compost - can you help?



The Eco-council are working on ideas to raise funds for future projects. They are going to grow sweet peas and other plants, including vegetables. They will hold a plant sale during the summer term so that you all have the chance to buy. Please could you help them? They need the cardboard rolls from the inside of toilet rolls and also **lots** of compost. If you have unused compost bags or gro-bags from last year that would be great. Alternatively, you might feel able to donate new compost or gro-bags - either would be very gratefully received by the children and well utilised! Please leave any donations by the bicycle. Thank you.



It's Residential Season!

Letters have gone out today via the book bags and emailed about the various KS2 summer residential. Please make sure you read the letters carefully. These trips are all live on Parent Pay. Please don't forget to complete payments at your earliest convenience. The various forms need completing and handing in to the office after the Easter Break and by **Friday 19th April at the latest.**

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 **must be paid for in advance** and a debt should not accumulate. **With the end of term approaching, and also the end of our financial year, 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 sight 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 meal choice, Main Vegetarian choice or Jacket Potato or panini option.

Monday 25th	As published - Choice of Pizza, Macaroni Cheese, Jacket Potato
Tuesday 26 th	Not Lasagne or Baked Bean Chilli. Choose Roast Chicken , Roast Vegetable Wellington , Jacket Potato.
Wednesday 27 th	Not Roast Chicken or Vegetable Wellington or Jacket Potato. Choose The Brunch , Vegetable Gnocchi , Tuna Panini.
Thursday 28 th	Not The Brunch, Vegetable Gnocchi or Tuna Panini. Choose Chicken Nuggets , Vegetable Sausage Rolls , Bacon & Cheese Panini

A new menu for the Summer term is attached

"Please remember Sunday Night Routine"

Select your meal choices and top up your dinner money accounts

Federation Facebook page



We now have a South Hams Federation Facebook page. Please note the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556768462697>

Diary Date - 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.

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

With best Wishes

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

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.



All After School Clubs are now finish except Plymouth Argyle on Thursday

The Week Ahead

Monday 25 th March	Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi Parent Consultations - Book via School Cloud
Tuesday 26 th March	Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose Parent Consultations - Book via School Cloud
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 1 & 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club - Finished No Choir this week. Year 2 Theatre Trip - see above Parent Consultations Year 3 only - Book via School Cloud
Thursday 28 th March	Cake and Biscuits Sale for School Funds - Organised by Slapton Scarlets Drum Lessons with Alan After School Karate - No club this week After School Plymouth Argyle Football Club TBC! LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 29 th March	GOOD FRIDAY - School Closed

Diary Dates

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
3 & 4 June	Year 6 Sailing - TBC
5 to 7 June	Year 6 Residential
10 & 11 June	Year 6 Sailing - TBC
13 June	Year 4 Trip to Exeter - TBC
14 June	Trip to Parliament - TBC
17 & 18 June	Year 6 Sailing - TBC
19 to 20 June	Year 4 Residential
21 to 22 June	Year 5 Residential
24 & 25 June	Year 6 Sailing - TBC
1 & 2 July	Year 6 Sailing - TBC
4 July	Year 3 Trip to Exeter - TBC
5 July	Trip to Parliament - TBC
12 & 15 July	Year 6 Singing Paddles - TBC