



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/26
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term done and another holiday upon us. Well done everyone, we got through the coldest, wettest, darkest part of the year and when we meet again it will be the Summer Term, hooray! Remember that this weekend the clocks change and we will be officially be in British Summertime. We wish you all a wonderful break from the school routine and a very Happy Eastertime, enjoying family and friends.



Our last week in school was a busy one with Parent Consultations and a trip to the theatre for Year 2.

We are signing children up to the Summer residential programme - letters have gone out and the visits are all live on Parent Pay. **The deadline for signing up and returning forms is Friday 19th April**, if you have not already done so.

This Spring Term has brought a number of special challenges to us in the form of an Ofsted inspection, a Fire Audit and a Health & Safety audit. As if that wasn't enough our staff team here in school have worked their socks off to deliver sporting events, fundraising events, cake sales, school trips and a varied curriculum across the school. We have a wide range of after-school clubs, many of them run by teaching staff, and others requiring our Admin team to set up and ensure smooth running. This term has also brought the usual winter coughs, colds and tummy bugs, and our staff team took this in their stride, looking after children who felt under the weather, and making arrangements with parents to collect them from school if necessary.

We have an exciting Summer Term planned which includes a residential trip programme that will ensure that your children continue to grow in confidence and stature as they prepare for their onward learning journey. Our job is never really done, and I am immensely proud of our multi-tasking school staff team, and I know you are too - they are a very special, loyal and dedicated group of people who give their very best to Stokenham Primary School and I am very grateful that they are part of our school family. We wish them all a great Easter break.



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We look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 15th April at 9am** to start the summer term - on Tuesday 16th we have Tempest here to take school photos of our Reception and Year 6 pupils.

Wedding Congratulations!



I am sure you join me in offering huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Parsons, who got married last Saturday. We all wish you joy and happiness for your future together.

...and moving on....



We bid farewell at the end of this term to Mr West who is leaving us to start in a new role with South Hams District Council. We wish him success and happiness in his new position.

Year 2 Theatre Trip



What a very exciting trip to the Theatre Royal to see The Three Little Pigs! A ride on a big coach, a picnic lunch and an afternoon at the theatre AND Mrs Lewis making her stage debut!! Year 2 had an amazing trip to Plymouth with some never-to-be-forgotten moments! They all behaved beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors for Stokenham School. Thank you, and well done Year 2! We are very proud of you.

Parent Consultations

It was a very full programme of Parent Consultations this week and we would like to thank parents for taking time to come into school. We value the opportunity to share your child's learning journey with you face to face. We hope that you found it a rewarding experience too.

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!

We have sent out all the letters regarding residential for this summer term. 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**.

Year Group	When	Deadline to return all forms	Deadline for payments
3	Thurs 9 th May	Friday 19 th April	Friday 26 th April
4	Wed 19 th to Thurs 20 th June	Friday 19 th April	Friday 24 th May
5	Fri 21 st to Sat 22 nd June	Friday 19 th April	Friday 24 th May
6	Wed 5 th to Fri 7 th June	Friday 19 th April	Friday 26 th April

Around the school this week

The Reception children have enjoyed egg-ploring changing states of matter whilst making Easter nests this week. They worked collaboratively to break up the chocolate and think of ways to change the solid blocks into runny liquid, deciding the microwave was the most effective. They then crumbled up shredded wheat, mixing it with the smooth melted chocolate. Finally, they added Easter-themed sprinkles and a fluffy chick to complete their Easter nest.



Chefs of the future.

It was lovely for some of our Year 6 pupils to 'help' our kitchen staff this week. They created scrumptious cakes, cookies and chocolate nests for all the children to enjoy at lunchtime.



Forest School for Reception and Year 5

Starts Friday 19th April - the first Friday back after the Easter break. Make a note please and remember that Reception come to school wearing old clothes/waterproofs/wellies etc for the day, bringing a spare set of clean clothes just in case they get wet or very muddy. Year 5 will need to wear school uniform as normal but need to bring with them suitable old clothes/waterproofs and wellies to change into for Forest School in the afternoon.

New Menu for the Summer Term

There will be a new menu after the Easter break. It is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the school website. **Please note that there will be a menu change for the first day of next term** - on Monday 15th April the lunch options will be either pasta with a tomato or cheese sauce, or a cheese panini.

“Please remember Sunday Night Routine”

Select your meal choices and top up your dinner money accounts

We have to unfortunately increase the price of school meals. A school dinner will now cost £2.50 per day. This equates to £12.50 per week or £72.50 for the first half of the Summer Term.

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.

New After School Club starting Friday 19th April

Achieve 4 All After-school club for Summer Term (1st Half) is on the booking system and ready for bookings. The club can be booked by going to <https://achieve4all.co.uk/> you will then need to click on 'Book Now', log in to your account or if you have not booked before you will need to complete a short registration.

- * The club will be a Dodgeball and Summer Sports Club for KS1 and KS2
- * The club will run from Friday 19th April - Cost £25.50

**Congratulations Year 6.
Winners of Dusty Bin this week.**



Governors Awards

Congratulations to our Governors Award recipients this term. Poppy from KS1 and Henry from KS2. Both pupils are fantastic role models for all members of the school family. They echo the school values and are safe, kind and responsible. Respectful to all adults, children and thoroughly embraces school life to the full. They make the most of every learning opportunity and have made excellent progress so far this year. Congratulations and well done to Poppy and Henry.



Have a lovely, restful and relaxing Easter Break
See you all on Monday 15th April

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

With best Wishes

T. Coulthard

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.



The Week Ahead

Monday 15th April	First Day of Summer Term Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi
Tuesday 16th April	Tempest Photography - Year 6 and Reception only Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 17th April	Singing Lessons with Abi
Thursday 18th April	Drum Lessons with Alan After school Football Club Plymouth Argyle - see link below to join.
Friday 19th April	Deadline to hand in Residential paperwork/forms - See above Music Lessons with Monica

Please find below the link for next terms football club with Plymouth Argyle.

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/pl-stokenham-after-school-club-5.html>

Diary Dates

22 April	Explorer Dome - Details to follow
23 April	Year 1 Phonics Workshop - See Above
6 May	Non-Pupil Day
7 May	Reception class - Farm Walk/Visit -details to follow
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

Salcombe Youth Club and Museum

'Where The Wild Things Are' - Is based at the Young Salcombe Centre, Gould Road. We run high quality Art Schools on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the school holidays. All our teachers are artists and teachers. Two of us have been lecturers in art and education for a number of years. A poster is attached. Spaces go quickly but we are running four days over Easter.

We have a wonderful partnership with the Salcombe Maritime Museum and are working with them to raise awareness of the museum and encourage skills and knowledge in heritage. One of our initiatives is running a free afternoon holiday club at the museum and then onto to the Youth Club. All local, children welcome. Please see poster for details to apply. Spaces are limited.

Many Thanks, Caroline
YSC lead and EPO at SMM

The Wind Project (which funds our Schools Sailing lessons) also offers Sailing lessons at weekends and they would love more children to take part.

- * ***RYA OnBoard Sailing Lessons for local children aged 8-15 years, restarts at the end of March.***
- * ***Half day Sailing lessons on weekends. Excellent opportunity for beginners. All under instruction and small group numbers. Safe, structured and a fun environment.***
- * ***March to September (not including July or August). It's inexpensive too.***
- * ***There's currently space on Saturday and Sunday mornings (afternoons are full).***

Please email info@thewindproject.co.uk to register your interest.

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