



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/27

Friday 19th April 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and to the Summer Term! The children have been so excited to be back in school, playing with friends and catching up with one another. This term is about enjoying the outdoors whether through the use of the school field for play and PE, the use of the pool, or learning outdoors through Forest School and our Growing Spaces. Add to this the exciting residential opportunities, local visits and trips, Bikeability for Year 5 and both sailing and canoeing for Year 6 and it promises to be action-packed!

This is also the term where we prepare all the children for the next stage of their learning journey, be that from Reception to Year 1, from KS1 to KS2 or from Year 6 to secondary school. They all move up and along, and our job is to support and encourage them all the way.



Urgent reminder - Residentials!

All the letters regarding residentials for this summer term have gone out now. Please make sure you read the letters carefully and **return the signed consents and collection** arrangements by Monday morning. These trips are all live on Parent Pay. Remember to complete payments at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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

Explorer Dome - Monday 22nd April

Next Monday we are very excited to welcome back Explorer Dome and we will be exploring SPACE! This will be a fantastic day of science and learning for all the children. We are asking for a £4 donation per child for this activity. The event is live on Parent Pay.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop

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

Phonics



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Bikeability Year 5



We are running the Bikeability course for Year 5 again this year - it is always well received and much enjoyed by the children. A letter has been sent home this week to all Year 5 parents. Please use the link in the letter to apply for a place with Bikeability direct. We do not handle the bookings from the office - you will need to book with the provider online. If your child isn't confident in riding a bike the instructors will be able to help. If your child does not have a bike these can be hired from the providers for a small fee. Please see Mrs Lewis for more details. Please complete the consent forms by **Friday 3rd May**.

Lunchtime and After-School Clubs

Our programme of lunchtime and after school clubs will start next week. The clubs are always very popular and the children love them! A letter has been sent out and all clubs have been published on the parent pay system. Parents must complete a consent form via Parent Pay and **NOT** through the class teacher or Mrs Lewis in the office.

Clubs Timetable

Monday	Sports Club - More details to follow
Tuesday	No Clubs - Staff Training
Wednesday	Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club - On Parent Pay Years 3 to 6 After School Music and Choir Club (please contact Abi Tucker direct for more details on abi.tucker1@outlook.com) Year 6 After School SATs Booster Club Year 1 After School Art Club - On Parent Pay
Thursday	Year 4 to 6 Lunchtime Maths Club - On Parent Pay Plymouth Argyle (External provider) After School Football Club - book direct at: https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/pl-stokenham-after-school-club-3.html After School Karate with Caroline - Years 3 to 6 - (Please contact Caroline direct for more details on carolinetolo786@gmail.com) Year 6 After School SATs Booster Club Year 2 to 4 After School Athletics Club - On Parent Pay
Friday	Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Mindfulness Club - On Parent Pay KS2 After School Achieve4All Club www.achieve4all.co.uk

PE Time Table

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 3
Thursday	Year 4 and 5
Friday	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6

Forest School for Reception and Year 5

Forest School started today! Please make a note and remember that Reception come to school wearing old clothes/waterproofs/wellies etc for the day, bringing a spare set of clean normal but need to bring with them suitable old clothes/waterproofs and wellies to change into for Forest School in the afternoon. Lets hope that the sun continues to shine.

Around the school this week

What a wonderful first week back the Reception children have had! They thoroughly enjoyed listening to and then acting out their new English text *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and have approached their new 'Growing and Farming' topic with much enthusiasm. They were lucky enough to be visited by Daniel's chicks on Wednesday and it has inspired them to incubate and hatch their own eggs over the coming weeks (with the help of Mrs Camp and her incubator). The Reception class are also looking forward to learning more about farming and where milk comes from first-hand when they visit Coleridge Dairy on 7th May.



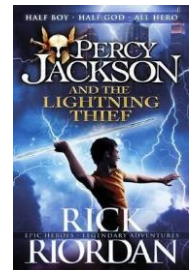
On Monday, Year 6 had a visit from Ami, one of our Cultural Ambassadors who told us all about her Jewish religion.

She told us about all the festivals they celebrate and the special food they eat. There is one festival called the pass-over that goes on for eight days. This is where you can only eat oily food because they believe that there was a special candle that burnt eight days longer than it should have. She talked about Shabbat and how Jewish people spend the day. We had the chance to try grape juice and try special Jewish bread called Challah.

Interesting Fact! Ami told us that Orthodox Jews follow 613 laws

Reading Ambassadors Recommendations

Year 4 Emilee and Blaise from Year 4 told us all about "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" written by Rick Riordan. It is about a 12 year old boy called Percy Jackson who is on the most dangerous quest of his life. It is full of adventures as Percy goes across the USA to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction – Zeus. One of the best parts that Blaise and Emilee love is when Percy chops off Medusa's head! It's a bit dramatic, little bit scary but they recommend it for aged 7 upwards.



New Menu for the Summer Term

There is a new menu for the Summer Term. It is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the school website. Please remember your "Sunday Night Routine" - select your meal choices and top up your dinner money accounts.

Unfortunately, we have to increase the price of school meals. This is not a decision we have taken lightly. 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.

Amendment to the School Lunch on Monday 22nd April

Due to Explorer Dome being at school, our kitchen staff have altered the menu slightly. Lunches will potentially be outside, if warm enough, due to the hall being used for The Dome.

Please choose from the following when booking your school dinners for Monday 22nd

- * Cheesy Wheels
- * Vegetarian Sausage Roll instead of Tomato Pasta Bake
- * Cheese Panini instead of Jacket Potato



IMPORTANT NOTICES!

1. Changes to contact details or circumstances



If you have recently moved house, changed your telephone number or other contact details or your circumstances have changed - please contact Mrs Lewis in the office and we can update our records accordingly.

2. Going Home Arrangements

Please note that if your child goes home on a school bus, we must be told of any changes to this arrangement. They will automatically be put on their respective school bus unless you tell us otherwise. Any changes to pick-up arrangements for "bus" children and those also collected by parents must be written in your child's reading record for the attention of their class teacher, or emailed/telephoned to the office. Our staff will not accept verbal messages from children regarding their going home arrangements.

3. Financial Circumstances

If your circumstances have changed recently and you feel that your child may be entitled to Free School meals due to your financial circumstances, please apply via the Devon County Council Citizen's portal. If you are confirmed as eligible, please let Mrs Lewis in the office know. Any information you provide us with will be treated in the utmost confidence.

Open Morning at KCC for Year 4 and 5 Parents and Carers

The Admissions Team at Kingsbridge Community College Wednesday would like to invite parents and carers of children in Years 4 and 5 to an open morning at the college on 5th June 2024 from 9.30am to 11am. To book a place, please follow this link:

<https://www.kingsbridgecollege.org.uk/369/open-events>

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

With best Wishes

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

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 22nd April	Explorer Dome at School -see Above Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi Deadline to hand in Residential paperwork/forms - See above
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 1 Phonics Workshop -see Above Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 24th April	Singing Lessons with Abi
Thursday 25th April	Drum Lessons with Alan
Friday 26th April	Music Lessons with Monica

Diary Dates

2 May	Sports Festival at KCC - details to follow
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 - please see above
13 to 17 May	Year 6 SATs - Letter has been sent out Year 5 Bikeability Week - letter has been sent out
20 May	Year 5 to KCC - details to follow
22 May	Sports Festival at Stokenham - details to follow
23 May	Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Devon Final - details to follow
27 to 31 May	HALF TERM
3 June	Year 5 to KCC - details to follow
3 and 4 June	Year 6 Sailing - Further details to follow
5 to 7 June	Year 6 Residential -See Above
10 June	Reception School Trip - details to follow
10 and 11 June	Year 6 Sailing - Further details to follow
13 June	Year 4 Trip to Exeter - details to follow
14 June	PTFA Summer Fair - TBC
17 and 18 June	Year 6 Sailing - Further details to follow
19 to 20 June	Year 4 Residential - See Above
21 to 22 June	Year 5 Residential - See Above
24 and 25 June	Year 6 Sailing - Further details to follow
28 June	Sports Day - TBC
1 and 2 July	Year 6 Sailing - Further details to follow
3 July	Year 6 Civic Award Presentation - details to follow
4 July	Year 3 Trip to Exeter - Details to follow Year 6 Transition Day at KCC - details to follow
5 July	Sports Day - TBC
12 and 15 July	Year 6 Singing Paddles - Further details to follow
15 July	Forest School for Reception and Year 6
18 July	Year 6 leavers Play - Details to follow
19 July	Leavers Assembly Last Day of Term