



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/28

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### 'It's Official'

#### We are Good with Outstanding Elements

Overall Effectiveness	Good	Quality of Education	Good
Leadership and Management	Good	Personal Development	Good
Early Year Provision	Outstanding	Behaviour and Attitudes	Outstanding

The inspection found:

- Pupils benefit from a wide and varied curriculum. As a result, pupils at this school thrive.
- The school has high expectations for all pupils.
- One of the many strengths of the school is the reading curriculum.
- Pupils' behaviour throughout the school is exceptional.
- Children in the early years get off to a flying start.
- Governors are committed to working with school leaders in the interests of the pupils.

We are so proud of our children, families and staff who work so hard to make Stokenham School the best school it can possibly be. However, this is not a "full stop" we will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do to ensure that our children get the highest quality of education that we can give them.

What an extraordinary week! Monday saw our Ofsted Report being published to parents, we then had "the call" from HMI regarding another Ofsted inspection at Modbury School. Meanwhile at Stokenham we had a day in space with the Explorer Dome, lambs frolicking in reception class and our pupils all thoroughly enjoying their daily school routines.



The Reception class had very special visitors on Tuesday when Fionnuala's tame lambs came to visit to help them learn more about their farming topic. They have also been busy making recipes in the mud kitchen area and sketching detailed observational drawings of a range of plants and flowers.



### Explorer Dome

The children had the most magical experience on Monday when Explorer Dome came to school. All rather life-like (well we think what it's like in space) and the squeals and WoW's from the children was a true reflection on how wonderful the whole experience was.



As some of our year 4 said:

"I really liked it. My favourite bit was learning about the constellations."

"I liked the part here we learned about the North Star, and when they spin the stars around, the North Star stayed in place."

"I learned that joining the stars draws pictures in the sky, like Leo the Lion, and the Saucepan,"

### Bikeability Year 5

Please don't forget to fill in the consent form via the link which is on the letter sent out last week. The Bikeability course for Year 5 is always very much enjoyed by the children. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. We will then be able to put the children in to their respective groups. As always, any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lewis in the office.



### **Multi Skills Festival at KCC - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Next Thursday there is a Multi Skills Sports Festival at KCC. Letters have been sent out to the children taking part. Our Year 2 will be taking part in the morning and some of our children from our KS2 classes will be attending in the afternoon.

#### **Important - Please ensure your child has:**

- Sports kit **MUST** include trainers
- Packed lunch (KS2 pupils only)
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy

**Please see the letter for more details but Year 2 parents to meet in the Cattle Market Car Park at 9.00am** where they will meet Mrs Taylor. Please collect your child from the **Cattle Market Car Park at 12.15pm** and brought back to school in time to eat their lunches before afternoon school.

**KS2 Children children taking art - please collect your child from Stokenham at 11.45am** to meet Mrs Taylor in the Cattle Market car park at 12.15pm. KS2 children taking part will need to be collected from the Cattle Market Car park at 2.15pm.

We do understand that some parent may need to drop off year 2 before bringing their older sibling in to school. Please donot worry about this. We understand that you cannot be in two places at once!

### **Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Devon County Cup Final - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

We are very excited to have reached the finals of the Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Devon County Final. Letters have been sent out to our team and all details are on Parent Pay. We would be grateful if you could complete the consent form **by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** to confirm you are happy for your child to participate in the County Final.

### **Census Day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Menu changes to plan for on Census Day which will also be Lucky plate day. The menu will change slightly but we will not be amending Parent pay. Details are below.

- \* If you would like Hotdog (normal sausages) please order - Breaded Chicken
- \* If you would like Veggie Nuggets please order - Singapore Noodles
- \* We will still be making Paninis so order those as normal if you would like those.

### **Date for Your Diary - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - PTFA Fair**

Are you a local business or company and would like to donate a raffle prize? Do you know of any local businesses or companies who you could approach to donate a raffle prize? The PTFA would love to hear from you with any suggestions. Please contact either Anna Weir or Louise Stone for more details.

### **Couple of Notices/Reminders**

**Uniform and Water Bottles** - Please remember that all clothing that comes into school with your children needs to be clearly labelled - they will be changing for PE and for swimming, on cooler days will need a coat and really importantly they will need a freshly filled water bottle. All these items need to be named please - it will make everyone's life a lot easier.

Thank you

**Worms and Nits** - rather a strange combination maybe, but please can we ask that all parents rigorously check for nits over the weekend and additionally instil a thorough cleaning/handwashing regime for their children. We have unfortunately had some cases of both nits and worms in school.

**Contact Arrangements** - 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.

**End of School Pick up 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.

**Financial Situation** - 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 see Mrs Lewis in the first instance. All applications are completed 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.**

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

With best Wishes



**Tess Coulthard**  
**Executive Headteacher**

### The Week Ahead

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Music Lessons with Holly Singing Lessons with Abi
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Singing Lessons with Abi
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Multi Skills Sports festival at KCC - See Above Drum Lessons with Alan
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Music Lessons with Monica



## Diary Dates

6 May	Non-Pupil Day
7 May	Reception class - Farm Walk/Visit - Details to follow
8 May	Year 5 Trip to Zoo - Letter has been sent out
9 May	Year 3 Extended Residential Day
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 - Letter has been sent out
22 May	Sports Festival at Stokenham - details to follow
23 May	Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Devon Final - Letter has been sent out
27 to 31 May	HALF TERM
3 June	Year 5 to KCC - Letter has been sent out
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 - See Above
15 June	Year 5 Chorister Project - Details to follow
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