



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/29

Friday 3rd May 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week in school and we are only 2 weeks in! The after-school clubs are up and running again and although the weather continues to tease us, we have been able to do PE outside and the children have enjoyed being outside for breaks and lunches. The poor weather yesterday meant that the Multi-Skills Festival at KCC was cancelled by the organisers but we are assured that it will be re-scheduled for June.

Next week Reception are going to visit Coleridge Farm, Year 3 are excited about their extended day visit and Year 5 are going to the zoo! There is a great deal going on this term, all aimed at offering new and stimulating experiences for all the children here at Stokenham Primary School. We are grateful to you as parents, grand-parents and carers for accommodating transport needs, giving consents and helping us generally to make it all possible for your children. We couldn't do any of it without the support and enthusiasm of our staff team. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their ongoing commitment to making our school family a very special one indeed. **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. It promises to be a fantastic summer term!

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You will see lots of dates for your diary and some helpful reminders in this newsletter. We ask you to read on and take note of anything that will affect you so that you can be organised and ready for the next few weeks.

Reception class - Coleridge Farm Walk/Visit - Tuesday 7th May



We are very much looking forward to walking up to Coleridge Dairy on Tuesday 7th May for a tour around the farm, learning more about where our food and milk comes from first-hand.

Please can the Reception children come to school wearing warm clothes suitable for being outdoors all morning (not school uniform), comfortable wellies for walking and a waterproof coat. Please bring spare shoes in a bag to leave at school for the afternoon. We will be back in time for lunch as usual. Many thanks - let's hope for sunshine!



Year 5 Trip to Zoo - Wednesday 8th May

Year 5 are off to the zoo next Wednesday. Tally Ho! Coaches will be leaving school promptly at 9.15 am and we will be back in time for normal buses home. Please remember:

- Packed lunches
- Plenty to drink
- Please wear school uniform
- Sensible school shoes
- Apply sun screen (Weather dependant)
- Coat (weather dependant)
- Please remember to complete the details and payment via parent pay, thank you.

Year 3 Extended Residential Day - Thursday 9th May

It's all rather exciting in Year 3 at the moment! Below is a quick reminder of what to do and where to be. The children will have the best time ever! Let's hold out for some sunshine for them!

- Please arrive by 9.15am - car share where possible. (bus children will be taken down from school by Mrs Lewis)
- Lunch. Parents please provide their child with a packed lunch and plenty to drink, (Remember No nuts and no fizzy drinks).
- Children to be collected at 6.15pm from F@B.

Children need to dress for Forest School, with plenty of spare layers to change into if necessary. If it rains the woods will be very muddy! Waterproof coat and trousers are essential as are wellie boots. Walking boots or trainers for the walk down to the beach should be provided too. Please ensure that your child has a plastic bag which they can use to put any dirty wet clothes in at the end of the day. Attached to this newsletter are the two letters sent out with a suggested kit list as a reminder of the day.

Around the School this week

Year 4 are exploring the work of Yinka Shonibare, a sculptor who has exhibited his work in The Box in Plymouth and on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. This week we made clay figures, imagining them looking at one of his works in a gallery or on the Fourth Plinth.



The Reception children are continuing to enjoy their topic linked to farming, growing and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. This week they have been busy planting beans, a range of seeds and planting and exploring a variety of herbs using their senses.





This term in PE, Year 2 are learning about attacking and defending. They have been learning about simple attacking and defending principles and how to apply them as a team and how to move from defence into attack. They have also been learning how to balance a ball and walk round the room at the same time without dropping it or letting anyone else take it from them.



Bikeability Year 5

We are running the Bikeability course for our year 5 class again this year. A letter has been sent home and you will also know which day your child is taking part. If you haven't already signed your child up, **please use the link below.**

Level 1 & 2 Consent Form Year 5: <https://forms.gle/GLijucuQwM1cSm7t8>

If you have any queries, please see Mrs Lewis in the office.

Census Day Thursday 16th May

For Census Day there are some menu changes and it 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.

Who will win the Lucky Plate!

Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Devon County Cup Final - Thursday 23rd 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 17th May** to confirm you are happy for your child to participate in the County Final.

Notices and Reminders

Uniform and Water Bottles - Please remember that all clothing that comes into school with your child needs to be clearly labelled. They will be changing for PE and for swimming. On cooler days they 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.

Walking or cycling to school - now that the weather is more spring-like a great number of children are now able to walk or cycle to school. We encourage this and ask that if you are driving to and from school you keep a keen eye out for small pedestrians and cyclists. We also ask the parents of small children who are walking or cycling along Kiln Lane to be very aware at all times as we understand that there have been some 'near misses' when children are permitted to run or cycle ahead and they may not be road aware!

Worms and Nits - rather a strange combination maybe, but please can we ask that all parents to 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.

Changes to your 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

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday - No School
Tuesday 7th May	Reception class - Farm Walk/Visit - See Above Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 8th May	Year 5 Trip to Zoo - See Above Singing Lessons with Abi
Thursday 9th May	Year 3 Extended Residential Day - See Above Drum Lessons with Alan
Friday 10th May	Music Lessons with Monica

Diary Dates

13 to 17 May	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability Week - see above
20 May	Year 5 to KCC - Letter has been sent out. Please consent on Parent Pay
21 May	Year 6 Transition to KCC afternoon + SAPS
22 May	Sports Festival at Stokenham - details to follow After School Choir club - cancelled this week
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. Please consent on Parent Pay
3 and 4 June	Year 6 Sailing - Further details to follow
5 to 7 June	Year 6 Residential
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
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
20 June	Year 2 Farm Visit - TBC
21 to 22 June	Year 5 Residential
24 and 25 June	Year 6 Sailing - Further details to follow
26 June	Year 1 Farm Visit - TBC
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
10 July	After School Choir Concert
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