



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/30  
Friday 10th May 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's amazing what a few warm, sunny days can achieve - and this week it has helped us to achieve a great deal! Reception class walked all the way up to Coleridge Dairy Farm, and back, on Tuesday. They had a fantastic time learning about where their food comes from. Year 5 went to Paignton Zoo on a very big bus and learned about how animals survive in different habitats. Year 3 went up to F@B at Beeson and enjoyed an extended day loving the outdoors, and learning about the incredibly special environment in which we all live.

On behalf of Stokenham Primary School I would like to thank and congratulate all these children for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school, their behaviour was brilliant. It makes us very proud to know that we can send our children out into the world to represent us so well. I would also like to thank all our staff members and volunteer helpers who made these visits possible. Thank you and well done!



We are excited to announce that the swimming pool should be ready to use next week! Please read on the see the pool timetable, and make sure you are pool ready!

### SATw Week for Year 6 - Plans

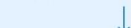
We would like to invite and encourage all of our Year 6 children to an exclusive breakfast club from Monday to Thursday next week. We have planned a different breakfast each day to get the children ready for their mornings. Please can our Year 6 pupils arrive ready for breakfast at 8.30am so that we can eat, pack up and get ourselves relaxed and ready for their morning tests.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please let us know so that we can cater for them. Please have a look at the upcoming days and the papers for each.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing all of the exciting things we have planned for the summer term with you. Best of luck to all our Year 6 children - Miss Longland and the Year 6 team.

#### KS2 SATs 2024 DATES - TESTING PERIOD

Monday 13th May 2024  
Spelling, punctuation and grammar  
(Grammar/Punctuation Test) - 45 min  
Spelling, punctuation and grammar  
(Spelling Test) - 20 mins



Tuesday 14th May 2024  
Reading Test - 60 mins



Wednesday 15th May 2024  
Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) - 30 mins  
Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) - 40 mins



Thursday 16th May 2024  
Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) - 40 mins



## Around the School this week

### Coleridge Farm Visit

'Coleridge Dairy had a farm, E-I-E-I-O... And on that farm they had some cows, E-I-E-I-O...'  
What a super morning the Reception class had on Tuesday when they set off on a farming adventure to Coleridge Dairy Farm, meandering through fields, climbing over stiles and learning about different crops and local wildlife. Farmer Richard introduced the children to the herd of dairy cows in the lush field and then explained how they produce milk, before giving an informative guided tour around the farmyard and high-tech milking parlour. The children loved meeting the calves and sheep in the paddock, before being treated to a delicious milkshake and biscuit. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for making our walk possible, and especially to Sadie, Richard and the Darke family for hosting such a fabulous visit.



### Year 3 Extended Residential Day at F@B





Year 3 had a glorious day at Forest and Beach yesterday!

The sun came out for us and reminded us how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world. On arrival we all enjoyed a bacon or veggie roll, then Mrs Moore gave us a tour of the site. We then packed up our lunches and water bottles and enjoyed a scenic walk down to Beeands. Mr Moore gave us lots of information about the local area and we were lucky enough to see Skylarks flying above us. We had a picnic down on the beach and explored the coastline. We spent the afternoon back at Forest and Beach enjoying everything that this wonderful site has to offer. Den building, archery, fire lighting, bandana-making, time out in the hammocks, challenging each other on the slack line - the list of activities was endless! We finished the day with a delicious supper cooked on the fire cage and then all went home tired but happy after such a brilliant day. Thank you so much Forest and Beach - we all loved every minute! As some of the children said "I wish every Thursday was a F@B Day!

## Staff Team News

With sadness we said good-bye to Mrs Turner last week and we wish her all the best in her new venture. We say a warm hello to Mrs Hutchings who joins the team as one of our teaching assistants and we also give a warm hello and welcome to Mr Mitchelmore who joins us as the new Caretaker. I'm sure both Mrs Hutchings and Mr Mitchelmore will get to know us all very quickly, and we hope that they enjoy their new roles. We also send our best wishes to Mrs Searle who is recovering at home after her recent operation.

## Karate Congratulations

Well done and congratulations to Millie and Ben in Year 6 who both achieved great success yesterday in their after-school Karate club with Caroline. Ben was awarded his blue belt and Millie her green belt. This is absolutely fabulous - well done to both of you. They will be displaying their agility and skills in assembly soon. If any children would like to attend after school karate - please contact Caroline direct via her email which is on the website.



## Bikeability Year 5

Next week is Bikeability week! Group A will have their course on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Group B will have their course on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone knows which group they are in and we are all set. Mrs Lewis has also sent out a text message today as a reminder. If for any reason your child is no longer able to take part, please let the office know. Children will be allowed to wear their own clothes on the days they are taking part in their Bikeability course. They will also be able to leave their bicycles and safety helmets at school overnight in the hall if this is helpful. Children cannot participate without a cycle helmet.



Monday	Group A Bikeability - wear own clothes	Group B - wear uniform
Tuesday	Group A Bikeability - wear own clothes	Group B - wear uniform
Wednesday	Group B Bikeability - wear own clothes	Group A - wear uniform
Thursday	Group B Bikeability - wear own clothes	Group A - wear uniform

## The Swimming Pool is Open (almost)!

Please see below the swimming pool timetable. We are planning on starting swimming next week - week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that on the day your child's class is swimming they have their swimming kit, towel(s) and goggles. If they have longer hair, a swimming hat will be required. Please make sure they can put the hat on themselves by practicing at home. Long loose hair is not swimming pool friendly!

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Year 4
Tuesday	Year 2	
Wednesday	Year 6	Year 5
Thursday	Year 3	Year 1
Friday		Reception

## Eco Council

The Eco Councillors from Years 2,3,4,5, and 6 have been putting their sustainability plan into action. They have been using the donated loo rolls, transforming them into seed pots and planting some heritage tomatoes and colourful climbing French beans. Once germinated, these plants will be available to buy from the school gate so you can grow-your-own at home. We will also be raising some plants in the polytunnel to grow ingredients for our delicious school dinners.



## Census Day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## Reception Trip - 10 June

Planning ahead for after half term our Reception class will be going on a school trip. Tally Ho coaches will leave promptly at 9am and be back in time for end of school. More details to follow via a letter and parent pay in due course.

## Reminders for Year 6

### Hoodies!

If you have a child in Year 6 and they wish to have a leavers hoodie these need to be ordered before half-term. Simply go to Parent Pay and follow the link to order the size and colour of choice. If they want a particular name on the back of the hoodie you need to order that too - simply fill in the requisite box.



## Year 6 Sailing and Singing Paddles

After SATs our Year 6 will be taking part in a sailing and Singing Paddles and we are very excited. Letters and various forms have been sent out via email and details are on Parent Pay. **Please can we have all the permission slips, consents and medical forms back by next Friday at the latest.** It is very important we have all the information asked for as we need to send these details to Devon County Council a minimum of one month before the event. In the case of the Year 6 sailing - **we are already potentially too late.**

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

With best Wishes

*T. Coulthard*

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

**The Week Ahead**

<b>Monday 13th May</b>	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability - Group A
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability - Group A Singing Lessons with Abi - cancelled this week Music Lessons with Rose - cancelled this week
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability - Group B Singing Lessons with Abi - cancelled this week Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club Years 3 to 6 After School Music and Choir Club After School ART CLUB <b>CANCELLED</b> this week.
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability - Group B Drum Lessons with Alan - cancelled this week Year 2 to 4 After School Athletics Club After School After School Karate with Caroline - Years 3 to 6 Plymouth Argyle After School Football Club
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Music Lessons with Monica Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Mindfulness Club KS2 After School Achieve4All Club

## Diary Dates

20 May	Year 5 to KCC - Letter has been sent out. Please consent on Parent Pay
21 May	Year 6 Transition to KCC afternoon at 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 - See Above
5 to 7 June	Year 6 Residential
10 June	Reception School Trip - leaving school at 9 am
10 and 11 June	Year 6 Sailing - See Above
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 - See Above
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 - See Above
26 June	Year 1 Farm Visit - TBC
28 June	Sports Day - TBC
1 and 2 July	Year 6 Sailing - See Above
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 - See Above
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