



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/33  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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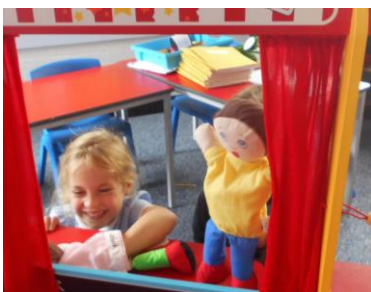
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fabulous half term and were able to be with family and friends outdoors in the fresh air. It has been an exciting week here in school and a big week for Year 6, who have been out and about sailing in Salcombe and on residential at Grenville! The next six weeks will continue to be action-packed - please read the Diary Dates section of this newsletter to take a look at what is happening and update your diaries. We have more school trips, residentials, Sports Day and the PTFA Summer Fair. Get ready for a big finish to this school year!

In School this week the Reception children have enjoyed listening to, discussing and then acting out their new English text *The Treasure of Pirate Frank* linked to their new pirate topic. They have also been busy creating their own treasure maps including a range of geographical features including mountains, coves, rivers and forests.



Meanwhile in Year 1 the children have been exploring puppets to gather ideas for their own design. We also had lots of fun acting out scenes with our puppets and putting on a show.



## Year 6 Sailing Reminders

**Group A will sail on Mondays**

**Dates for Monday:** 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

**Group B will sail on Tuesdays**

**Dates for Tuesday:** 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

On the day your child is taking part, come to school in their own clothes. Bear in mind that the children could be **cold and wet** when they come off the water at 4pm. Please wear appropriate clothing. The children will change into their wetsuits at school ready for their sailing.

**They will have an early lunch on the day they sail. Please either bring a packed lunch or order one from school. This must be ordered online in advance.**

Parents will need to take their child to **Whitestrاند Car Park in Salcombe by 12.30pm** (leave Stokenham at 12 noon), to meet Becca and Ross (Instructors). **Your child must be collected from Whitestrاند Car Park at 4pm.**

## Reception - National Marine Aquarium visit Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June



We are all looking forward to our trip on Monday to the Aquarium. The Children will wear normal school uniform and comfortable shoes. Each child will need to have a packed lunch and bring plenty of water to drink. **The coach will leave school at 9am promptly** and they will return to school in time for the school buses and end of day routines.

## Year 1 visit to Stokeley Farm Shop - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 will be walking to Stokeley Farm Shop next Wednesday morning for a class visit. The event will take place during normal school hours. They will return to school in time for lunch. The children will need the following:

- A full fresh water bottle
- Sensible walking shoes
- A named sunhat
- A named raincoat (weather dependent)
- Sun screen applied (weather dependant)

## Federation Chess Tournament - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Stokenham School are hosting the South Hams Federation Chess tournament next Wednesday and some of our Year 6 pupils are representing Stokenham School. There will be approximately 30 players in total for the chess competition pitting their strategies against each other. We will also be joined by Dave Regis from the Devon Chess Club to help, advise and teach all our budding chess players many strategies to win!

## Year 6 Local Area and Farm Visit - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Next Thursday our Year 6 will have a day out in the local area. As part of the geography, science and history topics they will be walking around Stokenham as well as spending time of Mrs Goodman's farm. Please remember the following:

- Wear clothes suitable for being outdoors all morning (not school uniform)
- Leggings are best as they will be walking near nettles etc
- Comfortable wellies/walking shoes
- Waterproof coat (weather dependant)
- Packed lunch and snacks
- Plenty of drink

We will be back in time for school buses etc. Many thanks - let's hope for sunshine!

### Year 4 Visit to RAMM Exeter - Thursday 13th June

We are very excited about our forthcoming trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter for our Year 4 pupils next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Please don't forget to consent via Parent Pay. Without parental permission, your child cannot attend. Quick reminder of what to do:

- Tally Ho! Coaches will be leaving school **promptly at 8.00am**. Please do not be late, **the coach is not able to wait**.
- We are expected back at approx. 4.00pm
- A packed lunch
- Plenty to drink.
- The children all need to wear school uniform
- Comfortable shoes



### The Chorister Project - Year 5 - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June



Our Year 5 children have been busy over the last few weeks learning new songs with the choir masters from Exeter Cathedral. The Exeter Cathedral Chorister Project is a music collaboration between Exeter Cathedral and the Devon Music Education Hub. The programme aims to encourage singing amongst primary school children with the finale to sing in Exeter Cathedral. Our year 5 children have been practising their songs and will be taking part in the Primary Schools Choir Concert on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm**.

The children will need to be at Exeter Cathedral to meet Miss Ramsden and Mrs Parsons at 10.45am. They will then spend a couple of hours practising along with other Primary Schools. Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink throughout the day. The concert starts at 2pm until approx. 2.50pm. Parents, family and friends are all very welcome to attend the concert. Please consent via parent Pay so we can confirm our attendance at his wonderful event

### PTFA - Summer Fair - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June



A message from the PTFA - With just one week until our annual Summer Fair, please could we remind everyone of the small amount of help needed from parents to make the afternoon as special as it can be;

#### **DONATIONS**

- \* **Reception and Year 1 - Cornflour to be in school for Monday**
- \* **Year 2 - Homemade Victoria Sponge cakes to be in school for Friday**
- \* **Year 3 - Homemade Chocolate cakes to be in school for Friday**
- \* **Year 4 - Homemade Tiffins and Brownies to be in school for Friday**
- \* **Year 5 - Assorted Cupcakes to be in school for Friday**
- \* **Year 6 - Parents and children to continue preparing their stalls**
- \* **\*Reminder NO NUTS please!**

#### **Raffle Tickets**

Get buying and selling raffle tickets! There are lots more at the school office. There are some amazing prizes! The draw will take place at the Summer Fair. Please sell as many tickets as you can. Good Luck!

## Cornflour!

We are planning a fun activity which require A LOT of cornflour! We would be very grateful if as many children as possible could bring to school an unopened box of cornflour in the week after half term. Thank you.

## Raffle Prizes

If you are a local business or you work for a local business might you be willing to consider donating a raffle prize? A voucher for goods or services or a gift of some sort? It can be big or small. We would be very grateful. Thank you.



## Pirate Day - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Ahoy me hearties! Please can the children come to school dressed as a pirate on Monday 24th June for a day full of pirate fun, treasure hunts and adventure. Please do not feel you have to buy a costume unless you want to, as there are many simple homemade pirate costume ideas online and the children can wear a pair of old trousers/leggings (which you may wish to cut the bottom) perhaps with a stripy top.

## PTFA Walk Across Dartmoor

On the 13th July 2024 we are taking on the gargantuan task of walking 10 kilometres (5k option too) from Haytor to Hound Tor on Dartmoor to raise £10,000 in sponsorship for our school community. We need as many families as possible to take part.

The money raised will help the school transform the old caretaker's bungalow into a dedicated library and arts space. This will be an inspiring, multi-functional hub for the children to find confidence in their learning and realise their potential. There will be reading, music, creativity and above all FUN!



## Reading Ambassadors Recommendation

Year 4 Emilee and Blaise along with their class are very much enjoying "The Light Thieves - by Helena Duggan. It is about a young boy whose sister goes missing and meets a billionaire who is saving the world.... Or is he? It's a bit of a mystery drama kind of book with lots of twists and intrigue. Emilee and Blaise are almost sure that they would like to be a character in the book. They can't wait to find out what happens!



## Important Reminder To All parents & Carers

**School starts at 9am** each morning and this is when the register is taken in class. Children need to be in school at 8.55am at the latest to make sure that they are present for registration. Increasingly we are noticing that some children are not arriving in school on time. We need to change this as it disrupts the learning day that the teaching staff have planned. We appreciate that there are morning challenges for us all, but being at school on time is important, and it reinforces for our children the need to be on time for our commitments.

Additionally, we would like to remind you all not to park in the Disabled Bay by the school gates. This space is reserved for the use of those parents and or children who have issues with their mobility and may need wheelchair access. Please - **No parking In the Disabled Bay Without a Valid Permit** - Thank you.

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

Have a wonderful restful and sunny weekend

With best Wishes

*T. Coulthard*

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

**The Week Ahead:**  
**Please Note New Entries in Bold**

<b>Monday 10th June</b>	Reception Visit to National Marine Aquarium - See Above Year 6 Sailing - Group A Music Lessons with Holly
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Sailing - Group B Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose <b>Reception Swimming</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Stokeley Farm Visit - See Above</b> <b>Year 2 PSHE NSPCC Lesson - Letter sent out</b> <b>Federation Chess Tournament - See Above</b> Singing Lessons with Abi Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club Years 3 to 6 After School Music and Choir Club After School Art Club
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Trip to RAMM Exeter Year 6 <b>Year 6 Local Area and Farm Visit - See Above</b> Drum Lessons with Alan After School Athletics Club After School Plymouth Argyle Club After School Karate with Caroline
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTFA Summer Fair - See above <b>Year 6 Forest School in AM</b> Music Lessons with Monica Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Mindfulness Club KS2 After School Achieve4All Club
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Chorister Project in Exeter - See Above

### Diary Dates

17 and 18 June	Year 6 Sailing - See Above
19 June	Reception Class Royal Eye Infirmary Checks - letters sent out
19 to 20 June	Year 4 Residential - Leaving SAPS at 8 am
20 June	Year 2 Farm Visit - TBC Athletics Event at KCC - TBC Presentation to New Reception Class 2024 Parents - letter sent out
21 to 22 June	Year 5 Residential
24 June	Reception Class Pirate Day - See Above
24 and 25 June	Year 6 Sailing - See Above
25 June	New Reception Class Taster Afternoon - letter sent out
26 June	Year 1 Farm Visit - TBC
28 June	Sports Day - Further details to follow. Music Lessons with Monica - cancelled this week
1 and 2 July	Year 6 Sailing - See Above
2 July	New Reception Class Taster Afternoon - Letter sent out
3 July	Year 4 Farm Visit - TBC Year 6 Civic Award Presentation - details to follow
4 July	Year 3 Trip to Exeter - Details to follow - leaving SAPS at 8 am Year 6 Transition Day at KCC - details to follow
5 July	Sports Day - Reserve date -TBC
9 July	New Reception Class Taster Afternoon - Letter sent out
10 July	Year 3 Beach and Farm Trip - TBC After School Choir Concert -details to follow
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