



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/35
Friday 21st June 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Summer term Trips, Events and Residentials programme is in full swing and we have enjoyed the warm, dry weather in school this week! The swimming pool is in full use and the children love it when it is their day to swim!

Next week we plan to hold Sports Day on Friday 28th - this will be weather dependent so please keep an eye out for emails about any changes. The PTFA will be selling hot dogs - these can be ordered on Parent Pay if you have not done so already. We would really appreciate your assistance with sports day - it is great to be able to involve parents and carers in this event. **We need helpers who can support and score the field events for KS2, and we need marshals for the track events. Please let us know if you would like to help.**

Year 4 Sleeping with the Tigers

Year 4 have had the BEST TIME EVER at Dartmoor Zoo this week. They got to meet lots of new and interesting animals and get an 'inside look' at how the zoo works at night, after all the visitors left to go home. On our tour around the zoo we saw the mighty jaguar and it's huge, pointy teeth, as well as the tiger, lioness, cheetah and leopard. We got to do lots of different activities throughout the day. Our favourite activity was the night tour and scavenger hunt. We got to explore the zoo without any adults and toasted marshmallows around the fire with hot chocolate. After a brief snooze at the zoo we woke up and went to explore the reptile and bug house before making our way back to school. Our favourite memory from the trip was naming a pair of Madagascan hissing cockroaches Willow and Freya!!





The Chorister Project Exeter Cathedral

We are very proud of the Year 5 children who represented Stokenham Primary School last Saturday at a special concert held at Exeter Cathedral. The Chorister Project involved schools from across Devon and resulted in a wonderful concert. The children were so excited to be involved - they noticed the fabulous acoustics and what that did to the sound of hundreds of children singing, and were amazed at just how beautiful the cathedral is inside. What an honour to sing there, and how proud we are of you all. Well done. A big thank you to Mrs Parsons & Miss Ramsden for your support and coaching, and to all the parents and carers who were involved in transporting children to and from Exeter. We hope you enjoyed the concert, it was amazing! These events don't happen without your support.



Preparing for Pirate Day!

The Reception children have been exploring floating and sinking as part of their learning about Pirates, and applied their knowledge when designing and making waterproof boats using reclaimed materials. They worked hard at home to create their super pirate ships, and are looking forward to testing them out in the swimming pool on Friday. I wonder which boat will float the best and why?



Remember that Reception Class Pirate Day is on Monday 24th June

Please come to school dressed as a pirate for a day full of pirate fun, treasure hunts and adventure.

Multi Skills Festival at KCC

Some of our children headed to KCC yesterday to take part in a multi skills festival (KS1) and a QuadKids event (KS2). The Young Leaders from KCC set up a series of activities for our Year 2s to take part in and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Across the morning, they took part in lots of activities, putting their teamwork, speed and agility skills to the test. There were big smiles throughout with lots of laughter and cheering on.



Our KS2 teams arrived in the early afternoon for a 'QuadKids' athletics event. The children were in mixed teams of 8 and competed against teams from Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Charleton Primary Schools. Every child took part in a sprint race, a longer distance race, a standing long jump and a vortex howler throw. Our children performed brilliantly and here are some of the highlights:

In the Year 3/4 category our team of Theo, Leo, Marley, Seb, Nelly, Daisy, Evanee and Lucy came first and in a close second was our team of Harry, Finlay, Fraser, James, Aoife, Honor, Edith, Edie and Josh.

- * Seb was placed 2nd overall in the Year 3/4 boys event.
- * Finlay was placed 3rd overall in the Year 3/4 boys event.
- * Nelly was placed 2nd overall in the Year 3/4 girls event.
- * Evanee was placed 3rd overall in the Year 3/4 girls event.

In the Year 5/6 category our team of Henry, Maurice, Monty, Zander, Lexie, Amber, Millie and Faye came second and in a close third was our team of Bluebell, Elysia, Eva, Thea, Percy, Albe, Finn and Brodie.

- * Lexie was placed 1st overall in the Year 5/6 girls event.
- * Bluebell was placed 2nd overall in the Year 5/6 girls event.
- * Finn was placed 1st overall in the Year 5/6 boys event.
- * Maurice was placed 2nd overall in the Year 5/6 boys event.
- * Henry was placed 3rd overall in the Year 5/6 boys event.

Henry threw the vortex howler a very impressive 33.0m, Finn jumped an enormous 2.0m in the standing long jump, and Finn, Lexie, Bluebell and Monty all ran sub 10.00 seconds in the 75m.

A special mention must also be given to Leo in Year 3. His friend slipped and fell down in the 75m sprint and Leo stopped, ran back and helped him up, before ensuring that his friend crossed the line before him. Thank you Leo, for being so kind and caring.

If any parents would like their children's individual scores, please see Mrs Taylor as the organisers have sent me a full breakdown of times and distances.



Year 6 Sailing Reminders

Group A will sail on Mondays

Dates for Monday: 24th June and Monday 1st July 2024

Group B will sail on Tuesdays

Dates for Tuesday: 25th June and Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Please remember a packed lunch or order one from school. To be at Whitestrand Car Park in Salcombe by 12.30pm (leave Stokenham at 12 noon), and collected from Whitestrand Car Park at 4pm.

Farm Visits

- * **Year 2 on Tuesday 25 June**
- * **Year 1 on Wednesday 26th June**

Our Year 1 and Year 2 classes are off to the farm next Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 1 will be going on Wednesday and Year 2 on Tuesday. They will be at the farm in the morning and back in time for their lunches. The children will need the following:

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

Sports Day - Friday 28th June - would you like to help?

We plan to hold Sports Day next Friday 28th June. This is wonderful whole school event and we are always very happy to have parent helpers join with our staff team to make the afternoon a success. We need assistance this year with supporting and scoring the field events for KS2 and we need marshals for the track events. If you would like to help out with these things on Sports Day please speak to your child's teacher or drop us an email. Your support means a great deal to us, and to all the children. The PTFA will be selling Hot Dogs at £3 each - these must be ordered and paid for on Parent Pay before Wednesday 26th June. Thank you. Sports day will start at 12.30pm for our KS1 children and 1.30pm for our KS2 children.



Parents are very welcome to come into school from 12.15pm onwards.

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! Set up on Parent Pay is the option to purchase T Shirts to raise funds towards this project. Details are:

PTFA Sponsored Walk T Shirts For Sale

This week is your **ONLY** chance to order an **EXCLUSIVE** Dartmoor Tor de Force t-shirt.

Please order by Monday 24th June at the latest!

Children's (£5) and adults (£10) sizes available on Parent Pay.

Don't delay! Make yourselves easy to spot on the moor or simply support the challenge.

Big thanks to our sponsors including:

Coast to Coast Water Safety, Chillington Village Shop, Freeborn's Estate Agent, Motional, MT Financial Solutions, Stones Boatyard, The Grain Store, Two Bare Feet and Welstead.



Any questions email tordeforce2024@gmail.com or call Iona 07779 276 895.

Size conversions

Size	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-11	12-13	14-15
Age:	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-11	12-13	14-15
Height (cm):	104	116	128	140	152	164
Chest (to fit):	22/24	26/28	30	32	34	36

Size conversions

Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Size:	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest (to fit):	35/37	38/40	41/43	44/46	47/49	50/52	53/55	56/58

Year 6 Civic Award Fund Raiser

Dog Biscuit Bake Sale on Thursday 27th June @ 3:20pm

Rosie and Erin will be selling home-made dog biscuits at the end of the school day to raise money for the Dogs Trust. £1 per bag.



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:

Monday 24th June	Year 6 Sailing - Group A Reception Class Pirate Day - See Above Music Lessons with Holly
Tuesday 25th June	Year 6 Sailing - Group B Year 2 Farm Visit - See above New Reception Class Taster Afternoon Singing Lessons with Abi Music Lessons with Rose
Wednesday 26th June	Year 1 Farm Visit - See Above 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
Thursday 27th June	Drum Lessons with Alan After School Athletics Club After School Plymouth Argyle Club After School Karate with Caroline
Friday 28th June	Sports Day - See Above Forest School Music Lessons with Monica cancelled this week Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Mindfulness Club KS2 After School Achieve4All Club

Diary Dates

1 and 2 July	Year 6 Sailing - See Above
2 July	New Reception Class Taster Afternoon
3 July	Year 4 Farm Visit - TBC Year 6 Civic Award Presentation - details to follow
4 July	Year 3 Trip to Exeter - See Above - 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
10 July	Year 5 PSHE Lesson - Letter sent out Year 3 Beach and Farm Trip - TBC After School Choir Concert - details to follow
13 July	PTFA Dartmoor walk - See Above
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