



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/01

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school Everyone! I hope you have all had a super summer and feel rested and ready for a new school year. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Reception class and to say a big 'Hello' to all our new parents and carers joining our Stokenham School family. We would also like to welcome Martha, Emmeline, Annie and Matilda to our school. Joining our staff team are Miss Lottie Edwin who will be teaching Year 6, and a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Stacey Barlow. Welcome one and all to our school family!

Curriculum letters have been sent home today detailing what each year group will be learning throughout the Autumn term, to let you know which subjects and topics the class teachers will be covering. Please take the time to read them so that you can understand what your child/children will be learning about at school. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or bring any questions with you to the 'Meet the Teacher' events next week.

### "Meet the Teacher"

We will be holding informal 'Meet the Teacher' meetings next week. These meetings will take place in your child's classroom from approx. 3.40pm on:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September for Reception and Years 1 and 2
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September for Years 5 and 6
- Thursday for Years 3 and 4

Please come into school after pick up. Class teachers will be outlining the daily structure in your child's class, key themes for each year group and the things you can do as parents to support your child's learning. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you.



### Around the School this Week

The new Reception children have had a super first week at school and Mrs Cowling and Mrs Stevens are delighted at how quickly and happily they have settled. They have enjoyed making new friends, getting to know their teachers and playing and learning together indoors and outdoors in the different areas of the continuous provision. They also enjoyed their tour around the school grounds and classrooms, meeting our cheerful staff and happy children who welcomed them into our school family. What a super start to school Reception!



Year 2 have settled well into their new school and classroom routine. They have started their new units of work and they have all impressed us already with their attitude towards their learning! They have enjoyed their first PE lesson in the sunshine and are ready to continue with their journey throughout the year!



### Some Important Reminders for Everyone

#### Morning and Afternoon Routines

The gates will open at 8.50am for the children to come into school. Bus children are met by a member of staff when the bus arrives and taken into school. In the afternoon the gates will be opened at 3.20pm for pick-up. The school day ends at 3.30pm.

Please collect your child at the end of the school day from:

- \* Reception class - the lower pathway outside their classroom/canopy gate
- \* Year 1 and 2 - under the canopy and near their respective classroom door
- \* Year 3 and 4 - down, along the pathway near the infant playground
- \* Year 5 and 6 - lined up on the pathway near the school gates

Our **Bus Children** will be put on their respective buses by a staff member at the end of every school day.

*NB. If they are **NOT** to get the bus home please inform us by writing a note in the reading record for the teacher's attention, or emailing/contacting the school office. Ideally this will be done the night before and we will follow any instructions. We cannot take instructions or changes to plans from the children themselves. In an emergency you can ring the school on the day and we can amend any arrangements given sufficient notice.*

*In the event that you do not inform us of any changed arrangements, bus children will be put on the bus as normal. If a parent or carer is not at the bus stop to collect them, they will be brought back to the school by the Tally-Ho driver.*

For all our pupils, please let us know about any special collection arrangements in advance e.g. if someone other than a parent or carer is picking up on a particular day. The reading record is the best place to send messages to and from school as it is checked daily by the teaching staff. You can ring Mrs Lewis in the office or email if necessary.

### Traffic and Parking



We recognise that the beginning and the end of the school day can be busy and rushed. We ask everyone to be aware that Kiln Lane is being used as a crossing to and from school, and the pre-schools, by a lot of people - among them small children. Please be courteous, patient and understanding when parking your vehicle - not just to other school site users but also to our neighbours around the school. Please do **not** park on the zig-zag yellow lines, verges, pavements or across driveways. If you park in nearby road/streets please be aware you allow access for emergency vehicles, so do not park on both sides of the road or on pavements. Please also be aware that the village hall may be in use so allow users space to park and should the hall be in use please be courteous. Pavement users may require space for wheelchairs or buggies.

**If we all work together with kindness and tolerance then it will make our experience of coming to school and going home all the more pleasant. Thank you.**

### An important message from the School Kitchen

For this half term we will continue with our Summer Menu. The menu operates on a two-week cycle. We attach a copy for your information. Next week will be Week 2. A copy of the menu can be found on the noticeboard at the school gate and on the school website.

Please ensure you have activated your Parent Pay account even if you do not usually pay for school dinners. We use Parent Pay for trips, visits, lunch/after school run clubs and other things besides, so you will need to ensure you have set up your child's account to have access to all of these features. **Please pre-order your child's meal the night before** to help with the kitchen routines and ordering of food. By doing this we ensure that ordering is accurate and waste is limited. Please remember that the system cannot operate if your child's account is in debt and you will need to provide a packed lunch instead. You can pre-order your child's food for the whole week as this will save you time.

### School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals



School meals **MUST** be ordered and paid for in advance via Parent Pay. Everyone has been sent their login details. Prices are as follows:

- £2.50 per day
- £12.50 per week
- £95.00 for this half term

If you experience any difficulties ordering or booking meals please speak to Mrs Lewis in the office. If you feel that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, due to your financial circumstances, please contact Devon County Council either by phone on 0345 155 1019 or by visiting their website portal at:

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE)

### Our Weekly Newsletter

Each week you will receive a newsletter by email on Friday afternoon. The newsletter has a wealth of information in it. It tells you what the children have been doing in school for the week, what is happening next week in school, details about after-school clubs, peripatetic lessons, visits and trips, and lots more besides. It is important to read it to keep yourselves up to date with what is going on, so please check your inbox!

A copy of the newsletter will also be posted on the noticeboard at the school gate and attached to the website, where you will also find copies of various letters sent out to parents and carers each week.

The school website can be accessed at [www.stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk). It contains a treasure trove of useful and relevant information. We will continue to develop it and make it a go-to place for reference. Take a regular look to keep yourself up to date with events, clubs, trips, letters and the school calendar. Each week the newsletter will be put on the website to keep everyone up to date.

### Forest School

Mrs Moore started Forest School today with the Reception and Year 1 children. The Reception children will have Forest School sessions every Friday morning throughout the year, and our Year 1 pupils will have Friday afternoons until half term. After half term, it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to have their sessions on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure your child brings appropriate clothing, wellie boots and waterproofs to school on Forest School Fridays!

Our children in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to do Forest Schools in the New Year. If any parents would like to help out at Forest School sessions we would love to hear from you. Please speak to the class teacher or let the office know and we can send out the relevant paperwork.

### Lunchtime and After-School Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer a full range of lunchtime and after-school activities and we hope that your children will join in. The clubs are always very popular and we recommend that you complete the online consent form soonest. **This term all clubs MUST be booked via Parent Pay** and **not** through the class teacher or Mrs Lewis in the office - invites will be sent to all Parent pay accounts from 4.30pm this afternoon.

### Brand new club - Ecotherapy Club

Laura Darvell will be running Ecotherapy Club after school on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm. It is open to children in Years 2 to 6. 10 spaces are available. The cost is £30 per child for 6 sessions. The club will be based around forest bathing, mindfulness, breathing techniques and forest school fun. The focus of the club will be to demonstrate an understanding of how nature increases our wellbeing, how we use our senses to create a space of calm surrounded by friends. If your child is interested, please email [laura@theecotherapist.co.uk](mailto:laura@theecotherapist.co.uk). Please note that this club cannot be booked through the school office.



### Autumn Term 2024 Club Timetable

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After School Choir Club for Years 3 to 6 with Mrs Parsons and Mrs Jeffery -starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inset Staff Training - no after school clubs</li><li>• After School Karate with Caroline (Please contact Caroline direct for more details on <a href="mailto:carolinetolo786@gmail.com">carolinetolo786@gmail.com</a> - starts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club for Years 3 to 6 with Mrs Taylor - starting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</li><li>• After School Ecotherapy Club Years 2 to 6 with Laura Darvell - for details see above and email <a href="mailto:laura@theecotherapist.co.uk">laura@theecotherapist.co.uk</a></li><li>• After School Netball Club for Years 5 and 6 with Miss Edwin - starting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunchtime Recorder Club with Years 1 and 2 with Mrs Prescott - starting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</li><li>• Lunchtime Times Tables Club with years 4 to 6 - with Miss Woollard - starting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</li><li>• Plymouth Argyle (External provider) After School Football Club - book direct at: <a href="https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/pl-stokenham-after-school-club-1.html">https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/pl-stokenham-after-school-club-1.html</a></li></ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunchtime Story Club for Years 1 and 2 with Mrs Searle - starting Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</li><li>• Achieve4All will run Multi Sports Club for Years 3 to 6 - book direct with provider. Go to <a href="http://www.achieve4all.co.uk">www.achieve4all.co.uk</a> scrolling down to click BOOK NOW to sign in or create new registration. <a href="https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-dodgeball-sports-ks12-autumn-term-1st-half-kingsbridge-55bed602-dcb6-4996-a4aa-9e36e01f5abd">https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-dodgeball-sports-ks12-autumn-term-1st-half-kingsbridge-55bed602-dcb6-4996-a4aa-9e36e01f5abd</a></li></ul>

### Music Lessons and Voice Coaching

It is wonderful that we are able to offer various music lessons with our external providers. If your child would like to learn to play an instrument or has an interest in singing we have several options available for private lessons.

- ❖ Monica Chapman teaches guitar, electrical guitar, keyboard and piano. Her contact details are [monkikachapman@hotmail.com](mailto:monkikachapman@hotmail.com)
- ❖ Alan Inglis-Faulkner (IMS) can provide drum lessons and is contactable on the website [www.imsmusic.co.uk](http://www.imsmusic.co.uk).
- ❖ Holly Molyneux teaches violin, cello and piano and can be contacted via email:
  - [hollymolyneux@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hollymolyneux@yahoo.co.uk)
- ❖ Vocal Coaching is offered by with Abi Tucker and she can be contacted via email on [abi.tucker1@outlook.com](mailto:abi.tucker1@outlook.com)
- ❖ Rose Sage is a music teacher offering woodwind lessons. She can be contacted via her website at <https://rosesage.mymusicstaff.com/>

### Pupil/Parent Privacy Notice

Schools collect, store, process, share and dispose of lots of personal information relating to pupils and parents. Our Pupil Privacy notice has been updated and is available via our school website: [www.stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk)

The purpose of this privacy notice is to inform you how and why we are processing your personal data, the rights you have around this and the school's legal obligation and responsibility for protecting your data.

### Agreements/Consent Forms

During the course of your child's education, all parents and carers complete a KS1 and a KS2 Agreement pack which contains consent for your child for local school visits, photos, video, audio and communication. If you wish to update/opt out of any of your child's consent information then please contact the school office in the first instance. You can request for this information to be updated or can opt in/out at any time during the academic year.

### Data Collection Information

At school we have an electronic pupil information system where we record important information about your child's personal details, such as; contacts and their details, medical and dietary details, and any other important information supplied by parents and carers.

Each year we ask for parents and carers to check that the information we hold is correct and up to date and to inform us of any changes. Coming home next week with your child is the Data Collection sheet. Please can all parents check the details we have and return the signed paperwork to the office **by Friday 20th September. ALL data sheets need to be returned or responded to.** It is vitally important that this information is up to date for every child in school and particularly with regard to any contact or medical information the school needs to be aware of.

### News from the PTFA

*The Annual General Meeting for our PTFA will be held at school on Wednesday 18th September at 9.00am, straight after morning drop-off. We welcome all newcomers, so please come along if you would like to join our dynamic and successful group, and help out in whatever way you can.*

*We will be allocating the various necessary roles and updating our Class Reps, whilst enjoying a coffee together.*

*There will run through the usual events planned for the year, share ideas for new ones and we'll be reviewing last year's efforts - and what a year it was thanks to the brilliant Tor de Force committee! More on that and how our fundraising will be put to good use when we meet next week.*

*If you would like to join the PTFA, but are unable to attend the AGM, please get in touch with Louise Stone, on 07891 803110, to be added to the PTFA WhatsApp group.*

*We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.*

*Thank you.*

### **Mental Health Parents Meeting**

As part of a government scheme to roll out mental health support to all schools, Mental Health Support Teams are now working with Stokenham Area Primary School, and we could not be more excited about welcoming them to work alongside our team.

The MHST is a trained team comprising Clinical Team Managers, Supervisors and Educational Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) who work with schools to support young people who are struggling with their thoughts and feelings.

Our representative, Amanda, will be working in school one morning a week to both support children and staff. If you would like to find out more about Amanda and the work she will be doing in school she will be holding a meeting for parents on Tuesday 17th September at 3pm in the main hall here at Stokenham School. We look forward to welcoming you.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

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

With best Wishes



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

### **The Week Ahead**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	After School Music and Choir Club 'Meet the Teacher' - Reception and Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rose Sage Music Lessons start After School Karate Club with Caroline
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lunchtime Year 1 and 2 Recorder Club Lunchtime Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club 'Meet the Teacher' - Years 5 and 6
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons start Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime Times Tables Club 'Meet the Teacher' - Years 3 & 4 After School Football with Plymouth Argyle
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monica Chapman Music lessons After school club Achieve4All

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 17 September	PM	ALL	Mental Health Team Presentation - further details to follow
Wednesday 18 September	AM		PTFA AGM - see above
Monday 23 September	PM	KS1	Phonics Presentation - details to follow
Thursday 26 September	AM	6	KCC Open Morning
Friday 4 October	AM	ALL	Flu Immunisation Team
Tuesday 8 October	AM	ALL	Tempest Photos
Friday 11 October	TBC	ALL 6	Harvest Festival Junior Life Skills
Monday to Wednesday 21 October to 23 October	TBC	All	Parents Consultations Appointments
Monday to Friday 28 October to 1 Nov			HALF TERM
Monday 11 November	AM PM	ALL KS1	Remembrance Assembly Maths Workshops - details to follow
Wednesday 13 November			KS2 tag Rugby Tournament - TBC
Friday 15 November	All Day	ALL	Children in Need
Friday 29 November	All Day	ALL	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 6 December	PM	ALL	PTFA Christmas Fair - TBC
Monday 16 December	PM & EVE	3 & 4	Christmas Performances - TBC
Tuesday 17 December	AM & PM	KS1	Christmas Performances - TBC
Wednesday 18 December	PM & EVE	5 & 6	Christmas Performances - TBC
Thursday 19 December	All Day	ALL	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 December	AM PM PM	ALL KS1 ALL	Christmas Carol Service KS1 Christmas Party - TBC Last Day of Autumn Term 2024

### 2025

<b>Monday 6 January</b>			<b>Non - Pupil day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 January</b>			<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>
<b>Mon 17 to Fri 21 Feb</b>			<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Friday 4 April</b>			<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>

<b>Monday 22 April</b>			<b>First Day of Summer Term</b>
<b>Monday 5 May</b>			<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Mon 26 to Fri 30 May</b>			<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Friday 18 July</b>			<b>Last Day of Summer Term</b>