



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/02

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term is well underway, the sun has been shining for some of the week so we have all enjoyed the outdoor spaces for play, PE and after school clubs. Our new Reception children are finding their feet and learning all about our school routines. It is a lot to take on board but they have all done a fantastic job. Well done!

This week we have appointed school council members. We have also seen the start of our after-school and lunchtime clubs which the children enjoy very much. The term is officially in full swing!

### New School Councillors and Class Representatives

Our School Councils incorporate children from Years 2 to 6 who have been democratically elected by their classmates. They are actively involved in making decisions about their school life on behalf of their year group.

### Congratulations go to the following pupils

#### School Council

Year 2 - Poppy and Max

Year 3 - Hugo and Mia

Year 4 - James and Evanee

Year 5 - Wilf and Evie G

Year 6 - Thea and Aaron

#### Reading Ambassadors

Year 2 - Eliza and Jack

Year 3 - Oliver and Margo

Year 4 - Daisy and Marley

Year 5 - Sonny, Archie, Matilda & Freddie T

Year 6 - Albie and Holly

#### PE Representatives

Year 2 - Alana and Alec

Year 3 - Percy and Polly

Year 4 - Lucy and Theo

Year 5 - Daniel and Jemima

Year 6 - Tom and Bluebell

#### Team Captains

Gara Greens - Finn and Eva

Slapton Scarlets - Artie and Grace

Lannacombe Yellows - Harry and Niamh

Beesands Blues - Alfie and Ellie

#### Arts Council

Year 2 - Ava and Zeth

Year 3 - Jack and Elsie

Year 4 - Aoife and Seb

Year 5 - Freddie H and Emilee

Year 6 - Eva and Barnaby

#### ECO Council

Year 2 - Beatice and Arthur

Year 3 - Euan and Poppy

Year 4 - Nelly and Leo

Year 5 - Jackson and Lottie

Year 6 - Casey and Orla



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## "Meet the Teacher"

Thank you to everyone who came along to our informal meet the teacher sessions this week. It was lovely to see you all in school. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher by email and they will be pleased to give you an overview of what was discussed. The curriculum outlines for all classes were attached to last week's newsletter. These are very helpful documents to read, so that you can understand what the priorities are for each class.

## Important message from the School Office

In your child's book bag this evening there will be an envelope containing a **Data Sheet**. The information in the data sheet is the information we are holding at school for each child. **Please read each data sheet, CORRECT it, if there are alterations, please sign whether or not there are alterations and Return to the office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. We need 100% returns from all parents regarding these forms.** Please remember to do this - we can then update our records accurately. **Even if there are no changes you need to sign and return a data sheet for every child.** Thank you.

## Residential 2025

Our residential programme for this academic year starts in the Spring Term and letters have gone out today by email. The residential require a great deal of planning as you can imagine, and we need to make an early start. Your co-operation with admin deadlines is very much appreciated. As always, any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or Mrs Lewis in the office.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Dates of Residential</b>	<b>Deadline for Deposit</b>	<b>Deadline for Payments</b>
Year 3	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Year 4	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Year 5	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Year 6	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Attention Year 6 Parents- Applying For Secondary School

Although it is still an academic year away, the process of securing a secondary school place for your child begins now. Please see the attached notice from KCC about their open mornings on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**, both from 9.30-11am. Parents, carers and children are all welcome. There is a copy of this notice on the notice board at the school gate so that you can access the QR code there also, to book your place.

**You will need to apply for a secondary school place wherever you wish your child to attend. Applications opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Follow this link for further details

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

## Flu Immunisation Programme

We would like to remind you that the Flu Immunisation Team will be on site on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** for all year groups. Letters have gone out via email - please read the information provided and consent via the link on the letter as needed. Please can I remind you that it is the responsibility of the parent to 'consent or not' direct with the Flu team and not the school.

## Reading Ambassadors

James and Holly from Year 6 explained all about their class reading book "Varjak Paw" by SF Said. It's about a Blue Kitten who lives in an old house, who has never left home.....yet! Then his grandfather visits and tells him all about **The Way** - a secret martial art for cats! The world is now an opportunity to explore but Varjak must survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all, the mysterious Vanishings. It's all rather exciting and mysterious, will Varjak Paw be ok?



## Christmas Card designs - a call to action from the PTFA!

It may feel too early to be talking about Christmas but the PTFA like to be fully prepared. With this in mind, coming home in book bags today, you will receive a Class Fundraising design sheet for your child to draw their Christmas Card design on.

These are very popular every year and help to raise vital funds for our school. They're also very fun! We recommend following the attached instructions for best results.

At this stage, by submitting your child's unique and one-of-a-kind design, there is no obligation to purchase. You will receive a final proof in a few short weeks of how it will look, along with an order form, should you wish to go ahead.

**PLEASE NOTE** - All designs must be returned to school no later than **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September (ie next Friday!)** All submissions will be collected by the PTFA at the end of the school day for checking, before producing final proofs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Louise Stone on 07891 803110**

Here is a handy guide for you to use at home, to ensure the design is going to look great when it is printed.

**✓ PLEASE USE:**

- ✓ Felt tip pens
- ✓ Coloured pencils (Must use firm pressure to avoid faint print)
- ✓ Paints
- ✓ Wax Crayons
- ✓ Ink

**✗ DO NOT USE:**

- ✗ Metallic paper & stickers
- ✗ Glitter
- ✗ Fluorescent colours
- ✗ 3D objects
- ✗ Photos printed on glossy paper
- ✗ Folds or creases
- ✗ Sellotape & staples
- ✗ White paint
- ✗ Paper collage

**Writing too close to the edge...**

Wrong	Printed	Correct

**Use firm pressure with coloured pencils**

Wrong	Printed	Correct

**Make sure artwork is central...**

Wrong	Printed	Correct

**Block colour designs should fill the space**

Wrong	Printed	Correct

**Sticking artwork to the template**

Wrong	Printed	Correct

## PTFA News

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.

## Around the School this Week

In year 4 the children have been looking at 'wow factors' of nature during their RE lessons. They were able to explain that Christians know that nature is special because God made it and that it should be looked after and cherished. The children were then able to make their own collages out of nature's 'wow factors'.



The Reception children are thoroughly enjoying their weekly forest school sessions with Mrs Moore and Miss Hinder, developing their gross and fine motor skills whilst using a range of tools and continuing to develop lovely relationships with their new class.



### **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 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Data Collection Sheets to be handed back in to school</b> After School Choir Club
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Mental Health Team Presentation - please see above</b> Rose Sage Music Lessons
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>PTFA AGM - see above</b> Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club After School Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Football with Plymouth Argyle After School Karate Club with Caroline
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Deadline to hand in PTFA Christmas Card Designs</b> Monica Chapman Music lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime Story Club After school club Achieve4All

### Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
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 - see above
Tuesday 8 October	AM	ALL	Tempest Photos
Friday 11 October	AM	6	Junior Life Skills at Quayside
	PM	All	Harvest Festival at Stokenham Church
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	ALL	Remembrance Assembly
	PM	KS1	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	ALL	Christmas Carol Service
	PM	KS1	KS1 Christmas Party - TBC
	PM	ALL	Last Day of Autumn Term 2024

### 2025

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

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