



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/03

Friday 20th September 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

September weather continues to be kind and we have enjoyed being able to use our fantastic school grounds for play, PE, Forest School and after-school clubs. It makes such a difference to the week when we can all benefit from lots of fresh air!

This week Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful time creating a new mosaic for Stokenham Primary School - everyone did their little bit and the finished article looks absolutely amazing! ING! It just goes to show that teamwork does make the dream work 😊. The finished piece will be placed on the school wall outside so it will be clearly visible from the school entrance.



Important message from the School Office - Data Sheets.

If you have not already done so - please **read, correct (if applicable) sign and return** the data collection sheet sent out last week with your child. Even if there are no changes you need to sign and return each data sheet. Thank you.

Phonics Workshop - Monday 23rd September

Mrs Searle will be delivering a Phonics Workshop on Monday 23rd September at 3:10pm. If you would like to know more about our Phonics programme, please feel free to pop along!

Flu Immunisation Programme

We would like to remind you that the Flu Immunisation Team will be on site on **Friday 4th 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.



Attention Year 6 Parents- Open Morning at Kingsbridge Community College

KCC are holding their open mornings on **Thursday 26th** and **Friday 11th October**, both from 9.30-11am. Year 6 parents are all welcome.

You will need to apply for a secondary school place wherever you wish your child to attend. Applications opened on 1st September and will close on 31st 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/>

Threadworm

We have had some reports that some children may have threadworm. Threadworm infection is an intestinal infection and is very common in childhood. They are tiny worms in stools and can spread easily. Worms may be seen in stools or around an individual's bottom. They look like pieces of white thread. Pharmacies can advise on treatment. Regular hand washing, laundry and regular cleaning can help reduce the risk of infection and re-infection. Exclusion is not required.

PTFA News

The **Annual General Meeting** for our PTFA took place on **Wednesday**. Please see below a message from the Chair - Louise Stone:

"Thank you to all of those who attended the 2024 PTFA AGM on Wednesday. We welcomed some newcomers too! We had a rundown of the events and fundraising activities our team coordinated in 2023/24 and are enormously proud our school community efforts for raising in excess of £20,000! A large proportion of this was from the highly successful 'Tor de Force' Dartmoor walk. A full PTFA round-up of where the funds have and are being spent, will be sent out next week. We have some exciting ideas in the pipeline for this academic year: some familiar and possibly some new ones. Keep an eye on the school weekly newsletter for more information."

If you would like to join the PTFA and be involved in fundraising events for our school, please get in touch with **Louise Stone** on 07891 803110. Your contribution is always valued, however great or small it is, and the PTFA is a wonderful way to make friendships and connections with other parents. There is a variety of things you can do to help and no special skills are needed. Thank you.

Around the School this Week



The Reception children are enjoying their 'All About Me' transition topic and created some super self-portraits this week, carefully studying their features in a mirror before colour-mixing the corresponding tones of paint. What superb young artists we have!



Mental Health Meetings

As part of a government scheme to roll out mental health support to all schools, the Mental Health Support Team are working with Stokenham Area Primary School. They made a short presentation to the children at assembly, then to members of our parent and carers community, and finally to our staff team here at school.

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 may be 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 know more and were unable to make the meeting this week, please email us and we will ensure that your questions are answered.

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 23 rd Sept	Phonics Presentation KS1 - details above After School Choir Club
Tuesday 24 th Sept	Rose Sage Music Lessons
Wednesday 25 th Sept	Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club After School Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 26 th Sept	KCC Open Morning for Year 6 Parents Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Football with Plymouth Argyle After School Karate Club with Caroline
Friday 27 th Sept	Monica Chapman Music lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime Story Club After School Club Achieve4All

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Friday 4 October	AM	ALL	Flu Immunisation Team - see above
Tuesday 8 October	AM	ALL	Tempest Photos
Friday 11 October	AM PM	6 All	Junior Life Skills at Quayside 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 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

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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