



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/04

Friday 27th September 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School-life is back in full swing - the term is well underway, the children have all become used to their routines and timetables, they have settled into their new classes and after-school clubs. There is a real buzz around the building!

We would like to thank Zofia, Freddie and Eric's Mum very much for bringing us beautiful flowers from her garden for us to enjoy at the front desk. Everyone admires them and the colours are so vibrant. The flowers smell gorgeous - Thank you!



Helpful Reminders

Please remember that **school starts at 9am** and that is when registration is taken - children who miss registration will be marked as late for that session.

If there is any change to the collection arrangements for your child at the end of the school day, please inform the class teacher via the reading record or in an email to the school office. Staff members will not take the word of children for any changes in arrangements. Bus children will be put on the bus unless we hear from a parent or carer that there is a different plan.

Coats and Shoes

The weather definitely has an autumnal feel now, and we have had some downpours in the last few days. Please make sure that children come to school in a **warm, showerproof coat, and shoes that will keep their feet dry**. School shoes for boys and girls must be **black**. Please also make sure that any clothing that comes into school is **named**.

Naming everything makes a massive difference when it comes to lost property!

Lucky Plate Day!

Sharon is excited to announce the next Lucky Plate Day - make sure you book lunch for your child on **Thursday 3rd October!** There is a slight change of menu. There will be Panini with Cheese, or with Cheese and Ham, instead of Jacket Potato.

There will be a lucky winner in each class - but only for those that book a school lunch! Make sure you do that this weekend.



Flu Immunisation Programme

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

Junior Life Skills!

Letters have gone out for Junior Life Skills on Friday 11th October - it is now live on Parent Pay so we need your consents. Please could you make sure that you sign up online as soon as possible. Please make sure you plan clothing, food and travel arrangements so that your child can get through the day smoothly.

Harvest Festival

This year Harvest Festival will be held on **Friday afternoon 11th October at St Michael and All Angels Church in Stokenham, starting promptly at 1.30pm**. This is always a very popular event, for our children and our parents and carers. The singing is fantastic!

After Harvest Festival the **PTFA will be serving light refreshments for parents and carers** while all the children walk back to school together.

There is a lot of parking at the church, and plenty along Kiln Lane. Please leave yourselves plenty of time to get to church ready for 1.30pm.

NB Arrangements for the end of the school day remain unchanged. Children will walk back to school in their year groups, with their teaching staff. Parents will not be able to take children home directly from church. Bus children will be put on the bus as normal at school. If you wish to collect your child from school and NOT to go on the bus - please let us know.

Attention Year 6 Parents- Open Morning at Kingsbridge Community College

KCC are holding their next open morning on **Friday 11th October**, from 9.30-11am. Year 6 parents are all welcome.

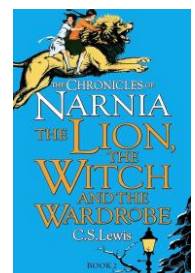
You will need to apply for a secondary school place wherever you wish your child to attend. Applications opened on 1st September and will close on 31st October. Follow this link for further details

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

Reading Ambassadors

One of the best books ever! The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe is the Year 4 recommendation this week. Daisy and Marley along with practically everyone in the world would love to be one of the children in this book and have a magical wardrobe in their house.

Set in the world of Narnia, a land of talking animals and mythical creatures, all ruled by the White Witch.

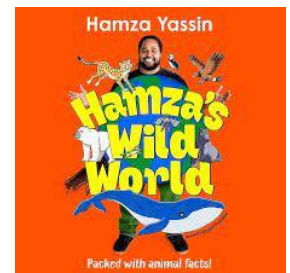


Around the School

The Reception children have been busy recognising, ordering, sorting and then counting a selection of natural objects before matching them to the corresponding digit cards. Such marvellous mathematicians!



Years 1 and 2 had the exciting opportunity to participate in a virtual school visit with Hamza Yassin on Tuesday. He introduced his book, *Hamza's Wild World*, to us and other schools. We engaged in a lively Q&A about the various animals Hamza has encountered in the wild and in captivity. The highlight for the children was definitely pretending to beat their chests like silverback gorillas!



Bonjour! This week in Year 3 we have learnt how to say hello, how are you? and how we are feeling, in French. Ca va bien, merci!

In Art, we have been studying cave art from the Stone Age. We have been drawing with charcoal and have created tones and layers using our fists, knuckles, fingertips and palms.

In Geography we have learnt about the polar biome and the differences between the Arctic and Antarctica. Did you know that polar bears and penguins would never meet in the wild as they live at opposite sides of the planet?



The finished mosaic is absolutely wonderful. Our year 3 and 4 class have created a truly wonderful memory for the school.



Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

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

With best Wishes

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 30th Sept	After School Choir Club - cancelled this week
Tuesday 1 st October	Rose Sage Music Lessons
Wednesday 2 nd October	Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club After School Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 3 rd October	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Football with Plymouth Argyle After School Karate Club with Caroline
Friday 4 th October	Flu Immunisation Team - see above Monica Chapman Music lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime Story Club After School Club Achieve4All

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Tuesday 8 October	AM	ALL	Tempest Photos
Friday 11 October	AM PM	6 All	Junior Life Skills at Quayside - letter sent out Harvest Festival at Stokenham Church 1.30 pm KCC open morning
Tuesday 22 October	AM	3 & 4	Cinema Trip - TBC
Monday to Wednesday 21 October to 23 October	TBC	All	Parents Consultations Appointments - details to follow
Friday 25 October	ALL Day	All	PTFA Break the Rules Non-Uniform Day
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 - Wear Spots and Yellow
Friday 29 November	AM All Day	1 ALL	Theatre Trip - TBC 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