



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/05

Friday 4th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we have only 3 weeks left before half term! We have done so much already and as you can see from this newsletter we have lots more to do with all the children before we break up. Please read this newsletter thoroughly, it has a number of important updates and reminders in it about **Harvest Festival**, **School Photographs**, **PTFA Disco**, **A trip for Year 3 and 4** and **Non -Uniform Day!** (I did say it was busy....)

In addition, next week..... To celebrate **World Mental Health Day** on Thursday 10th October we will all be wearing something green - normal school uniform for the children, but add a little something green.

The 'Sharons' and Pam are always happy to announce the winners of the Lucky Plate! The competition took place yesterday and the winners of Haribo sweets are:

Reception - Albie

Year 1 - Sofia

Year 2 - Alec

Year 3 - Elsie

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Freddie H

Year 6 - Joey



Finally, it always makes me sad to say that we have received complaints about cars and parking from Parish Hall users. Parking at the front of the hall has once again become a problem. There are regular weekly clubs at the hall, people need access to the parking spaces outside, and we do not have an automatic right to park there, please try to avoid this area especially when the hall is in use, at the end of the school day. The area outside the hall is private land owned by the hall, we are able to use it, through their kindness; Please remember to be kind and thoughtful to other road users. Thank you.



Important Reminder - Tempest Photos Tuesday 8th October

Tempest Photography will be visiting school next Tuesday to take individual and sibling pupil photographs. If you would like a family group photograph with younger or older siblings who do not attend Stokenham Primary School, please arrive from 8.30am. All other children will have theirs taken throughout the morning.

Year 6 Junior Life Skills!

Letters have gone out for Junior Life Skills next Friday 11th October - it is now live on Parent Pay so we do need your consents. Please ensure that you sign up via Parent Pay as soon as possible. Please make sure you plan clothing, food and travel arrangements so that your child can get through the day smoothly. Please meet Miss Edwin, Mrs Goodman and Miss Barlow outside Quayside at 9am. All children will need to be collected from Quayside by parents at 12.15pm. **We have just received a message from DCC that it will be. If it is not open, please allow enough time to get to Quayside, and also back in time for Harvest Festival.**

Harvest Festival - Friday 11th October

Our Harvest Festival is next 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 refreshments including soup, teas, coffee and cake for our parents and carers to enjoy while all the children walk back to school together. The PTFA have asked for donation of cakes from our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents.

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.

Please note: 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.



Year 6 Parents- Open Morning at Kingsbridge Community College

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

Additionally: You will need to apply for a secondary school place wherever you wish your child to attend. It does not have to be KCC. 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/>

PTFA School Disco - Thursday 17th October

'Crunchy Carrot' and the PTFA team will be hosting the ever popular PTFA School Disco on Thursday 17th October. The event is live on Parent Pay please sign your child/children up for this event directly. Please note that we cannot take bookings for this at the school office.



Years 3 and 4 Cinema Trip - Tuesday 22nd October

We are very excited to visit to the Reel Cinema in Kingsbridge for our pupils in Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 22nd October. The children will be having a private showing of "The Wild Robot" Tally Ho! Coaches will be taking the children and bringing them back in time for lunch. A letter has been sent out today and payment and consent detail are on Parent Pay.

Around the School

In Year 6 this week we celebrated National Poetry Day by sharing our favourite poems in class and then auditioning to perform in assembly.

Ely and Niamh performed "Space is a like a chicken" written by Ely.

Orla, Eva and Phoebe presented "Autumn Song" by John Rice.

In Art, Year 6 have been looking at the work of Frida Kahlo and learning how to draw their own self-portraits.

We also had a beautiful poem written by Edie in Year 4

In the House

In the house all you can hear is a squeak of Mouse;
It may be haunted, are you daunted?
Tick Tock says the Clock
I think we better run;
No, let's have fun!



Year 2 are finding out about the weather and seasons in their geography unit this term. We have been finding out about the different types of weather, why the weather changes and what makes the weather change. We have also been looking at the different directions the wind comes from and the children had a lovely afternoon this week making a wind map, looking at a map of the United Kingdom and what type of wind comes from the North, South, East and West.



Year 5



WELCOME TO YEAR 5

We have settled in really well.
We are reading Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood.

We have found out how Podkin gets his nickname 'One-Ear'. We won't spoil it for you though!

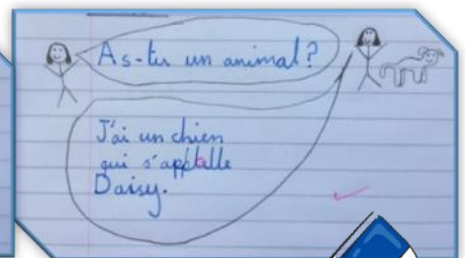
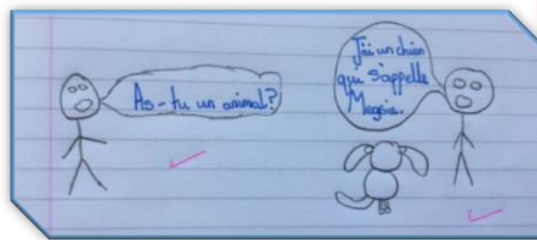
The Book of Hopes

Welcome to the world of writing here in Year 5. We love reading and writing! So far, we have written our own poems and now we are exploring 'The Book of Hopes' by Katherine Rundell. In English, on Monday and Tuesday we had some lovely lessons where we read some of the short stories from the book in groups.



Parachutes

In year 5, we have been learning about forces. Especially gravity and air resistance. To test air resistance, we have been investigating whether the size of the parachute affects how quickly it falls. We made parachutes and tested them by dropping them from a height.



A special thanks to our school councillors, Evie G and Wilf, who have written about the start of the school year in Year 5.

French

Bonjour! We are learning to talk about our pets. So far, we know how to say 8 different animals, also what our pets are called. An interesting fact is that a goldfish is called a red fish in French. We are enjoying it because as a class we have lots of pets. We know how to say 'I have a...'

As-tu un animal?

The Reception children have enjoyed sharing photographs and talking about their families as part of their 'All About Me' topic. They explored and discussed diversity in families through a range of stories, non-fiction texts and video clips to show how we are all different but everyone is special, loved and belongs. The children then created super drawings of their families which they have proudly displayed on their topic wall alongside their family photographs. Thank you to the Reception parents for your super response to the request for photos on Tapestry. It really supported the children with their discussions and they love looking at the photos of their special people during the school day.



Future Surfer in the Olympics?

What a fantastic picture we have of Freddie in Year 5 surfing whilst with his family this summer.

The picture has also made it to the Surfing magazine 'Carve'; seen by surfers and followers from all over the world. The best bit about surfing - "catching waves" but the worst bit is paddling out! Freddie has been surfing since he was about 3 years old - what brilliant fun!



Concerned about your child's mental health?

Call 111 and select the mental health option for support.

If at any time you are concerned about a child/young person's mental health condition deteriorating, the CAMHS team have an on-call clinician available every day between 9am and 5pm on 0330 024 5321 who will be able to talk through your increasing concerns with you. Alternatively, if your concerns are urgent and out of hours contact their Emergency Duty Team on 0300 555 5000.

Clare Parsons

SENDCo at Stokenham Area Primary School

Coats and Shoes

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!

Have a lovely weekend.

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 7 th October	After School Choir Club
Tuesday 8 th October	Tempest Photos - See Above Rose Sage Music Lessons
Wednesday 9 th October	Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club After School Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day - wear something green. Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Football with Plymouth Argyle After School Karate Club with Caroline
Friday 11 th October	Junior Life Skills at Quayside - See Above Harvest Festival at Stokenham Church 1.30 pm KCC open morning 9.30-11am Monica Chapman Music lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime Story Club After School Club Achieve4All

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Tuesday 22 October	AM	3 & 4	Cinema Trip
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
Monday 2 December	AM	R & 2	Reception & Year 2 Pantomime Trip
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

