



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/06

Friday 11th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week in school has been filled with the sound of music and singing as the children practiced their Harvest Festival contributions. I am sure that you will agree that it was a fabulous service at the church this afternoon! Some of the songs are so nostalgic, if you have had children in the school for a number of years you will know them well - the children themselves love them and sing with such joy! Thank you for joining us if you were able to come along.

Yesterday in school we had a practice fire alarm - we do these routinely and the children soon learn how to evacuate the buildings smoothly and calmly as instructed. Yesterday our Reception children were involved for the very first time they did exactly as they were asked. Well done Reception class!

In school yesterday, we marked World Mental Health Day by inviting everyone to wear something green. From ribbons to tutus and bright green socks, we made a bold statement in support of mental health awareness. Thank you everyone.



Life skills is so very important and this morning we had some of our Year 6 helping in the kitchen. How do you plan and cook for 200 children? Alfie and Arlo learnt numerous skills whilst helping Sharon, Sharon and Pam, and also did a great job testing that the cookies were good!



Harvest Festival - Friday 11th October

It was a packed house for our annual Harvest Festival Celebration! The sound of the children singing 'Conkers' and 'Big, Red Combine Harvester' cannot be beaten. Well done to all the children, and to our staff team. You smashed it and you can be very proud! Thank you for your efforts. The Year 2 Harvest poem was lovely as was Autumn Leaves by Years 3 and 4. We all enjoyed Key Stage 1 joining to sing 'The Sun Came Shining Down' and 'Mr Scarecrow'. The Choir were wonderful as always, and who doesn't love a bit of Harvest Samba - performed brilliantly by our Years 5 and 6. Thank you to Revd. Mark for welcoming us to church and thank you to our fabulous PTFA for hosting refreshments and cakes afterwards. All in all, it was the perfect start to the weekend.

In School Tag Rugby Event - Wednesday 16th October

Next Wednesday, our KS2 children will be involved in an inter-house tag rugby Festival. It is during the school day as part of their PE lessons. If your child has signed up to take part and represent their house, (they will know who they are) they **MUST** bring in their rugby boots and ensure they have their PE kit. Who will be triumphant in the Tag Rugby and battle of the Houses?

PTFA School Disco - Thursday 17th October

'Crunchy Carrot' and the PTFA team will be hosting the ever popular PTFA School Disco next Thursday 17th October. The event is live on Parent Pay so please remember to sign your child/children up for this event directly. We cannot take bookings for this at the school office and please note that after school clubs will be cancelled due to this event. Timings for the disco are below

Key Stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & 2) 4.15pm - 5.15pm
Year 3 & 4 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Year 5 & 6 6.45pm - 7.45pm



Parent Consultation Appointments

During week beginning 21st October we will be hosting parent consultations for every child in school. Letters have been sent out about this and the booking system is now live on School Cloud. Parents already have individual log-in codes.

Please visit <https://stokenhamprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and enter your School Cloud Code. If you are unable to book an appointment please let your child's teacher know and they will be able to arrange an appointment for you.

Please remember that if your child is in school during your appointment time they must remain with you as we are not able to supervise them. Stokenham School is a mobile phone free area and we request that you switch off your phones while you are having your meeting.

Please note that all after school clubs will be cancelled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for this week.

Years 3 and 4 Cinema Trip - Tuesday 22nd October

We are very excited to be visiting 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 and payment and consent detail are on Parent Pay.

Break the Uniform Rules! - On the Last Day of this Term

On our last Friday of term, Friday, 25th October - we are going to break all our own uniform rules! This is a fundraiser - EVERYBODY is invited to take part in exchange for a donation. These can be paid direct on parent pay to the PTFA account or the children can bring in their pennies for each uniform rule they break. 50p per uniform rule broken or £3 and they can break as many rules as they wish! We are looking forward to it already.

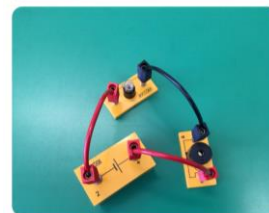
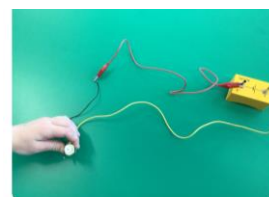
Around the School

We have had a busy few weeks in Year 4!

The children have really enjoyed their ART topic this half term: storytelling through drawing. We have been experimenting with a range of resources (chalk, charcoal, graphite) and have been thinking about how to create atmosphere and emotion within our drawing. We have been inspired by the artwork of Laura Carlin, who illustrated the book 'A Promise' by Nicola Davis. Next week the children will put their skills to the test by illustrating their own accordion book.

In SCIENCE the children have been learning about electricity.

They have been able to conduct simple circuits and use the following scientific vocabulary: wire, bulb, cell, switch. They have been able to build on their knowledge of insulators and conductors to experiment and test different materials. We have also been designing posters to educate the rest of the school on the dangers of electricity and advise people on how to keep safe!



In Year 6 this term we have been busy helping around the school in our role as young leaders. Their help with the younger pupils in the busy dinner hall, operating the sound equipment for assembly, acting as play leaders in the key stage 1 playground and keeping the libraries around the school organised and tidy is very much appreciated.

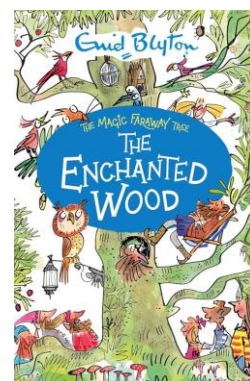


The Reception class have enjoyed learning about their local area and exploring a range of interactive maps, aerial photographs and images. They worked collaboratively to create their own 'messy map' of Stokenham and the surrounding area using a range of loose parts and materials to create villages, fields and other geographical features. They kept referring back to the satellite map to check the location and position before representing Stokenham, Torcross, Slapton Ley and the beach. What super young geographers we have!



Reading Ambassadors

Thank you to Eliza and Jack in Year 2 who told us all about their class book - The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton. I'm sure quite a few of us can remember reading this book when we were younger! Let's re-cap, it's about three children, Joe, Franny and Beth who move to the country. They start exploring and find an Enchanted Wood and go on lovely adventures. Jack likes the bit in the story where Joe find a cave and meets the snowman. Eliza likes it when they meet the Crosspatch ladies and they are grumpy but also funny.



Year 6 Civic Award

Letters have gone home about the Year 6 Civic Award for this academic year. The award grows in popularity every year and this year over 1000 children will be taking part from over 40 different primary schools in Devon. To achieve the award, pupils have to prove their participation in seven main areas, these are listed in the letter. We need to hear from Year 6 parents by Monday please. Thank you.

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 14 th October	After School Choir Club
Tuesday 15 th October	Rose Sage Music Lessons
Wednesday 16 th October	KS2 Inter-House tag Rugby - See above Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club After School Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 17 th October	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Football with Plymouth Argyle - CANCELLED After School Karate Club with Caroline - CANCELLED PTFA Halloween School Disco - see above
Friday 18 th October	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 - See Above
Monday to Wednesday 21 October to 23 October	PM	All	Parents Consultations Appointments - See Above, letter sent out. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CANCELLED Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
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 - TBC
Friday 6 December	PM	ALL	PTFA Christmas Fair - TBC
Monday 16 December	PM & EVE	5 & 6	Christmas Performances
Tuesday 17 December	AM & PM	KS1	Christmas Performances
Wednesday 18 December	PM & EVE PM	3 & 4 5 & 6	Christmas Performances Theatre Trip - 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