



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/07

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In a week with very changeable weather there have been no two days the same this week! From bright sunshine and chilly wind to a day of torrential rain. It means that some days the children can be out of doors for play, PE and Forest School sessions and on others they have accept 'wet play'. Rest assured though, that even on the wettest of days the staff do their very best to make sure that if there is a dry opportunity, the children will be outside for a run around in the fresh air! Please ensure that your child has their coat in school - they will go outside!

### PTFA School Disco

'Crunchy Carrot' and the PTFA hosted the ever popular PTFA School Disco yesterday afternoon and in to the early evening, with a truly spooky Halloween theme. It was noisy, hot and fabulous fun - just as we all expected! Thank you to all the children who came along to enjoy themselves and practice their moves, to the PTFA for giving up their time to organise and oversee the event and to all our parents and carers who fetched, carried, dressed and painted our disco goers. What a night!



### Fidgets and Toys

Please can we remind all parents, that toys and fidgets are **not permitted in school**. We have seen an increase in toys and fidgets coming into school across the year groups which is causing a distraction and interrupting learning that is taking place during the day.

We understand that for a few children fidgets are essential to help them concentrate - if you believe that your child needs a fidget to help them work effectively, please discuss this with your class teacher. If they also agree that this is something that should be in place they will discuss it with Mrs Parsons (SENDCo) and the school will provide your child with something suitable to aid their learning.

### In School Tag Rugby Event

Our KS2 children were so disappointed that the planned inter-house tag rugby Festival had to be postponed by the torrential rain on Wednesday! We will rearrange after half-term.



## Parent Consultation Appointments

Next week, starting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, we will be hosting parent consultations for all children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Parents have individual log-in codes for the School Cloud system. If you have not booked your appointments please do so this weekend by visiting <https://stokenhamprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and entering your School Cloud Code. The facility to book will shut at 10pm on Sunday evening.

If you are unable to book an appointment please let your child's teacher know or see Mrs Lewis in the office who will be able to arrange an appointment for you.

*Please remember that if your child is with you 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 parent consultation week.**

Sharon, our kitchen manager will be making some food samples from the new lunch menu for you and your children to sample - please spare a few minutes to give them a try.

## Years 3 and 4 Cinema Trip - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

We are very excited to be visiting the Reel Cinema in Kingsbridge for our pupils in Years 3 and 4 next Tuesday. 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. Please remember to make your payment contribution and consent via Parent Pay over the weekend.



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

On our last Friday of term, Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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

This month is Black History Month. Holly and Lily in Year 6 presented an assembly on Black History Month and the importance of respecting different races and cultures. They gave shout-outs to inspirational black artists and played the songs "If I can dream" by Elvis (a tribute to Martin Luther King) and finished assembly with "What a wonderful world" by Louis Armstrong.

They also shared the very powerful quote by Nelson Mandela;

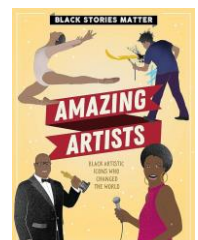
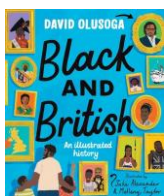
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

As a reading challenge (if you wish to join in) they have suggested some books that the children can read, that have been written by authors from different races, and cultures to celebrate Black History.

**'Black and British' by David Olusoga**

**'Coming to England' by Dame Floella Benjamin**

**'Amazing Artists' by J P Miller and Chellie Carroll**



## Year 6 Civic Award

Letters went home some time ago about the Year 6 Civic Award for this academic year. To date we have had very few responses from parents, despite a good number of Year 6 children saying that they wish to do it. 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, or the opportunity will be lost. Thank you.



STEM Club is always very popular and the office floor is an industrial sight to behold!

Have a lovely weekend.

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

With best Wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Coulthard".

**Tess Coulthard**  
**Executive Headteacher**

### The Week Ahead

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	After School Choir Club - <b>Cancelled</b> <b>Parent Consultations - See Above</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip AM - See Above Rose Sage Music Lessons <b>Parent Consultations - See Above</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 3 Warm and Fuzzy Afternoon - Note sent in Book Bags Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club - <b>Cancelled</b> After School Ecotherapy Club - <b>Cancelled</b> <b>Parent Consultations - See Above</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons - cancelled this week Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Football with Plymouth Argyle After School Karate Club with Caroline
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>PTFA 'Break the Rules' Non-Uniform Day - See Above</b> Monica Chapman Music Lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime Story Club After School Club Achieve4All <b>Break up for HALF TERM</b>

### Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
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

### 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