



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2024-25/08

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it to October half term! It has been a very busy week this week as you can imagine - everyone in school is ready for a week of rest and rejuvenation. We return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to tackle the second half of our Autumn term. We hope you all have a great week, that you enjoy Halloween and that the weather is kind to us. November 5<sup>th</sup> brings Bonfire Night - if you find yourselves at an early fireworks event, we encourage you all to be super careful and to keep safe.



**We will see you all back in school at 9am sharp on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Break the Uniform Rules!

Goodness! What a way to end the week with a "Break the Uniform Rules Day!" The children were all rather good at that - thank you parents and carers for supporting your children and Stokenham Primary School PTFA. It was a colourful and entertaining Friday.



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### Parent Consultation Appointments

It was great to welcome so many parents to our Parent Consultations this week. Thank you for your support - for your children, and for the work our staff team do here in school. It means a lot to us to be able to connect with our parent body, thank you for the effort you all made to come in to school to meet the teaching staff to discuss your child and progress being made.

### 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.

### Years 3 and 4 Cinema Trip

What a truly fantastic trip to the cinema we had - **The Wild Robot** was a really good film and the children were so well behaved. It is a pleasure to be able to say we are proud of the children at Stokenham Primary School for the way they behave when they are representing us in the wider world. Thank you to Years 3 & 4! Well done.



### Christmas Card Designs

The templates for your child's Christmas Card design have come home today. Please check in their book bags for the 'proof'. Please note: the **deadline to make any orders is 12 Noon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Any orders after this date cannot be guaranteed a delivery before Christmas

Each card design that your child has created will have the organisation Code and design code. Parents must order direct to the company. Remember: **Please order by 12 Noon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Around the School

The Reception class used a range of texts, visual aids and songs linked to autumn and discussed seasonal changes. They then went on an autumn walk around our wonderful school grounds to identify and describe signs of autumn, gathering leaves and conkers for our nature area. I wonder if they can find any more 'Autumn treasures' to add to our seasonal collection over half term?



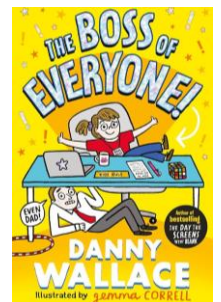


What a fantastic first half term in Year 1! We've had a wonderful time in our Forest School sessions with Mrs. Moore, where we cooked popcorn, built dens, climbed trees, and played in the mud kitchen. We also had the pleasure of welcoming a local children's author Jennifer Davy, who shared her book "Chloe and the Bright Idea." Our art lessons have been great too, as we have explored creating spirals with various materials. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November we will be having our warm and fuzzy afternoon. The children have decided to have a pyjama teddy bears picnic afternoon!! Please could your child come dressed in their pyjamas with their favourite cuddly toy.



### Reading Ambassadors

Imagine if you got to be the Boss of Everyone! Even your parents! Our Year 5 reading ambassadors Hope and Jemima told us all about their chosen book "The Boss of Everyone" by Danny Wallace. The main character is Joss and she wants to be in charge. Her dad takes her to work one day, and that is where it all starts. Joss attends some of the meetings and keeps suggesting ideas which all seem to sound pretty good. She is put in charge and almost seems to take over, or does she? It's a really funny book with a bit of a mystery and lots of silly things happening.



Our second recommendation is *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown which is the Year 3 class book. They along with Year 4, had a very special private showing at Kingsbridge cinema this week of this book. Margo and Oliver gave a quick overview of how brilliant the story is: After being shipwreck, Ros the Robot is stranded on a remote island. At first the animals on the island think that she is a monster, but she is really kind and makes friends with all the animals and adopts an orphaned gosling called 'Bright Bill'.



### **South Hams Federation Governor Vacancy**

Governors are key to running schools that have good outcomes for all pupils. They help us set strategic direction, hold our leadership to account and check our schools are doing well.

You don't need to have any knowledge of the education system or specialist qualifications to be a governor. We offer plentiful training and personal development opportunities. If you can attend six meetings a year and spend some time getting to know our schools then we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like more information or are a parent or carer who would like to know what governors do and why they are so important to our schools please contact [clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk) by Friday 8th November 2024.

### **A message from Devon County Council**

#### **Admissions Policy for 2026-27: Annual Consultation**

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2026-27. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposed new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them. You can view all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>.

Further information is here: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements) The consultation runs until 10 January 2025. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or by emailing the school.

### **Concerns Over the Half Term Break**

Safeguarding concerns for a child:

- please call MASH on 0345 155 1071 or
- the Consultation line on 01392 388 428 or
- the Police on 999

Mental Health Support:

- Call 111 and select the mental health option for support.

Any concerns about a child/young person's mental health condition deteriorating, please call

- CAMHS team between 9am and 5pm on 0330 024 5321.
- Out of hours Emergency Duty Team on 0300 555 5000.

Have a lovely weekend, and a great half term break.

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

With best Wishes

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

The Week AFTER Half Term

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	After School Choir Club
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Rose Sage Music Lessons
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Lunchtime Pot Luck Sports Club After School Netball Club After School Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Tables Club Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Football with Plymouth Argyle After School Karate Club with Caroline
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Monica Chapman Music Lessons Lunchtime Story Club After School Club Achieve4All <b>Year 1 Warm and Fuzzy Afternoon - See above</b>

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 11 November	AM PM	ALL KS1	<b>Start of Anti-Bullying Week - Wear odd Socks</b> 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 - Details to follow Non-Uniform Day
Monday 2 December	AM	R & 2	Reception & Year 2 Pantomime Trip - Details to follow
Friday 6 December	PM	ALL	PTFA Christmas Fair - Details to follow
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 - Details to follow
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