



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/20
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the storm damage along Slapton Line with the recent storm Ingrid and Chandra and then the devastating damage that occurred on Monday night to the road between Torcross and Slapton, our thoughts are very much with everyone in the communities affected. We know how disruptive and worrying this situation is, and I want to reassure you that we understand how concerning this is for everyone affected. I, along with Mrs Lewis attended the public meeting yesterday in the parish hall, albeit we stood outside, as there must have been over 500 people present. Whilst informative we await further updates as there is no easy solution. I will continue to share as soon as new information becomes available.

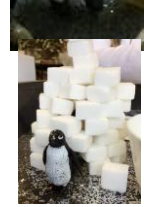
We have also missed our Year 5 whilst they have been on their residential these last few days. The weather was rather temperamental for them but they have had an incredible time. Meanwhile in school we have had penguins, polar bears, walrus and polar explorers and today we enjoyed NSPCC Number Day.

We have just one week left before our half term break, there is a lot going on in school next week. Football Championships and the PTFA disco – please remember to sign up by Tuesday.



Reception Class Polar Day

Wow, what an exciting Polar Day the Reception child had yesterday! They had a wonderful day listening to polar stories, singing polar songs, building igloos and having a polar party with lots of fabulous dance moves and cake. They also loved being young scientists, working together to solve the problem of releasing polar animals trapped inside a glittering block of ice. What wonderful memories!



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Monday 9th - Year 5 - Warm and Fuzzy Afternoon

Our Year 5 will be enjoying their Warm and Fuzzy afternoon on Monday. They will be going up to Forest school so all children will need to come to school in school uniform but bring forest school clothes to change in to.

Wednesday 11th – PTFA Disco

The school disco is taking place for **Wednesday 11th February**. Get your dancing shoes on and outfits ready!

Key Stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & 2)	3.40pm – 4.30pm
Year 3 & 4	4.40pm – 5.40pm
Year 5 & 6	5.50pm – 6.50pm

Please sign up and complete the consent and payment via Bromcom/MCAS System. The cost of a ticket is a donation of £3.50. This will include cordial, biscuits and a glow stick. Please email Mrs Lewis the following:

- any dietary requirements, allergies etc.
- Will your child go home on the school bus (if applicable) at the end of the day?
- Who will be collecting your child at the end of the disco?



Please sign up before Tuesday 10th February, Thank you.

Thursday 12th - Devon County Football Finals

We are so excited and proud that both our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls football teams have reached the Devon County Championship finals. The teams have been practising with great passion and determination. The event takes place next Thursday at the Devon Football Association Headquarters in Newton Abbot. The children attending will need:



- PE Kit
- **PACKED LUNCH**
- Plenty of drink and snacks
- Warm clothes (tracksuit/hoodies etc) to wear between matches
- Waterproofs (trousers & jacket/coat)
- **Shin Pads**
- Navy sports shorts
- Football trainers – to wear on astro turf/all weather pitch

We will leave Stokenham at 11.15am, arrive at Newton Abbot, register our teams, eat our lunches before our matches, which start at 1.00pm. Children will need collecting at 3.20pm. Please let Mrs Lewis know of any changes to the transport arrangements. Good luck Team Stokenham!

This week in School

In Year 1 we have thoroughly enjoyed our Art lessons this term. This week, we used the templates and patterns we designed last week to create a range of ink prints. We experimented by making multiple prints, carefully spreading the ink evenly on our plates and applying the right amount of pressure. This helped us produce a range of prints, each with its own unique effect.



Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved games and picnic afternoon for their warm and fuzzy afternoon this week. We are incredibly proud of how hard they work every day, and their positive attitude to everything we do! well done year 6!



Merry-Go-Round-News

"Following our transport theme, we looked at air travel, we made a big hot air balloon, used great fine motor skills, especially when drawing our faces to add to the hot air balloons basket. We had a brilliantly muddy time at Forest School, we love our adventures there. Another delicious smelling pre-school in the afternoon, as we made pizzas. We are very excited to have teamed up with Caroline at Stokenham Explorers to offer wrap around care for the child from aged 2, please do get in touch to book your space"



News from Stokenham Explorers

We're delighted to announce that we are now working in partnership with Merry Go Round and Stokenham Pre School to provide wraparound for all children on the SAPS site aged 2- 11 years old! Our newest member of the staff team is trained to level 3 in early years ensuring that the transition from nursery to before and after school club is as smooth as possible.



In other news- after half term term we will be running **Netball club for KS2 students**, book now at the following link: <https://eegu.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225>

From football this week- A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who assist each week with football club- the children get so much out of it! This week's **STAR** players were:
 KS1: Mabel for her excellent effort and Daniel for super listening skills and footwork.
 KS2: Jack who continues to show incredible resilience and was top goal scorer, Gil for his brilliant team work and Euan for his quiet determination and two awesome assists on goal! A big shout out to Mylo too who has been super helpful with the younger children and so cheery!

New Menu after Half Term

Pam's Paninis are back! The new menu is on the website and programmed in to Bromcom. It's very exciting to see that on Thursdays and Fridays Pam's Paninis are back. Delicious cheese, ham, bacon and tuna melts. The children and many of the staff love our paninis. Please can I also remind all parents that school meals should be paid for in advance. You can order meals weekly or the whole term in advance. Can we suggest a Sunday night routine of ordering and paying?



School meals are:

- £2.60 per day
- £13.00 per week
- Please order lunch by 8.00am at the latest
- If there are any changes to your child's meal – please let the office know by **9.30am at the latest**
- If you do not order a meal, and do not have a packed lunch, your child will be given a jacket potato.



If you experience any difficulties ordering or booking meals, please contact the School Office. If you feel that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, due to your financial circumstances, please contact Devon County Council either by phone on 0345 155 1019 or by visiting their website portal at: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE

A few REMINDERS regarding school:

- The school day begins in the classroom **at 9am** with registration. Please be at school with your child/children **by 8.50am**. If they are not present for registration they will be marked as late.
- Please remember water bottle, PE kit and warm coat.
- **At the end of the school day, it is NOT acceptable in any circumstances, to walk around the back of the year 3 and 4 classrooms. Children are sometimes changing in and out of their uniform.**
- In the afternoon the gates will be opened at 3.20pm for pick-up. The school day ends at 3.30pm.
- Please **do not** clip the gate back so that it is open – this is a safeguarding issue

Please collect your child at the end of the school day from:

- * Reception class – the lower pathway outside their classroom/canopy gate
- * Year 1 and 2 – under the canopy and near their respective classroom door
- * Year 3 and 4 – from the terrace area near their corridor door
- * Year 5 and 6 – the pathway leading to and from the main school gates

Bus Children will be put on their respective buses by a staff member at the end of every school day.

NB. If they are **NOT** to get the bus home, **please inform us by writing a note in the reading record** for the teacher's attention, **or emailing/contacting the school office**. We cannot take instructions or changes to plans from the children themselves. In an emergency you can ring the school on the day and we can amend any arrangements given sufficient notice.

In the event that you do not inform us of any changed arrangements, bus children will be put on the bus as normal. If a parent or carer is not at the bus stop to collect them, they will be brought back to the school by the Tally-Ho driver.

For all our pupils, please let us know about any special collection arrangements in advance e.g. if someone other than a parent or carer is picking up on a particular day. The reading record is the best place to send messages to and from school as it is checked daily by the teaching staff. You can ring Mrs Lewis in the office or email if necessary.

Any more Cake Makers??

Thank you so much to the two volunteers who have offered to make a cake each. The PTFA just need two more people to make this fundraiser happen. If you could make one cake between now and the end of the academic year, please text Caroline on 07745 042 873 by Sunday evening.

It is an in-school monthly event that the children really love. If the PTFA can't get enough volunteers then unfortunately they will have to pull this new and delicious fundraiser.

Many thanks – Caroline S (PTFA)



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 9 th February	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons Year 5 Warm and Fuzzy Afternoon – see Above After-School Choir with Abi
Tuesday 10 th February	Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club
Wednesday 11 th February	Ri Classes at KCC School Disco – See Above Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 12 th February	Devon County Football Finals – See Above Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 13 th February	Monica Chapman Music lessons Forest School Reception and Year 3 Breakup for Half Term

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Wednesday 4 March	PM	3 to 6	Federation Gym and Dance Festival – details to follow
Thursday 5 March	All Day	All	World Book Day – details to follow
Monday 9 March	PM	2	Dental Workshop - details to follow
Tuesday 10 March	AM	All	RNLI Lifeguards Assembly
Wednesday 18 March	All Day	All	Devon County Cricket Day – details to follow
Friday 20 March	All Day	All	Comic Relief Red Nose Day – details to follow. Link to donate is below: Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief
Monday 23 March	PM	All	Book Fair All Week – details to follow
Monday 30 March	AM PM	R and 6 All	Tempest Photography Parent Consultations – details to follow
Tuesday 31 March	PM	All	Parent Consultations – details to follow
Wednesday 1 April	PM		Netball Festival – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 April		All	Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 20 April	AM	All	First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – details to follow
Wednesday 29 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – details to follow
Monday 4 May		All	Bank Holiday – No School
Tuesday 5 May	All Day	3	Residential Day – letter sent out
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	6	SATS Week
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Week
Tuesday 19 May	PM	6	KCC Presentation to Year 6 pupils & parents
Mon 25 to Fri 29 May		All	HALF TERM
Wed 17 to Thurs 18 June	All Day	4	Residential – letter sent out
Mon 22 to Wed 24 June	All day	6	Residential – letter sent out
Wednesday 1 July	PM		Cross Country – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 July	All Day	6	KCC Induction Day – to be confirmed
Wednesday 8 July	PM		Swimming Gala – to be confirmed
Friday 10 July	PM	All	PTFA Fair
Wednesday 15 July	PM		Rounders Tournament – to be confirmed
Friday 17 July		All	Last Day of Summer Term