



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/24
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has Spring gone! We were definitely led into a false sense of security with regards to the weather. Please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat to wear as it is still rather chilly outside. Is Spring around the corner?

I would also like to remind all parents that uniform must be worn at all times. I am noticing non uniform hoodies, trainers and other items of clothing coming into school with your child. School uniform is:

Boys: Navy blue sweatshirt with a white polo top, dark grey or black trousers or shorts with black shoes.

Girls: Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with a white polo top or blouse. Navy, grey or black skirt, trousers or tailored shorts with black shoes. Tights must be black, grey or navy blue. Blue gingham summer dress.

SHOES: Sensible shoes with either buckle or Velcro fasteners. Lace up shoes are not appropriate for Reception children unless they can tie their own laces. 'Ugg' style boots, open toe sandals, flip flops or 'Crocs' must NOT be worn to school.

The week at school has been busy; Amongst all our learning we have enjoyed the RNLI Lifeguards visiting and dental workshops. Work is being carried out on the bungalow and this morning we had this month's winner of the PTFA Cake Raffle. Well done to Martha. A scrumptious cake is certainly going to be enjoyed by Martha and their family.

RNLI Lifeguards

What a wonderful assembly the children had on Tuesday. We are incredibly lucky to live near to the beach and the children really impressed the lifeguards of their knowledge of water safety. They learnt about the various flags, how to call for help, rip tides and beach safety.



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Dental Workshop in Year 2

This week we have been fortunate enough to have a visit from The Dental Outreach team who came to speak to the children to explain to them about the importance of oral health. The children had a wonderful afternoon learning how to clean their teeth properly and why it is important that we do this. They watched a video called 'Open wide and step inside' about a giant who wasn't looking after his teeth properly and at the end were given a copy of the story and a 'goody bag' containing a toothbrush, toothpaste and a timer so that they know when they've finished cleaning their teeth. They were keen to tell me that they had used their new toothbrush and toothpaste and timer and were surprised at how long 2 minutes actually is!

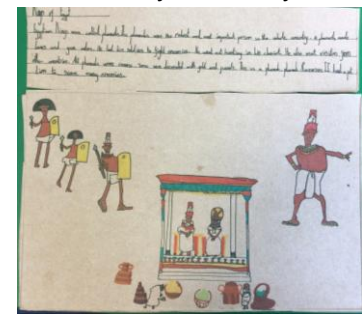


In our Science lesson this week the children were learning about microhabitats, where we might find them and what minibeasts might live there. The children then became super sleuth scientists and went on a minibeast hunt with their magnifying glasses to see what minibeasts live in our school grounds. They were amazed by how many different minibeasts they could find and in which peculiar microhabitat they lived in.



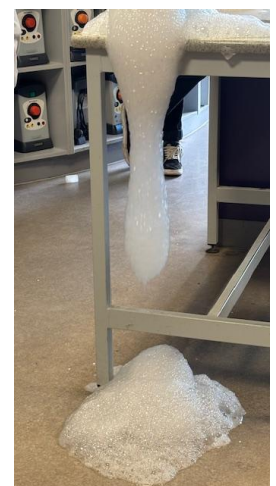
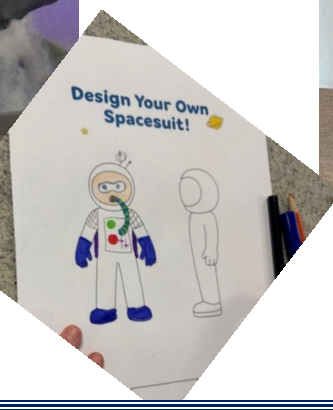
The Ancient Egyptians

I am always so impressed by the writing our children create in class and at home. Alec in Year 3 has completed some exceptional work this week as part of his home learning. He wrote about the Ancient Egyptians and what their life was like compared to ours. The drawings are quite beautiful. The best bits, as Alec explained about Egyptians: when they went into battle, if they lost, they had to give the winning side a gift. This could be gold or something just as precious. Nobody wanted to lose as this would mean their Empires crumbling. The strangest bit about ancient Egyptians, they would mummify their dead! Well done to Alec – a wonderful piece of independent writing



Year 5 Physics at KCC

Our RI scientists learnt all about space this week. We made a comet out of dry ice, learnt about the planets and how to survive the extreme temperatures and pressure in space.



The Reception children have been busy exploring and comparing weight in the maths area of the provision this week, using the bucket scales to predict and then investigate which items were heavier and which were lighter with their friends.



Red Nose Day, Friday 20th March

Next Friday is Comic Relief Red Nose Day. In school we will be in regular school uniform and accessorising with something red. If you wish to make a donation to the Comic Relief Red Nose Day charity, the link is below
[Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)

Cake Sale in aid of WWF - Friday 20th March

Nelly, Aoife, Daisy, Elena and Evanee from Year 5 will be having a cake and cookie sale next Friday to raise fund towards WWF. The scrumptious goodies will cost between 50p and £1. We hope that the weather is dry so that the children can set up their cake stall outside at the end of the day.



Scholastic Book Fair, Monday 23rd March

Join us for our Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, 23rd March in the hall! To purchase a book, simply scan the QR code at the fair and fill out the form. The more books we sell, the more funds we raise to buy new books for the school. We're also excited to invite all grandparents to come at 2:30pm to read with groups of children! Our Reading Ambassadors will be serving tea and cakes. We can't wait to see you there!



KS2 Cross Country Festival at Malborough - Wednesday 25th March

Our Federation Schools have been able to organise a KS2 Cross Country Running Festival and this will take place at Malborough Playing Fields. Letters have been sent home to the children who have expressed an interest in taking part. Please can the consent forms be handed back to the office SP and by Friday 20th March at the latest.

Parent Consultation Appointments

Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March. All appointments will take place in the school hall with the exception of Reception class, and these will take place in the Reception classroom. The Bromcom/MCAS system has been programmed to book your appointment. Please check your Bromcom/MCAS app and select parent Evening. Please see link below for a guide - This will allow you to choose your own appointment times with teachers.

<https://docs.bromcom.com/knowledge-base/how-to-book-parents-evening-appointments-using-mcas/>The system will close on Monday 30th at 00.30am.

Year 6 Sailing

We are extremely lucky to be able to offer sailing to our year 6 pupils and are enormously grateful for the generosity of local charities and businesses for this opportunity. Year 6 Sailing will take place just after we come back from Easter Break.



Please make sure you have this on your calendar. Groups and details have been sent out to Year 6 parents. Your child will know which group they are in.

Group A will have their sailing on in the mornings.

Group B will have their sailing in the afternoons.

All consent forms and the documentation has been sent out via email and with your child. Please complete and hand back in to the office by Friday 20th March at the latest. Without the completed documentation, your child will not be able to take part in the sailing.

News from the Bungalow

It has been a hive of industry with the bungalow, getting it ready and we are extremely grateful to everyone for all their hard work. So, what is the latest... Bookcases are filling up with the books and reading materials for the children and the garden; it is going to look absolutely fantastic! A huge thank you to Stokenham Explorers, the PTFA and a brilliant team of volunteers including Green Spaces and Hanzons' who came in yesterday and started to clear the terraces and cut back hedges. Paving slabs have been cleared, cleaned and re-pointed and it's going to be an amazing space. We have also received a very generous donation of a picnic bench from The Plastic Company, to put in the bungalow garden area. This is extremely kind of them and we thank them for their generosity. Thank you again to all our volunteers in giving up their time to help clear the garden area and supporting our school community. We can't wait for the children to be able to use the bungalow and garden area.



Merry-Go-Round News

This week we explored Chillington woods, played games, found leaves to decorate and gave a cheery 'Good morning' and wave to the people we met on the way! It was so lovely to be back out in our community and see the amazing area we live in. We had lots of fun in pre-school too, baking delicious shortbread, making something special for our Mummies and enjoying a big sensory farm tray!



News from Stokenham Explorers

HOLIDAY CLUB- spaces are filling up fast. To book yours just send an email to stokenhamexplorers@outlook.com

At netball this week we saw lots of new players and had so much fun doing drills and playing games. Our star player was Margot from Year 4 for her excellent effort and for being so helpful. Football this week was wet and wild but the children didn't let it stop them. A big shout out to our star players- Ben, Jacob and Theo from KS2 and Dylan and Freddie from KS1. Well done everyone!

End of Financial Year Payments

As we approach the end of the financial year it is really important that all outstanding items on Bromcom/MCAS such as lunches and trips are finalised. We need to be up to date with our accounts and balance our books by **March 23rd** before we send these to Devon County Council for audit. Any debts, DCC will follow up. Please check your Bromcom/MCAS account this weekend and make sure you do not owe any monies. As always, any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you.

Menu Change on the Last Day of Term

Instead of Chicken Tikka we will be serving Fish Fingers and chips. If your child would like this, please order Chicken Tikka on BromCom. All other menu items will be served.

PTFA Monthly Cake Raffle

Firstly, a huge thank you to Sadie Darke who made today's fabulous Spring cake. Congratulations to Martha who won the cake and gets to take it home and enjoy it - what a lovely start to the weekend!

Thank you to all those who are taking part in the cake raffle. It's proving to be a popular fundraiser. There are just three draws left this academic year with the next being **Friday 8th May**. Just hand your labelled money to Mrs Lewis. Thank you.



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

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy Mothering Sunday.

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher



The Week Ahead

Monday 16 th March	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons After-School Choir with Abi
Tuesday 17 th March	Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club
Wednesday 18 th March	Devon Cricket Day Ri Classes at KCC Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club After School Netball with Stokenham Explorers SATs Booster Club - All year 6 welcome
Thursday 19 th March	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 20 th March	Read Nose Day – See Above Cake Sale Year 6 Deadline for Sailing Paperwork to be handed in Monica Chapman Music lessons Forest School Reception and Year 4

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 23 March	PM	All	Deadline for dinner money debts and payments on Bromcom/MCAS Scholastic Book Fair – details above
Tuesday 24 March	AM	R	Visual Screening Checks – letter sent out
Wednesday 25 March	PM	KS2	Cross Country Festival – See Above
Friday 27 March		3	Deadline for Residential Payments and Paperwork to be completed
Monday 30 March	AM PM	R and 6 All	Tempest Photography Parent Consultations – please book via Bromcom
Tuesday 31 March	PM	All	Parent Consultations – please book via Bromcom
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 – Letters sent out
Wednesday 29 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – Letters sent out
Monday 4 May		All	Bank Holiday – No School
Tuesday 5 May	All Day	3	Residential Day – second 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
Friday 29 May		4 & 6	Deadline for Residential Payments to be completed
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/Netball – 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