



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2018-19/1

Friday 7th September 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of the academic year 2018-2019. We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday and everyone has managed to make the most of the weather during the break!

We have welcomed 27 new children into our Foundation Stage this term as well as Angus, Theia and Joshua in Year 1, Jasmine in Year 3 and Thomas in Year 4. All of our new children have settled extremely well; a warm welcome is extended to all of the children and their families.

This term we also say a warm "hello" to Mrs Louise Cross, Mrs Jamie Hannaford, Ms Rebecca Ryder and Mrs Anastasia Abramczuk who join the school as new teaching and meal time assistants across the school.

Coming home today are overviews detailing what each year group will be working on this term. We always value any help or contributions you may have to offer relating to our topics, so please come and see us if you have anything you would like to share.

After School Clubs for the Autumn Term

Clubs will start on Monday 10th September. A letter has come home today with the details of each club on offer. To book a place on a school club, please return the completed slip. Please note, we must have a permission slip back before your child can start a club.

"Meet the Teacher" - Wednesday 12th September at 3.30pm

All parents are very welcome to come into school next Wednesday and meet their child's teacher. Their teacher will give a short presentation about the daily structure and needs of the children followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Forest School: Foundation Stage and Year 1

Mrs Moore started Forest School today with the Foundation Stage and Year 1 children. The Foundation Stage children will have Forest School sessions every Friday morning throughout the year, and our Year 1 pupils until half term. After half term, our Year 2 children will have their sessions on a Friday. Our children in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to do Forest Schools in the New Year. If any parents are able to help with the Forest School Session, please let the office know.



Celebration Assembly

Every Friday we have a Celebration Assembly where we celebrate the children's achievements both in and outside school. Children are welcome to bring in Certificates and Badges that they have gained whilst taking part in clubs and hobbies outside school to share with everyone during this assembly.

PE Kit

Each child must have their PE kit in school every day. This needs to be in a named bag and to consist of navy shorts, plain white t-shirt (or with school logo) and plimsolls.

Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance rates at school for each class for the whole of last year. It is really important we accurately record our attendance data, so if your child is unable to come to school for any reason, please ring the office on the first day of their absence to let us know. If you need to take your child out of school (for medical appointments etc) please come to the office to sign them in and out - thank you. Can we please remind parents that if your child has suffered from vomiting and/or diarrhoea then they must stay off from school until **48 hours** after the vomiting/diarrhoea has settled.

Attendance Data Academic Year 2017-2018

Foundation Stage	95.8
Year 1	96.2
Year 2	94.5
Year 3	96.1
Year 4	96.4
Year 5	97.2
Year 6	97.1
Whole School	96.2

Attendance Cup

We will be introducing an Attendance Cup from this term. Each week we will have a running tally of attendance for each class across the school. The winning class will be announced on a weekly basis. Who will be the first class to be awarded the attendance cup?

School Milk for All Pupils

We are able to supply cartons of milk on a daily basis to all children. It is free to all children under the age of 5 and subsidised for children age 5 and above. If you would like your child to receive milk at school during the day please register at the following website:

<http://www.coolmilk.com>

Milk for Free School Meal Children

Children entitled to statutory Free School Meals are eligible to receive free milk on a daily basis. If you would like your child to receive free milk please let Charlotte know.

News from the Kitchen

For this Half Term we will continue with the last term's Summer Menu. The Menu operates on a two week cycle. We attach a copy for your information. Next week, will be Week 1.



School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals

School Meals for Years 3 to 6 **MUST** be paid for in advance. Prices are as follows:

- £2.30 per day
- £11.50 per week
- £78.20 for this half term

Payment can be made by cash or by cheque to Devon County Council. You can of course pay via our on-line payment system. To obtain your On-line access payment code, please see Charlotte in the office.

For pupils in Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2, there is no charge for their school lunches.

Calling all unwanted Books and Toys

Our Year 5 girls are organising a sale of unwanted toys and books to help raise money towards the WWF and Tigglywinkles Charities. If you are able to donate any toys and books towards the event, please bring into school and leave in the office area. The sale will take place next Friday afternoon from 3.00 until 3.30pm. Items donated will cost between 5p and 50p.

Transfer to Secondary School

The Year 6 children are bringing home today a pack from Devon County Council, on how to apply for a secondary school place. The application process opened on 1st September and the closing date is 31st October. Any queries should be directed to Devon County Council on 0345 155 1019.

For your information the Open Mornings at KCC for prospective Year 7 parents will take place on Friday 28th September and Wednesday 3rd October. These will start at 9.30am and end at 11.30am. The morning will include a tour of the College, a presentation from the Principal and Deputy Principal, tea and coffee and there will be an opportunity to meet with a Devon County Council Admissions Team representative to answer any specific questions.

Vacancy within the South Hams Federation: Administrator at Modbury Primary School

We are looking for a new Administrator for Modbury Primary School. The ideal candidate will need to have:

- Cheerful disposition
- excellent spoken and written communication skills
- strong interpersonal skills to establish effective relationships with pupils, staff and parents
- good organisational skills and be able to multi-task
- good IT skills

They should also be:

- patient, calm and tactful
- able to use their initiative
- able to prioritise their workload and work to tight deadlines
- accurate in their work
- a team player and able to work alone
- confident handling cash and working with numbers
- able to work efficiently

The post is for 31.25 hours per week Monday - Friday (8.45am to 3:30pm), 39 weeks per year (term time only plus 5 non pupil days). The salary ranges from £8.90 per hour to £9.68; the full time equivalent salary would be £17,173 pa - £18,672 pa. To apply, or for more information, please email Penny Amos, stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 14th September and interviews will be held on 21st September at Modbury Primary School.

Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Sue Jezard
Executive Headteacher

Congratulations

Every Friday we hold a special assembly when we celebrate the children's achievements in school and share successes in their interests and activities outside school.

Our theme this term is:

New Beginnings

And how we can be successful learners

Awards this week go to:



Bluebell
George
Lydia
Finley G
Thomas P & Max N
Jack J
Harley



Mealtime Assistant Award

Ben T

Community News

Chillington Show 2018

Saturday 8th September

11.30am until 5.30pm

Dog Show Bouncy Castle Cream Teas and many more activities.
Plus a display of Art work done by Pupils from Stokenham School
Please see attached posters for more details

The Week Ahead - *Week 1 School Meal Menu*

Monday 10 th Sept	3.30-4.30pm After School Year 5 & 6 Football Club starts 3.30-4.30pm After School Year Chess Club starts 3.30-4.30pm After School Year 1 & 2 Art Club starts 3.30-4.30pm After School Year 3 & 4 Art Club starts 3.30-4.30pm After School Year 5 & 6 Art Club starts
Tuesday 11 th Sept	3.30-4.30pm After School Gymnastics Club starts
Wednesday 12 th Sept	3.30pm - Meet the Teacher - see above 3.30-4.30pm - After School Year 3 & 4 Football Club starts
Thursday 13 th Sept	Lunchtime Recorder Club starts 3.30-4.30pm - Little Dragons After School Club starts 3.30-4.30pm - After School Netball Club starts 3.30-4.30pm - After School Gardening Club starts
Friday 14 th Sept	Year 5 Books and Toy Sale - See above Forest School for Foundation Stage and Year 1 3.30-4.30pm - Junior Taekwondo After School Club starts

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Friday 5 Oct	10.00 am	All	Harvest Festival and Macmillan Coffee Morning at Stokenham Church - all welcome
Friday 12 Oct	9.30-12.30 pm 2.00 -3.00 pm	6 3 to 6	Junior Life Skills at Quayside Leisure Centre -details to follow Rotary Club Swimarathan at Quayside Leisure Centre - details to follow
Monday 15 Oct	AM 3.30-6.00pm	All FS to 6	School Photographs - younger Siblings welcome - details to follow Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 16 Oct	3.30-6.00pm	FS to 6	Parent Consultation Evening
22 To 26 Oct			HALF TERM
Monday 29 Oct			Non Pupil Day
Friday 3 Nov	PM	2	Forest School starts
Friday 7 Dec	2.00-4.00pm	All	Christmas Fair - details to follow
Monday 17 Dec	2.00 pm 6.00 pm	3 & 4	Christmas Performance Christmas Performance
Tuesday 18 Dec	10.30am 2.00 pm	KS1	Christmas Performance Christmas Performance
Wednesday 19 Dec	2.00 pm 6.00 pm	5 & 6	Christmas Performance Christmas Performance
Thursday 20 Dec		All	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 21 Dec	10.00am 2.00pm 3.30pm	All KS1 All	Carol Service at Stokenham Church Christmas Party LAST DAY OF TERM

