



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2017/18  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018  
[www.stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk)

Dear Parents

Tonight is Disco Night



Key Stage 1	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Year 3 and 4	5.45pm - 6.45pm
Year 5 and 6	7.00pm - 8.00pm

Get your party dresses, glitzy tops, slicked back hair and dancing shoes on!  
It's time for a boogie!

**Great British Elm Tree Experiment**

Our Year 5 children had a lovely walk down to the village green on Tuesday to measure the Elm Tree.

Under the watchful eyes of Mrs Watt and Mrs Widger the children gathered the required information and statistics. Since last July, when it measured 400cm, it has now grown and measures 523cm (approx. 17 feet), an increase of 123cm. Its girth is now 33 cm, an increase of 10cm from last year. There were no leaves on any of the branches, and no wildlife or disease was spotted. The tree appears to be doing really well and looking strong and healthy. Let's hope that the weather will be kinder to our Year 5 children when they return in the summer to do more measurements as part of the Great British Elm Tree Experiment.



### Area Cross Country Finals

Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to the weather and a very muddy field that the children would have been 'running around'! We do not know of the new date as yet, as to when this event will be rescheduled. Thank you to all the parent drivers who volunteered to help. We will of course let you know of the new date in due course.

### Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Today the children have been learning all about the various roles of the Fire and Rescue Service. They have learnt the importance of fire prevention, home safety, emergency routines, escape plans and actions to be taken if they discovered a fire. There will be plenty of "Stop, Drop and Rolling" over the next few days as the children practise and hopefully tell you all their knowledge.

### Foundation Stage Learning Journeys - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

We invite our Foundation Stage parents to join us next Friday morning between 9.00 and 9.30am, in the hall to view your child's learning journeys. It would be lovely to see our Foundation Stage parents and share with them what their child has been doing over the last few months since starting school.

### Blue Planet Colouring Competition

Well done to Joshua F, Jack and Harry G and Sebastian B who have organised a colouring completion to raise awareness of the environment. **The theme is 'The Blue Planet.'** Entries are welcome from all children in Key Stage 2. They can be as colourful and imaginative as you would like and to be A4 size paper only. All entries to be handed into the office by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Colouring Contest

Blue planet

Judges:	
Joshua Freeman	Year 4
Harry Graham	Year 4
Jack Graham	Year 3
Sebastian Wj	Year 3

Where: Stokenham  
Stokenham  
Primary School

Best theme: blue

When: Next week  
on 2.18



### Parking Near School

Please take care when dropping off and picking up your children from school. There have been some occasions recently where cars are: blocking our neighbours' driveways, driving a little too fast past the school, blocking and preventing access to the village hall and obscuring the junction up towards Coleridge.

In order to respect our neighbours privacy and property in the surrounding area of our school, keep our children safe and to not cause any undue stress to the parish hall users, please take care to park carefully and responsibly and not across driveways, preventing local residents from leaving their properties at the start and end of the school day. Thank you for advance for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Kitchen Manager Required for the New School at Loddiswell Primary School**

We are seeking to recruit a Kitchen Manager for the new school at Loddiswell Primary School. The Kitchen Manager has sole responsibility for managing and providing school dinners which averages 45 meals per day. The main purpose of the job is to manage the production of "safe food" in a hygienic environment and provide customer satisfaction at all times within all aspects of service. Direct management of and involvement in planning, production, cooking, cleaning, preparation of the dining room and service procedures is essential. Applicants will need to be confident and have excellent communication skills. This post is 20 hours per week, term time only commencing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment; this role requires an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service. Please contact Penny Amos for further details on Tel: 01548 580 551 or email [stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk). Closing Date: Midday Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **School Dinner Payments**

With half term approaching we ask that all school dinner money debts are cleared by next Friday. Please see Charlotte in the office for any enquiries regarding your child's school dinner account. Please note that all dinners should be paid for **in advance** and a debt should not be accumulated.

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:

### **The Blue Planet**

Children receive an picture representing caring for the environment, sustainability and being part of a family at school.

Awards this week go to:



Zander  
Connie  
Oliver  
Darcie  
Archie  
Walter  
Gracie



## Mealtime Assistant Award

Ella (FS)

## Writers of the Week

KS1 - Toby

KS2 - Edward

## The Week Ahead - Week 1

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Theme Week - The Blue Planet</b> 3.30-4.30pm - Football After School Club - Cancelled this week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	12.30-1.15pm - Tag Rugby Lunchtime Club
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-4.30pm - Netball After School Club 3.30-4.30pm - Little Dragons 3.30-4.30pm - Ukulele After School Club
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00-9.30am - Foundation Stage Learning Journeys - see above Forest School for Foundation Stage and Year 3 3.30-4.30pm - Junior Taekwon-Do

## Community News

### Music Workshops

The Dave Sharp Young Musicians Fund

Music workshops for 10-18 year olds

For more information, contact

[contact@dsymf.co.uk](mailto:contact@dsymf.co.uk)

### Community Tennis Coaching

For children, teenagers and adults in Kingsbridge

Please see links for more information

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisCoaching>

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/kingsbridgeparkcommunitytennis>

Junior tennis coaching Wednesday, Friday after school and Saturday mornings

Please get in contact to book or for more information

Elliot Veale at: [elliottveale@icloud.com](mailto:elliottveale@icloud.com)

### Inn Theatre Company Production

"Goodnight Mister Tom"

The Guildhall, Dartmouth

14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

Saturday Matinee 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.30pm

Tickets £8 & £12

[www.theinntheatrecompany.co.uk](http://www.theinntheatrecompany.co.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February		ALL	HALF TERM
<b>Tuesday 20 February</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Indoor Athletics at Quayside - letters sent out today</b>
<b>Wednesday 21 February</b>	<b>3.40pm</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Year 4 Residential Presentation at Modbury</b>
Friday 23 February		ALL	Bags 2 School Day - details to follow
<b>Monday 5 March</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Year 3 Residential Presentation at Modbury</b>
Friday 16 March	AM	6	KCC Science Morning - details to follow
Monday 26 March	PM	ALL	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 27 March	PM	ALL	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 28 March	PM	3	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 29 March		ALL	Last Day of Spring Term
			Easter Holidays
Monday 16 April	AM	ALL	First Day of Summer Term
	AM	6	Leave for Grenville House Residential
Friday 20 April	PM	6	Return from Grenville House Residential
Monday 7 May		ALL	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 8 May		5	Bikeability Week
Thursday 17 May	AM	4	East Soar Farm Residential
Friday 18 May	PM	4	Return from East Soar Farm
Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June		ALL	Half Term Week
Thursday 7 June	AM	3	Forest & Beach Residential
Friday 8 June	PM	3	Return from Forest & Beach
Monday 2 July	AM	5	Heatree Residential
Wednesday 4 July	PM	5	Return from Heatree Residential
Friday 20 July	PM	ALL	Last day of Summer Term