



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2018-19/4

Friday 28th September 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week, full of learning, autumnal weather and singing harvest songs.

Rock Up and Run Cross Country Festival Thursday 4th October

Good luck to our team of runners who will be attending the 'Rock Up and Run Festival' next Thursday at Modbury. It will be a fun event involving various activities as well as a bit of running.

Please remember:

- Your child has their school PE kit in school next Thursday
- Trainers or running shoes/football/rugby boots suitable for running on grass
- A waterproof coat and tracksuit or similar to keep warm before and after their run
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy
- **Collect your child from Modbury Recreation Ground at 5.00pm. (earlier time)**

Harvest Lunch - Thursday 4th October

Next Thursday Emma, our Kitchen Manager, will be celebrating Harvest Festival by serving a scrumptious roast dinner. This will be roast pork with apple sauce, roast potatoes, carrots and peas and for pudding, pear crumble with custard. There will also be a 'Lucky Plate Draw' with a winning prize.

Harvest Festival Celebrations - Friday 5th October

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held next Friday 5th October. All parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us for the celebrations at 10 am at St Michael & All Angels Church Stokenham. As in previous years we will be collecting food to be donated to the Food Bank in Kingsbridge. Please bring in tins, packets and store cupboard items from Monday 1st October to the school office or your child's classroom.

Straight after our Harvest Festival we will be hosting our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Church. Please join us to raise money for this very worthwhile cause.



Donations of delicious cakes, biscuits, buns are very much appreciated. Please bring your donations to the school or church before the Harvest Festival; if your child gets the bus to school we will ensure that the cake gets to the church safely.

See you all next Friday!



Important Diary Amendments

Tuesday 2 October	Ukulele Club restarts. Please contact Mr Beamish direct. pdbdukes@outlook.com
Thursday 4 October	After School Netball Club cancelled
Friday 5 October	No Forest School for Foundation Stage children

Junior Life Skills - Friday 12th October

Our Year 6 children will be taking part in the Junior Life Skills event on the morning of Friday 12th October. There are still a few consent slips to be handed in. Please can these be given to Charlotte in the office on Monday morning.

Swimarathon - Friday 12th October

We have had a huge response from our pupils who would like to take part in the Swimarathon this year. If your child has volunteered but not yet got their sponsorship form, please let us know. There is still room for a few more swimmers if your child would like to take part. Please see Charlotte in the office for a sponsorship form and permission slip.

Nasal Flu Vaccination - Electronic Consent

A separate email has been sent to our Foundation Stage to Year 5 parents with regard to the Flu Vaccination Programme. Our school nursing service, Virgin Care, who organise the Flu Vaccination Programme are collecting data electronically this year and the email contained a link for parents. This link is specific to Stokenham School and parents need to enter this data and give consent if they wish their child to be included in this programme. **Please complete registration by Friday 5th October.** These vaccinations will be given at school on Friday 30th November.

Permission Packs and Data Collection Sheets

Various consent forms, permission slips and Data Collection Sheets have been sent home with your child over the last few weeks. All these forms must be returned as soon as possible to Charlotte in the office. **Even if there are NO amendments, please sign and return all the forms.** Thank you.

School Sport

Some of you may be aware that KCC are no longer running sporting events for the primary schools in the Kingsbridge area this year. As a result, we as a Federation have organised a calendar of 'in house' competitions for the schools in our Federation as well as some participation festivals for ourselves and schools in the Ivybridge Learning Community. These events will run after school (normally 4 - 5.30pm) and the venues will be rotated so that each school will get a chance to host events and cut down on the need to transport children. We realise that this still requires a lot of organisation on the parents' behalf to get the children to events at other schools. We are sure that you agree with the importance of providing the children with a broad range of participation and competitive opportunities and thank you in advance for your assistance in making this possible. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Year 6 - Transfer to Secondary School

An email was sent out this week to our Year 6 parents regarding the application process. Please remember to apply for your child's secondary school place by **31st October**. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can contact the Devon County Council customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request a hard copy of the form. Any queries please contact Devon County Council on 0345 155 1019.

South Hams Federation New Board of Governors

Further to Kingsbridge Primary School joining the South Hams Federation, we are pleased to announce our new Board of Governors structure as below. The membership and make-up of the Board of Governors comprises of parents, staff, the Church and Local Authority as well as Co-opted Governors from our local communities. Together, this group of people now take overall responsibility for the five schools.

Executive Headteacher	Mrs Sue Jezard
Local Authority Governor	Miss Kirsty Richards
Foundation Governors	Mrs Jane Greaves and Mr Trevor Becker
Staff Governor	Mrs Lucinda Kirkham
Parent Governors	Mr Edward Barker and Mrs Mary Roberts
Co-Opted Governors	Mrs Tina Graham
	Mrs Anne Rossiter
	Mrs Lyndsay Hetherington
	Mr Nick Saunders
	Mrs Emma Meek

If you need to get in touch with either the Chair or the Clerk, they can be contacted as follows:
Mrs Jane Greaves & Mrs Tracey Kidd, Tel : 01548 830312 c/o Modbury Primary School,
Modbury, Devon, PL21 ORB.

Gardening Club Update

Just a little update on our garden treats - we've grown some huge pumpkins and Patti pan squash that will go down to the Harvest Festival next week.

We will then return to school to be made into a pumpkin pie! We have also planted the apple tree into our tyre and surrounded it with spring bulbs. The tomatoes are ripening nicely and we've got a few ready to be offered at lunch today.



The Law and Requests For Term Time Absence

Please find attached a copy of our Attendance Policy which was approved by the Governors at their recent meeting for your information.

As of September 2013, an amendment to the *Education (Pupil Registration)(England) Regulations 2006* came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore may not be authorised by the school.

If you would like to request 'leave' to be considered for authorisation due to exceptional circumstances, please request, complete and return an L5 form to the school, which can be obtained from the school office. The Executive Headteacher and/or Head of School will decide if it warrants an exceptional circumstance.

Please note the L5 form states:

NOTES TO PARENTS/CARERS

The law does not grant parents/carers an automatic right to take their children out of school during term time. If the request is for an absence in term time you must have Parental Responsibility and be the parent/carer with whom the child normally lives. Permission **must** be sought in **advance**. If the circumstances relating to this request are considered exceptional and the absence is authorised by the school, the authorising of the absences will be conditional on the child(ren) attending satisfactory up to the date covered by this request.

WARNING TO PARENTS

If the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If the school are unable to authorise this absence this may result in legal action which could be a Penalty notice or summons to court proceedings which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to 3 months.

Parents should note that in normal circumstances, current practice is that only one penalty notice will be issued to a parent relating to the absence of a particular child within a two year period. Should a further period of unauthorised absence be recorded, then the parent(s) will normally be summonsed to appear at a Magistrates Court, unless an Education Supervision Order is considered more appropriate.

We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause but hope you appreciate this policy represents the schools responsibility and commitment towards ensuring your child's education and their future life opportunities.

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:



Thomas
Erin
Ben
Ellis
Daisy
Lewis
Rafe



Writers of the Week

FS - Aaron
KS1 - Rosie
KS2 - Oliver

Attendance Cup

Week 4 - Year 4



PTFA News

FUN PUB QUIZ

The Globe Inn, Frogmore

Thursday 11th October

7pm for 7.30pm start

Teams of 4

£10 entry per person...on the door, includes Pie dinner

Fundraising for Stokenham Primary School PTFA

To book a table, text Rachel Scott 07803177587 or sign up on the list in reception area at the school

Donation of raffle Prizes most welcome - Please drop off prizes in School Office

The Week Ahead - *Week 2 School Meal Menu*

Monday 1 st Oct	3.30-4.30pm After School Year 5 & 6 Football Club 3.30-4.30pm After School Year Chess Club 3.30-4.30pm After School Year 1 & 2 Art Club 3.30-4.30pm After School Year 3 & 4 Art Club
Tuesday 2 nd Oct	3.30-4.30pm After School Gymnastics Club 3.30-4.30pm After School Ukulele Club
Wednesday 3 rd Oct	9.30 - 11.30am Open Mornings at KCC for prospective Year 7. (Parents only) 3.30-4.30pm After School Year 3 & 4 Football Club
Thursday 4 th Oct	Lunchtime Recorder Club 3.30-4.30pm After School Netball Club - cancelled this week 3.30-4.30pm After School Gardening Club Rock Up and Run Cross Country Festival - see above
Friday 5 th Oct	Harvest Festival and Macmillian Coffee Morning - see above Forest School for Year 1 only - in afternoon Deadline for FS to Y5 parent Flu Vaccination Programme - see above and separate email

Community News

St Michael & All Angels Stokenham
Animal Blessing Service Sunday 7th October at 3pm
All pets and Owners welcome

Plymouth Police Choir Concert
At St Michaels Church Stokenham
Friday 19th October at 7.30pm
Tickets £5
Proceeds to Devon Air Ambulance and Church Funds

East Allington Whacky Races!
Saturday 29th September 2018 11:00 onwards
Barbecue
Licensed Bar
Ice Creams
Teas and Cakes
Trade Stands
Kids Competitions
And much much more!
In aid of the Devon Air Ambulance Trust
and other local amenities
Keep up to date with via our Facebook page:
[fb.me/Eawhacky](https://www.facebook.com/Eawhacky)

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Thursday 11 Oct	4-5pm	6	Indoor Athletics at Loddiswell Primary School - letters sent out. After School Netball Club cancelled
Friday 12 Oct	9.30-12.30 pm 2.00-3.00 pm	6 4 to 6	Junior Life Skills at Quayside Rotary Club Swimarathan at Quayside
Monday 15 Oct	AM 3.40-6.00pm	All FS to 6	School Photographs - younger Siblings welcome - details to follow Parent Consultation Evening - letter sent out today
Tuesday 16 Oct	3.40-6.00pm	FS to 6	Parent Consultation Evening - letter sent out today
22 To 26 Oct			HALF TERM
Monday 29 Oct			Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 31 Oct		6	Deadline to apply for a secondary school place.
Friday 3 Nov	PM	2	Forest School starts
Thursday 8 Nov	4-5pm	6	Netball Festival at Kingsbridge Primary School - details to follow
Thursday 29 Nov	4-5pm	3 to 6	Cross Country Event at Loddiswell Primary School - details to follow
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