




Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2020-21/29  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. Our after school clubs continue to be very popular and we continue to make full use of our wonderful outdoor classroom spaces like the woods, the school allotment and the new polytunnel.

### Bikeability

This week has been all about bikes for Year 5 and they are qualified as roadworthy now! Bikeability is a two-day programme we are able to offer  annually to Year 5. It is always well received and the life skills the children learn truly are skills for life as they become road users for the first time in some cases. Learning is delivered and assessed by qualified tutors and takes place partly on site using our school playground and partly out in the neighbourhood using Kiln Lane and Butt Park. This gives our young cyclists access to road junctions, a little light traffic, parked cars and pedestrians, and allows them to practice hand signals, bicycle handling skills and spacial awareness. Mrs Widger has been supporting the instructors and it was lovely to see one of our parents, Emma Palmer-Hunter as one of the instructors with our children. Well done everyone!

**A letter regarding our Year 6 Bikeability Course is being sent home today**

### New Pupils

Today we are delighted to welcome new starters Robin into Reception, and her sister Amelie into Year 2! Welcome to our school family, we look forward to helping you to settle into Stokenham School.

### 'Drop and Go!'

I would like to remind all parents that under the current lockdown regulations we must maintain physical distancing when dropping the children off to school each day. You must not linger at the gate or at the school entrance as this delays the flow of 'bubbles' entering school on schedule and blocks the pavement for people to pass safely in either direction. Please arrive on time, drop your child/children and then depart straight away. Thank you.

### A lovely message from Monica Chapman

This week we received a lovely message from Monica Chapman who is one of our peripatetic music teachers. Monica has been teaching piano via Zoom during the pandemic and called us to say how impressed she has been with the following members of our school family who have kept up their music learning for a whole year! That's brilliant, Amie and Eva in Year 4 and Leo, Tilly and Charlotte in Year 6. That shows staying power, well done!



### Around the classes this Week

Reception class were delighted to be resuming their weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Moore. They 'turned their voices off and ears on' as they approached the forest, being mindful of the natural sounds around them. They were reminded of the forest school rules and how to treat the natural world with respect. The children were encouraged to explore the forest and observe changes linked to the seasons, and to identify plants, insects and trees. They also had the opportunity to play cooperatively together in the mud kitchen, hammocks and when, building dens. What a wonderful experience!



Year 2 enjoyed being TV presenters and film-makers this week. They worked in pairs to film and present an item in the classroom that inspired them. They reflected on what makes a good TV presenter and a film-maker and used those skills to create their own short TV show.



Year 5 have loved spending lots of time outdoors this week for bike ability and forest school. They have learnt lots of new skills in their time with the bike ability instructors and Mrs Widger such as making good and frequent observations, choosing and maintaining the most suitable riding position (primary and secondary), communicating intentions clearly to others (indicating/road position) and understanding the priority on the road, particularly at junctions.



We have also had a great time up in forest school linking our art unit to the outdoors by making collages using natural resources, whole group hide and seek and of course ensuring the safety and wellbeing of King Rhino!



This week Year 6 were out and about exploring our local area for a combined Geography and Computing Field Trip. We used our computing navigation skills with GPS, geotagging and noting landmarks to plan our route to Mrs Goodman's farm. Once on site, we explored how the farm has changed from past to present, and how it will be developed and changed in the future to help us investigate our geography topic, "Our World in the Future".



### Year 6 Singing Paddles - Dates to be confirmed

Coming home today to our Year 6 class is a letter regarding our singing Paddles Morning. We are so excited to be able to offer this truly memorable experience with Singing Paddles exploring the Kingsbridge Estuary. Please complete the consent slip and return to the office by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

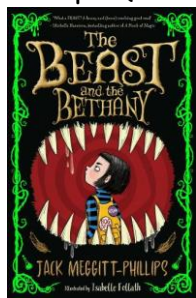
### Reading News for this week!

May is National Share a Story Month; an annual celebration of the power of story-telling and story sharing. From Monday our reading ambassadors in Key Stage 2 will be beaming into the Key Stage 1 classrooms to share a story each week. It's great to see our older children being such wonderful reading role models for our younger pupils

We have been sent more books through the post from authors for our Reading Wall in the school hall. Authors Hannah Gold (The Last Bear) and Jack Meggit Phillips (The Beast and Bethany) have both written fabulous letters to our

children.

We would also like to thank Harbour Bookshop and Simon and Schuster for donating a copy of Tom Percival's latest book, The Invisible, to our school library.



### What to wear this Half Term

Please see below the PE Timetable for this half term. Hopefully this will alleviate any confusion. However, things can change at the last minute so please read your child's bookbags for any notes the teacher may have put in with last minute changes. If your child is doing an after-school club which involves sport - they can also come into school on that day in their PE kit.

<b>Monday</b>	Year 3
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 2
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reception and Year 1
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 4 and Year 5
<b>Friday</b>	Year 3 and Year 6 Reception and Year 5 - Forest School Year 1 - Balance Bikes
	After School Sports Club
<b>Monday</b>	Year 3 and Year 5
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 4 and Year 6

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

With kind regards



**Tess Coulthard**  
**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:

**Living in the Wider World**

**Awards this week go to:**

Aoife  
Eric  
Dexter  
George S and Faye  
Mia  
Eve  
Robin

### Writers of the Week

**EYFS & KS1 - Juno**

**KS2 - Millie**

## The Week Ahead

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	After School Year 3 Football Club After School Year 5 Sports Club
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	PE Year 2
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	PE Reception & Year 1 Year 6 Gardening Club After School Year 1 Active Maths Club After School Year 2 Computing Club
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	PE Year 4 and 5 After School Reception Mindfulness Colouring Club After School Year 4 Rounders Club After School Year 4 Gym & Dance Club After School Year 6 Sports Club
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	PE Year 3 & 6 Forest School Reception & Year 5

## Dates for your Diary

### New School Menu

<b>Monday 17 May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Bikeability - Letter sent out today</b>
Tuesday 18 May	All Day AM	ALL 6	Forensic Science Day - letter sent out <b>Bikeability Group 1 - TBC</b>
<b>Wednesday 19 May</b>	<b>AM PM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Singing Paddles - Letter sent out today</b> <b>Bikeability Group 1 - TBC</b>
Thursday 20 May	All Day	6	Bikeability Group 2 - TBC
Friday 21 May	All Day	ALL 6	Silly Sock Day - Details to follow <b>Bikeability Group 2 - TBC</b>
Monday 24 May	All Day	6	Bikeability Group 4 - TBC
Tuesday 25 May	All Day	6	Bikeability Group 5 - TBC
Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June		ALL	HALF TERM
Monday 7 June	All Day	5	Day at Heatree - details to follow
<b>Monday 21 June</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Forest &amp; Beach Day - Letter sent out</b>
Thursday 24 June	AM	6	Beach Clean Day - details to follow
<b>Friday 25 June</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Sports Day - TBC</b>
<b>Friday 2 July</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Forest &amp; Beach Day - Letter sent out</b>
Thursday 8 July	All Day	6	Day at Grenville - details to follow
Wednesday 14 July	AM	6	Singing Paddles - Letter sent out today
Thursday 15 July	AM	6	Singing paddles - Letter sent out today
Thursday 22 July		ALL	Last Day of Summer Term

### Kingsbridge Cricket Club (Juniors)

Juniors cricket training (under 13s) Friday Evenings at 6pm at Kingsbridge Cricket Club. There is also 'Grasshoppers' section for younger players. Over 13s train on a Monday night.

Volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Neal Peach 07866 205179 or Andrew Weir 07793 287395

For anyone interested in finding out how they can get involved in tennis outside of school, there is a new exciting offer called LTA Youth Start. For £29.99 (+£5 P&P) children will receive 6 sessions of group coaching, a racket, set of balls, t-shirt, stickers, lanyard and a certificate. To sign up and find a local course please follow this link:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/lta-youth/start/>

### Vacancies within the South Hams Federation

#### **Permanent Vacancy for an Admin Assistant at Modbury Primary School**

**Part-time position - Monday to Friday, initially 1.30 - 3.45 pm**

**(2.15 hours per day 11.15 hours per week)**

**Grade B2 - B3 (£9.43 - £9.62 per hour)**

We are seeking to appoint an admin assistant to provide administrative and receptionist support to our School Administrator in our busy school office. We are looking for a friendly and organised candidate who is able to demonstrate good administrative skills and who is looking for a varied and interesting role. Hours will initially be 1.30 pm - 3.45 pm every day, but it is important the candidate is flexible and adaptable on these times.

You will need to:

- Have good communication and interpersonal skills; a confident telephone manner is vital
- Be able to quickly respond to changing priorities with a flexible working approach
- Possess good administrative and organisational skills to undertake a full range of administrative duties
- Ability to work as a member of a team
- Have good attention to detail
- Have a good understanding of Microsoft Office (including Word and Excel)
- Prioritise your workload and work to deadlines
- Have a sense of humour!

Experience is desirable, but not essential as training will be provided.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This role requires an enhanced DBS disclosure.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English. For an application form and job description please email

[hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk).

Closing Date for applications: noon on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 - please email completed applications to [hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk)

Interviews to be held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## South Hams Federation

### Vacancy for Kitchen Manager at Stokenham Area Primary School

The South Hams Federation are seeking to recruit a Kitchen Manager at Stokenham Area Primary School from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The Kitchen Manager is responsible for managing and providing school dinners which averages 110 meals per day.

This post is for 25 hours per week, term time (38 weeks per year). Salary is NJC Grade E - points E16 (£12.45 per hour) rising to E22 (£14.02 per hour).

The main purposes of the job are:

- Ensuring all aspects of relevant, current legislation are complied with, in relation to Health and Safety at Work, food safety regulations and in particular the requirement to identify, maintain and review food safety controls (HACCP etc) and COSHH.
- The day-to-day management of catering assistant, their work schedule and rota.
- Direct management of and involvement in planning, production, cooking, cleaning, preparation of the dining room and service procedures.
- The provision of special dietary requirements as necessary and ensuring the menu meets national nutritional standards.
- Manage the catering budget.
- To work as part of a team in order to meet the aims and objectives of the establishment.

Applicants will need to be confident and have excellent communication skills.

Stokenham Area Primary School forms part of the South Hams Federation; a successful forward thinking dynamic Federation based in the South Hams region of Devon comprising Kingsbridge, Loddiswell, Malborough with South Huish C of E, Modbury and Stokenham Area Primary Schools; all of which are maintained primary schools. As a school we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and, if successful, you will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check. For further information, an application form and a job description please contact Helen Leather on 01548 580551 or email: [hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:hleather@southhamsfederation.org.uk).

Closing Date: Midday, Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Interviews: Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.