



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2020-21/27
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We have been so busy this week with good weather and lots of lovely spring energy - everybody seems to have had a great Easter break with lots of fresh air and rest, and we are all ready to go go go!

Baby News!



I am very excited to announce that on April 14th Mrs Page gave birth to a baby boy called William Lucas and weighing-in at 9lb 2oz. I am sure you will join me in sending our heart-felt CONGRATULATIONS to her and to her husband Tim. We look

forward to meeting Baby William when regulations allow!

Parking and Traffic Outside School

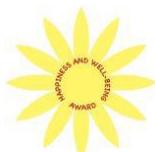
On a serious note I have to ask you all again to be more considerate at drop off and pick up times. In the last few days I have had an upsetting incident reported to me in which someone had parked on the yellow zig-zags outside school to drop off children, reversed to continue with their journey and in doing so almost hit two pupils who were coming into school.

It is **VERY** busy at peak times on the road outside school and we have to accommodate both our school community and the pre-schools whilst also being respectful to the residents. There are pedestrians with pushchairs, very small children, children on bikes and many more hazards besides. I do fear that there will be an accident if we do not work together to ensure the collective safety of our children. I will be contacting the local police to ask that they make impromptu visits to the area at peak times. In the meantime, please can we ensure that we park responsibly so as not to block the zig-zag lines outside school. Whilst many parents park along Kiln Lane and into Butt Park, please ensure that driveways are not blocked and we try not to park on pavements etc. The car park at the church are also very happy for parents to use their facility for parking.

The safety and wellbeing of all our children is our foremost concern and duty. Thank you for giving your attention to this problem and for playing your part in ensuring everyone is kept safe.

Welcome!

We are delighted to have back with us at Stokenham, Eli in Year 1 and Tilly in Year 6, it's great to see you again!



Let's Grow!

A massive thank you to Emma Hutchinson who has worked tirelessly to support the school garden and Gardening Club, and in particular to erect and cover the brand new polytunnel next to the greenhouse! The pandemic really slowed this project down but we are so excited about getting growing once more. Thank you Emma, we are very grateful to you, and we look forward to being able to offer Gardening Club very soon. This weekend we will take delivery of our peat-free gro-bags, seeds and plants so we can grow tomatoes, peppers, dwarf green beans and lettuces. The polytunnel and the greenhouse are great outdoor classrooms that can be used for a range of subjects across all age groups. We are very fortunate to have them available to us.



After School Clubs

Our after school clubs start again next week - a letter was sent out on Monday with a permission slip to fill out and sign for each club. Places at the after school clubs are filled on a first-come-first served basis so please make sure you complete and return your permission slips as we now have a limited number of spaces left.

This Week in School

It has been a busy week in school as we get used to our routines again. We were notified just before the Easter break by the Government that we would be able to use the swimming pool this term. We have completed our lifeguard training for staff members and are now ready to service the pump and prepare the water ready for safe use. Meanwhile PE activities outside are proving very popular with everyone. Year 2 have been playing tennis, Year 4 have been playing rounders and Year 6 have been doing Netball Skills this week.

Our Reception class have enjoyed exploring the composition of numbers to 20 using a range of resources in maths lessons this week, identifying patterns and describing similarities and differences. Quotes from the children included:

"I know it is eighteen because there is a ten and an eight and that makes eighteen."

"They are getting higher. They all have spots and they all have a ten. It's one more each time."

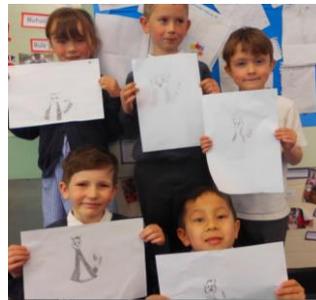
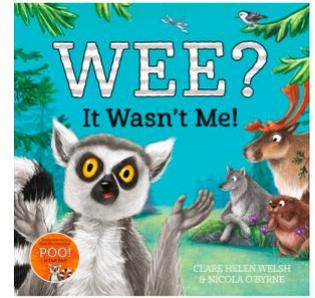
"The numbers are getting bigger in a pattern. It's like on the number line."

"I thought fourteen in my head, I put five ones and five red ones 'cause I knew five add five makes ten, then I put four more white ones and that is fourteen."

"All the twenties have a two first and that means two tens sticks."



Before the Easter holidays, our Year 1 and 2 had a virtual author visit with Clare Helen Welsh. The children absolutely loved listening to Clare read her story "Wee? It wasn't me!" The story is about Lenny, the ring-tailed lemur finding out about whose yellow, stinky puddle he had slipped in! He meets lots of different animals along the way and he learns about their habits! During our visit, we drew our own pictures of Lenny and we asked lots of different questions about Lenny and the book.



Year 3 have been very busy this week in science. As you can see they were outside in the sunshine with garden tools digging! Their topic this term is 'Flowers' and so they have been busy removing the turf from an area in the woods in order to create a beetle bank and to sow wild flower seeds to attract pollinating insects. Mrs Moore started this project last year but lockdown meant she sadly had to abandon it. Year 3 have picked up where she left off and are looking forward seeing the results of their efforts over the next few weeks.



Year 4 have been learning to sign the song Blackbird by The Beatles in their music lesson. They have been looking at the lyrics and how they link to civil rights.



This week, Year 6 have been challenging themselves to break world records as part of Commando Joe's RESPECT curriculum. They tried to 'smash' the record for the longest jump from a standing start.



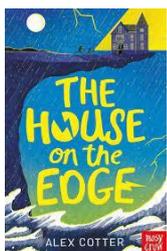
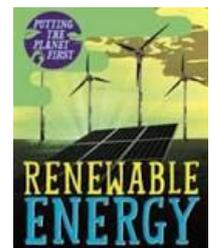
Recommended Reading

Mrs Cross has been sent two copies of 'The InvestiGATORS' by John Patrick Green. Along with this graphic novel series featuring crime-fighting alligators, we received an activity pack containing posters, stickers and bookmarks which Year 3 were really excited to receive!



We have also been sent a copy of The Weather Weaver by Tamsin Mori, a book set in Shetland. Stella learns the craft of weather weaving- befriending clouds, taming hurricanes and spinning rainbows. Year 5 are looking forward to reading this storm swept adventure!

Our Reading Ambassadors in Year 5 and 6 have recommended some reads for Earth Day (Thursday 22nd April). Earth Day is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the planet, our environment and actions we can take to protect both. Year 5 chose "The Earth Book", a voyage of discovery about our planet and "The Story of life" about how life evolved on earth. Year 6 recommended a series of books, "Putting the Planet First", featuring a range of books about eco-cities, renewable energy and recycling.



Year 5 were very excited to have been sent a proof copy of "The House on the Edge" by Alex Cotter. This book is due to be published in July of this year and we feel very privileged to be able to read it before any other school in the country! The House on the Edge was inspired by the Hallsands disaster and is a tense thriller perfect for fans of Emma Carroll and Fleur Hitchcock. We are looking forward to reading and reviewing it for our class scrapbook!

Year 5 - Bikeability Week Commencing Tuesday 4th May

Year 5 pupils will be involved in their Bikeability training during the week beginning Tuesday 4th May. The children do not need to wear uniform on the days that they are doing Bikeability (more details to follow) and additionally, they will be allowed to keep their bikes at school overnight in the school hall. It is a fantastic experience for all the children to take part in. Please complete the forms and hand into the school office ASAP and as always, any queries, please let the office know.

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:

Annabelle

Blaise

Alfie

George H

Thomas

Freya

Rosie

Writers of Week

EYFS & KS1 - Josh S

KS2 - Bella

The Week Ahead

Monday 26 th April	PE Year 3 After School Year 3 Football Club starts After School Year 5 Sports Club starts
Tuesday 27 th April	PE Year 2 & 4
Wednesday 28 th April	PE Reception & Year 1 Year 6 Gardening Club starts After School Year 1 Active Maths Club starts After School Year 2 Computing Club starts
Thursday 29 th April	PE Year 5 After School Reception Mindfulness Colouring Club starts After School Year 4 Rounders Club starts After School Year 4 Gym & Dance Club starts After School Year 6 Sports Club starts
Friday 30 th April	PE Year 3 & 6 Forest School Reception & Year 5

Dates for your Diary

New School Menu

Monday 3 May	All Day	ALL	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 May to Friday 7 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Course - details to follow
Friday 7 May	AM	ALL	Tempest Photographs - Siblings & Families
Tuesday 18 May	All Day	ALL	Forensic Science Day - details to follow
Wednesday 19 May	AM	6	Singing paddles - details to follow
Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June		ALL	HALF TERM
	All Day	5	Day at Heatree - details to follow
Monday 21 June	All Day	3	Forest & Beach Day - details to follow
Thursday 24 June	AM	6	Beach Clean Day - details to follow
Friday 2 July	All Day	4	Forest & Beach Day - details to follow
Wednesday 14 July	AM	6	Singing paddles - details to follow
Thursday 15 July	AM	6	Singing paddles - details to follow
Thursday 8 July	All Day	6	Day at Grenville - details to follow
Thursday 22 July		ALL	Last Day of Summer Term