



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2020-21/32

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to Emma Baker who has been our Kitchen Manager at Stokenham for quite some time. Emma is moving on to new pastures and exploring new enterprises and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for feeding our children so well for so long! Emma is always careful to remember which children have certain food preferences, who has allergies that need to be catered for and who stays to lunch on which days. She has been amazing! Good luck Emma. After half term we will be joined by our new Kitchen Manager, Sharon Jones.



### Year 5 Day Trip to Heatree



On Monday 7th June, the day we return from half term, our Year 5 class will leave school by bus at 9.15am promptly for their extended day trip to Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor. They will return to school at approximately 6.00pm to be picked up by parents and carers. A letter has been sent out with full details and a kit list. Please check the letter as it contains important information about what to bring and what not to bring!

### Awesome Silly Sock Day



Well done to everyone and thank you for the contributions towards our Hedgehog Houses.



### Around the school this week

Our Reception class had a lovely PE lesson on Wednesday; they used quoits, rackets and bean bags to help practise their balance, coordination and control skills. There was much laughter and fun. Some quotes from the children include:

Daisy: "I liked it when we had to throw the bean bag up from the racket when we got to the hula hoop"

Theo: "I liked putting the hoop on my head and lining up and passing to the other people at the other end"

Marley: "I liked holding the bat with the bean bag on and try and run and walk"

Edie: "I liked balancing the bean bag on my head".

Sebby: "I liked it when we had to hold the hula hoop in your legs and stop it falling out"

Finlay: "I liked the racket with the bean bag and we got to run and balance"

Erica: "I enjoyed bean bag tossing with the racket and catching it again"

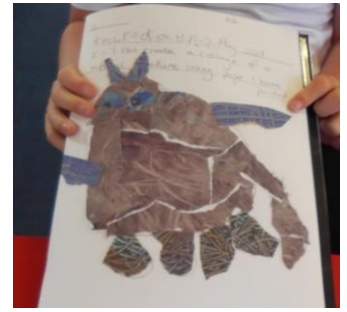


In Year 1 we have been looking at different plants within our Science lessons. We have planted our own broad beans and look how tall they are! This week we have also identified different trees around the school. In Music we have been listening and learning the song "Your Imagination" by Joanna Mangona. We have been moving our bodies to the pulse and we have been playing different musical instruments.

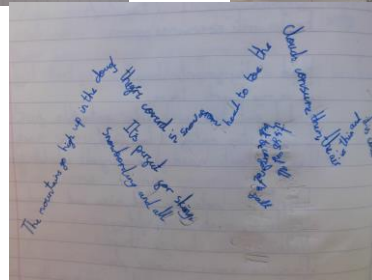
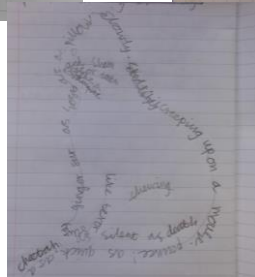
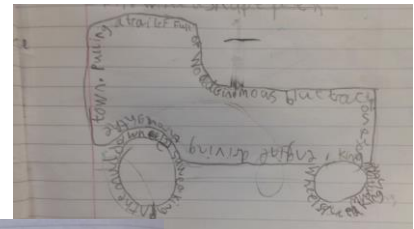
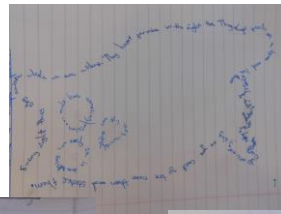
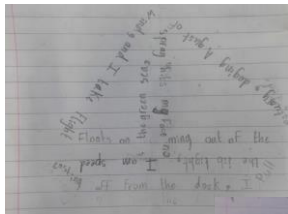




Our Year 2 celebrated the author Eric Carle. In memory of the famous author and illustrator Eric Carle who wrote many books including "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" our year 2 class celebrated his life by painting their own 'paper to collage mythical creatures' in their own style and interpretation of Eric Carle



Year 3 have had an exciting week looking at poetry - from Shakespeare's sonnets to Will Smith's rap for Fresh Prince of Bel Air! They also had a go at writing a shape poem themselves. Can you see the shapes? Aren't they brilliant!



In Year 4 we have completed our mixed media collages - the children have created collages based on the work of 3 artists - Derek Gores, Rex Ray and Frank Stella and have used a range of collaging techniques! They have created Volcano collages with 3D elements which look fabulous.



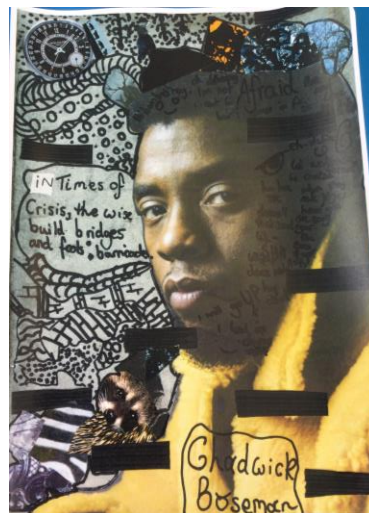
To round off the lovely sunny day yesterday, our year 4 enjoyed their PE lesson playing Rounders.



Year 5 have been looking at persuasive writing skills this week. They all had a go at writing a persuasive letter. We all need to do that at some point in our lives and they did some great work. They have also had a brilliant time at forest school this term. They have hunted bugs, made some very impressive cafes and dens, protected King Rhino and cooked up a storm with pancakes, nettle soup, 'smores' and pizzas. Last week, their session was in the classroom due to the awful weather.



Year 6 have been writing fairy tales as part of their creative writing. They have focussed on writing their own take on a traditional fairy tale, with some exceptional stories being created. The creativity continued in art, with the production of mixed media collages of inspirational figures in the style of Teesha Moore. Today also saw some awesome socks appeared for the hedgehogs!



### Parking in front of Stokenham Village Hall

Stokenham Parish Hall is now open for a small range of community activities. The Village Hall Association has asked us all to refrain from using the parking spaces in front of the village hall. If you do find yourself unable to park elsewhere other than the village hall then please only do so for a very brief time. Like our neighbours in Kiln Lane, the Parish Hall Association are very tolerant of the volume of traffic we generate at peak times but we must respect that the spaces belong to the hall for village hall users. Thank you.



### Extended Day Residential Style Reminders

Please don't forget to return your child's extended day residential style permission slips and payments after the half term break. Year 3 go to Forest and Beach on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, followed by our Year 4 class on Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Year 6 are off to Grenville on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We have sent out letters and permission forms but have not received many completed forms and payments back yet. Thank you.



### What to wear after Half Term

Please see below the PE Timetable for after half term. 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 6
<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 Reception and Year 6 - Forest School
	After School Sports Club
<b>Monday</b>	Year 3 and Year 5
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 4 and Year 6

### The Swimming Pool

We have waited and waited, and hope that after the half term break, the pool water will be warm enough to start our swimming lessons. The water temperature is increasing but until both the water and air temperature reach at least 18°C we cannot start. Below is the swimming pool time table. Let's plan on starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June with our Year 2 and Year 3 class.

Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit and towel into school on the day their class is swimming. If your child has long hair, can we ask that they wear a swimming hat.

Monday	Year 2	Year 3
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Year 6	
Thursday	Year 4	Year 5
Friday	Year 6	Year 1

We had a wonderful surprise this morning. Mrs Page came to school with William. It was lovely to see her and finish on a high note for half term.

We hope you all have a lovely, sunny and restful week off. We are very proud of all our children who have adapted so brilliantly to all the upheaval that we have faced so far this year.



Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding whilst we found our way through a very difficult situation.

The DfE have advised us that contact tracing will continue over the half term holiday. If a pupil or family member test positive for Covid 19, having developed symptoms **less than 2 days** after being in school, you have to let the school know. A member of staff will monitor the school email [stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk](mailto:stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk) - and advise further actions.

With very best wishes



**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.

### Awards this week go to:

Edie  
Esmae and Jemima  
Alfie  
Aysha  
Ben and James  
William  
Charlie

### Writers of the Week

EYFS & KS1 - Esmae  
KS2 - Jack G

## The Week Ahead

Monday 7th June	Year 5 Day trip to Heatree - see above- <b>Back at 6pm</b> PE Year 6 After School Year 3 Football Club After School Year 5 Sports Club - cancelled this week
Tuesday 8th June	PE Year 2
Wednesday 9th June	PE Reception & Year 1 Year 6 Gardening Club After School Year 1 Active Maths Club After School Year 2 Computing Club
Thursday 10th	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 11th June	<b>Year 6 Bikeability Group 1</b> PE Year 3 Forest School Reception and Year 6

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 June	All Day	6	Bikeability Group 2
Tuesday 15 June	All Day	6	Bikeability Group 3
Thursday 17 June	All Day	6	Bikeability Group 4
Friday 18 June	All Day	6	Bikeability Group 5
Monday 21 June	All Day	3	Forest & Beach Day
Thursday 24 June	AM	6	Beach Clean Day - details to follow
Friday 25 June	PM	All	Sports Day - TBC
Friday 2 July	All Day	4	Forest & Beach Day
Thursday 8 July	All Day	6	Day at Grenville
Wednesday 14 July	AM	6	Singing Paddles - email sent out with details
Thursday 15 July	AM	6	Singing paddles - email sent out with details
Thursday 22 July		ALL	Last Day of Summer Term

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test which can be arranged via: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. Please note that ALL other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

For further information and guidance please go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-homeguidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronaviruscovid-19-infection>

### Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Tests are fast, easy and completely free.

### Please note that these tests are not available through school.

There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly. Please see link for more information. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

If you have any queries about the tests please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Should you have any questions about or need advice on Covid-19, the DfE helpline can be contacted on: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

The helpline is open from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.