

STOKE HILL JUNIOR

March 2025

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DATES

6th March
World Book Day

5AM Class
Assembly

7th March
8.55am

5J Class
Assembly

14th March
8.55am

Year 4 Residential
17th—21st March
Red Nose Day

5W Class
Assembly

14th March
8.55am

Red Nose Day
21st March

Year 3 Production
1st April
5,00pm

Year 3 Production
2nd April
2.00pm

Last day of term
3rd April

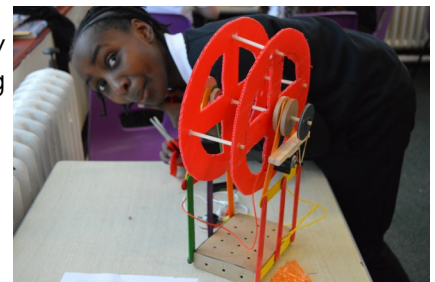
Dear Parents and Carers

Returning after the half term break represented the half way mark in what is a year that is simply flying by. A little bit of sunshine and a few lighter mornings and evenings have led to an uplifting start to the term. Hearing the children singing, led by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Padbury on the first day back was fantastic.

You should have been able to book your Parent's Evening slot for the week ahead. If not please contact the school office. Teachers will do their best to stick to the 10 minute appointments, but will be pleased to offer additional time as an alternative if the meeting appears to be going on longer. You'll get the chance to look at the children's learning too, although Parent Pop Ins always seem like a better chance to do this, so look out for the next one of these. Parents of children with additional needs will have a learning plan shared with them, designed to show you just how we can all help support the child. Finally have a read about the tasty treats on page 2 of the newsletter that will be available at Parent's Evening.

In the February newsletter I asked for your help and support with several routines around school. I wanted to thank you for your help in exiting the site promptly at the end of the day and also ensuring that dogs are in specific areas and are being held by adults only. Large school sites like the Junior School can only operate safely with many operational systems in place and then for these to work we all play a part.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many things going on and look forward to seeing you over the next week at Parent's Evening.



Jamie Sullivan
Head of School

School Champions

The following children received school awards in reading, writing or maths during the last month:

Reading: Luna (3M), Thomas (3B), Sophia (5AM)

Writing: Olivia (6B), Zachary (6M), Poppy (6P)

Maths: Isaac (5W), Theia (3C), Max (4G)



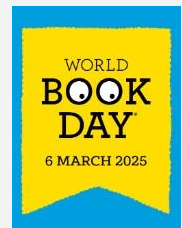
Parent's Evening - A Tasty Treat!

We are working in partnership with Educatering to bring you the best school meals we can and at Parent's Evening this week you will get the chance to taste some of the food that'll be appearing on the school menu soon. After you've met with your child's teacher in the hall, pop through to the Dining Hall for some free samples. Educatering work across many Devon Schools and will work with Katie and her wonderful team to produce the delicious meals on the school site, with the aim of reducing waste, whilst ensuring all dietary needs are met. Myself and the Governing Body have already had a taste and you will not be disappointed.

Upcoming Days

World Book Day– Thursday 6th March

It's not long until World Book Day. There are different activities the children will take part in during the day. If they would like to dress up and you are happy for them to do so, then this link may give you some ideas. <https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>



Red Nose Day

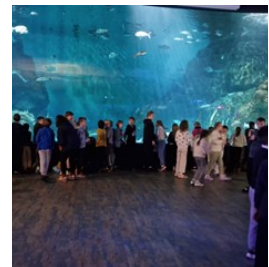
Children can wear red to school on Friday 21st March in support of this charity. No money needs to be brought to school, but if you would like to support then you can go to the website and click on the donate tab. <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>



Year 5 Sleeping with Sharks

On February 6th our year 5 children went to Plymouth Aquarium to 'Sleep with the Sharks'. I spoke to Leo and Cleo about the trip.

'My favourite bit was the anemone because I really like the special type of fluid on them that protects them from getting hunted down. We had a 'gross off' where if a lobster stole food from another lobster, then the one who had had their food stolen had to pee out of their eyes and the other one drank it! Sleeping in front of the giant tanks was amazing, although I don't think I got much sleep.'



School Office Notice

You should shortly be receiving the new school lunch menus so that you can see some of the new and exciting foods that Educatering have been working on with our kitchen staff. As we move systems there may be a short delay in being able to order online, but don't worry children will still be able to make the choices in class if it's been a problem.



A reminder to contact the school to report your child's absence. It is an important way that we safeguard all children and your help with this is appreciated.

Mental Health

This month in a bid to continue our support of mental health and well-being, we would like to draw your attention to the following three video clips (2 mins) along with help cards that you may find useful.

1. My child is feeling sad and low
2. Social media for primary aged children
3. Understanding shyness in children

Parenting Smart are a series of short videos and help cards that can be found at <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

A full range can be found on our school website under the Mental Health tab.



Learning around the Junior School



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

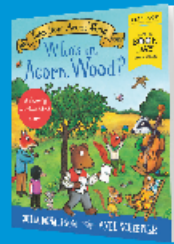
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READ YOUR WAY

THIS WORLD BOOK DAY

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BEGINNING READERS



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EARLY READERS



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