

March 2024



STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY

SPRING TERM, ISSUE 16

MARCH DATES

Fri 1st—PTFA quiz

Mon 4th—Nursery Explore + Create week

Tues 5th March—Beech assembly

Thursday 7th—World Book Day

Fri 8th—Nursery cake sale

Tues 12th — Willow assembly

Fri 15th—Red Nose Day + Woodpecker cake sale

Tues 19th March—Oak assembly + Chance to Shine cricket engagement day

Fri 22nd—Swift cake sale

Weds 27th—last day of Spring term

Mon 15th April—Summer term begins

Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term holiday feels like a distant memory, but I hope you had a lovely break. Parent teacher meetings this week have been really positive; it's always great to welcome you in to school and we hope you had informative and useful conversations with your child's teacher about their progress this year.

As always, there is lots to look forward to this half term, as you can see from the long date list! World Book Day and Red Nose Day are great whole school events we hope your child will take part in and Year 1's classroom assemblies will be a lovely opportunity to hear from about their learning.

At the end of the spring term we are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Clare Farion, who is leaving us to take up an exciting new role. We are very sad to see her go and know you will all join us in thanking her for all she has done for Stoke Hill and wishing her all the very best for her next chapter.

Best wishes,

Claire McKimm, Head of School

Stars of the week

The following children have been their class's reader, role model or learner of the week during the last month:



Readers of the week: Ruwayn, Joe, Ryan, Ruwayn (Bee), Percy, Arlah, Zen, Ayo (Dragonfly), Zoja, Willow, Thea, Amber, (Ladybird), Elina, Ivy, Charlie, Ellen (Beech), Quin, Cohen, Boran, Blas (Oak), Ayra, Alex, Luke, Lucas (Willow), Emil, Emilio, Ruby, Tobias (Chaffinch), Ivy, Jack, Sofia A, Annabelle (Swift), Kian, James N, Solomiia, Aggie (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Julia, Doris, Bea, Jacob (Bee), Olivia, Evie T, Mateus, Erin (Dragonfly), Vienna, Finley, Isla, Martha (Ladybird), George, Davide, Frankie, Ire (Beech), Ibrahim, Sophia, Theo, Yusna (Oak), Riyansh, Aiden, Amelia, Sandra (Willow), Mimi-Peach, Aiden, Maya, Lucas (Chaffinch), Alba, Marjan, Theia, Arlo M (Swift), Jack, Asmaa, Jax, Pearl (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Bea, Otto, Barnaby, Ben (Bee), Arwin, Isabella, Evie M, Hazie (Dragonfly), Damon, Elara, Damon, Alex (Ladybird), Roy-Nihal, Ben P, Ariadne, Emily (Beech), Joseph, Ella, Scarlett, Ibrahim (Oak), Ezra, Eid, James, Sylvie (Willow), Kemal, Luna, Peyton, Cora (Chaffinch), Poppy, Arlo C, Orson, Sofhia C (Swift), Mila, Lily, Poppy, Oliver (Woodpecker)



Really Wild Reception!



Reception had a visit from Kim at Really Wild Learning to show us lots of animals! We got to hold and stroke a Gecko called Pepper, a Beard ed Dragon called Waffle, a Lesser Tenrec called Boris, and two snakes, one called Mr Mango! We were fascinated by the animals and all of Kim's knowledge about them. We all learned so much and were very brave to touch or hold the animals!

Here is our favourite fact of the day:

- tenrecs are not related to the hedgehog family, but look very similar. They are actually related to armadillos and elephants!



Lots of the animals shown were rescued by Kim, from people that could not look after them anymore.



Thank you so much for your donations which paid for this experience.

PTFA

Please click the link to read the PTFA newsletter. Have a look at what we've been up to and what is coming up! <https://www.stokehill.d evon.sch.uk/web/ptfa/673373>

Links:

Quiz booking:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stokehillptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=75603>

Join PTFA Friends WhatsApp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bk0h0lj4usc1lDXih_iTIUs

Join Easyfundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stokehillinfantnurseryschool/?fbclid=IwA>



Paramedic Visit

Year 1 had an exciting visit from Rob the Paramedic. He told them all about his job, the equipment he needs, how he trained

and the importance of wearing protective clothing to keep himself safe. We all had a chance to sit on his motorbike, hear the loud sirens and see the flashing blue lights! The children will be using all this information to write their own non-fiction book about the job of a paramedic.



Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March—Children can wear red to school 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/>



Headbands

We have recently had a number of children coming to school wearing extravagant headbands. Please can we ask that headbands are kept simple (plain or with a small bow or simple pattern) so that they do not become distracting or competitive and that they are safe e.g. nothing sticking up or out. Many thanks for your cooperation.



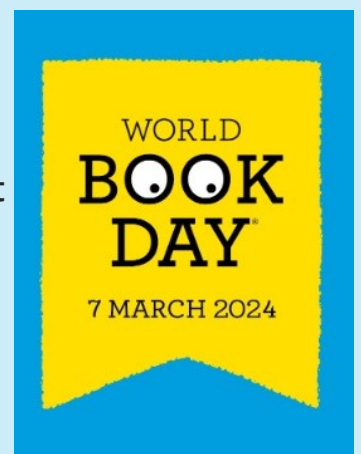
World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating world book day on 7th March. During the day the children will be taking part in a number of fun activities to get them excited about reading. You will receive a world book day voucher in the coming days which you can use now to get your free world book day book—details on page 4.

This year we are asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character. Who will you be? Charlie or Lola, the Cat in a Hat, the Worst Witch, the Gruffalo, Percy Jackson, Wally or Amelia Fang? There is no expectation that you spend any money buying a costume. Simple, homemade costumes are often better!

We are also hoping to make a display of photos of children reading in **unusual places**. So if you are out and about over the coming weeks, remember to take your child's reading books with you and take a quick snap! These can be emailed to the school office for us to display.

If you would like to see the world book day books for this year, or get some ideas for dressing up, go to www.worldbookday.com We look forward to seeing all the children in their costumes!



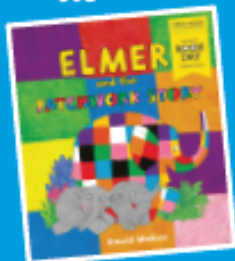
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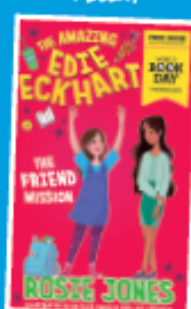
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Community Notice



PLEASE HELP! FREE Kids' Clothes 'Swap Shop' (0-16yrs) Exeter Christadelphian Church

Because of the current cost of living crisis, we are considering running a **FREE Kids' Clothes 'Swap Shop'** from our church at 36 Heavitree Road (opposite the Triangle Car Park) for the benefit of Exeter families. However, before we can begin this community project, we do need to build up a stock of **good condition, clean clothing**. **Can you please help us** by donating any clean summer and winter items that your child has grown out of? Once we have a reasonable stock, we will let you know times of opening. All items can be delivered to us at the church on **Thursdays between 10 and 12 noon**. (Short-term vehicle access to the hall, for unloading only, can be found at the rear, via a narrow lane which runs between Spicer Road and Denmark Street.)

For any further info, contact us on **0758 069 4103**.