



STOKE HILL JUNIOR

SPRING TERM, ISSUE 15

February 2024

DATES

4G Class

Assembly

2nd February

8.55am

Year 5 Sleeping
with Sharks Trip

8th/9th February

Cake Sale

8th February

Half Term

12th - 16th

February

20th February

Year 5 Swimming

27th and 29th

February

Parent's Evening

7th March

World Book Day

5W Class

Assembly

8th March

8.55am

15th March

Red Nose Day

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoy looking through the newsletter this month and reading about some fantastic things that have been going on.

I want to draw your attention to pages 4 and 5 this month, which share with you some excellent support networks that parents may wish to engage with, either now or in the future. The Stay and Play is targeted at year 3 and below.

Unfortunately earlier this month we had an incident of a child being hit by a car outside of the Infant School. With the traffic lights at the moment it is adding time to journeys, so please leave yourself enough time to arrive on time. Cars must not pull up in front of the school gates to drop off or use this as a turning point. It is putting the community at unnecessary risk, so please don't do this.

Our PTFA continues to go from strength to strength and I am grateful to everybody that runs the events or supports them. The money raised is going straight back into both schools and is helping with some fantastic projects and resources. You'll see that there is a quiz night planned below, just follow the QR Code to secure your place.

Finally it is almost half term and whatever you have planned I wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on February 19th.

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School



School Champions

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

Reading: Josh(6M), Praise (3C), Yahya (3B), Alby (3M)

Writing: Molly(5J), Felix (3M), Khalid (5J), Leo (3B)

Maths: Sophia (4DP), Ada(4G), Emily (3C), Joel (6T)



Mental Health Ambassadors

As a school we recognise the importance of our partnership with HeadsUp during the last academic year and in terms of sustainability understand that while their funding in the area has ended at the end of this academic year 2022/23 we have identified a class teacher who will work alongside Mrs Padbury to maintain a mental health and well-being focus in the school. It is also possible that during this academic year funding may be renewed by other means and for this reason Mrs Padbury will maintain contact with HeadsUp despite them being based in Exmouth.



Music Update

Will Paley visit

Year 6 welcomed local saxophonist, woodwind doubler and arranger to school recently. He spent a generous amount of time in each class teaching the children about different instruments, whilst also performing. Will performs all around the UK and we are grateful that he found time to visit Stoke Hill.

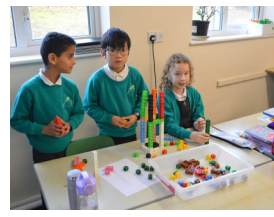
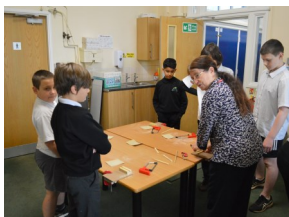


Rock Steady

We had a rockin assembly from Tom, who introduced the Junior children to Rock Steady. They are an organisation that go all over the country inspiring children with music and helping them to become band members. All children have been part of a workshop and you'll receive details about how to sign up for this if you would like your child to participate.

Design and Technology Day

Each half term we focus for a whole day on a particular subject. This half term, with the theme of 'Structures', the children had a fabulous time, planning, making and evaluating using a range of materials. There was some local research too about Exeter Cathedral. The children used a great app, called Tinkercad that enabled them to design their own structures. Thank you to our DT Lead, Miss Chard for providing the structure to the day.



School Office Notice

Thank you to parents for contacting the school office if their child is absent, this is helping save us time each morning. We said farewell to Mrs Giles last week, which means that we may be a bit stretched at times, as we look to appoint a new member to the team. Thank you for your patience as additional jobs are being undertaken by different staff at the moment. If you need to request an absence for your child, you must complete an Absence Request form, in good time, which is available from the Front Office at the Junior School.



Maths Jurassic Hub

Our Maths Lead and Year 3 teacher, Miss Byett has recently been linking up with other local schools as part of The Maths Jurassic Hub, who are working to develop The Teaching of Mastery. We have already had 8 teachers visit our school, as Miss Byett shares the work that we are doing to help children be able to talk about their learning better and explain their thinking. Whilst the focus is currently Maths, the work being done is transferable to all learning. As part of the programme we also look at how to provide appropriate representations and physical manipulatives for pupils to use to support their mathematical thinking, this being a joint approach with the Infant School who are also starting their Teaching for Mastery journey.



Learning around the Junior School



Health for Kids! Devon County Council

Staying Healthy Fitness Feelings Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource for learning about health

Games Activities Quizzes

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Psst! Parents!
As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk/Devon

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Chat-Health
Text a school nurse for confidential advice and support
07520 631721

Or scan the QR code for further service contact details



Devon County Council

IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR CARER

You can text a Health Visitor on
07520 631 721

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

CHILD HEALTH & MENTAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH
ADJUSTING TO SLEEP & FEEDING ROUTINES
PARENTING TOILETING CONTINENCE
FAMILY HEALTH

Text us for confidential advice & support

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-online-courses-for-parents/>

Devon County Council Chat-Health

TRIPLE P FOR LGBT+ PARENTS OF CHILDREN 2-12

Triple P is a programme that teaches parenting skills. This 8 week course is for LGBT+ parents of 2-12 year olds

WEEKLY
Thursday 22nd
February - Thursday
11th April
6.30pm-8.30pm

For more details and to book your place, check our Eventbrite:

Talk to us
0800 612 3010
Free from UK mobiles & landlines
helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk

Intercom Trust



Free Solihull Approach online courses, for all parents and parents-to-be

- Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenager's brain

These courses are for everyone who wants to be the best mum, dad, grandparent, carer that they can be. The Solihull Approach aims to improve emotional health and wellbeing by supporting relationships. The courses are written by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services professionals with other health and education workers. They are evidence based and accredited by the Department for Education. Together, we are aiming to change the culture around parents' self-development, while improving children's wellbeing at the same time. A smoother home life is good for concentration, learning and performance at school. To access the course please click here - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-online-courses-for-parents/> Free access code is TAMAR

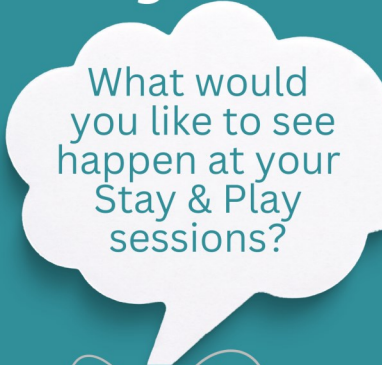


Play together!
Get moving!
Have fun!



Stoke Hill Federation Family Stay & Play sessions

- Find out about the benefits of 'Stay & Play'
- Play games with your child
- Tell us what you need
- Share your ideas



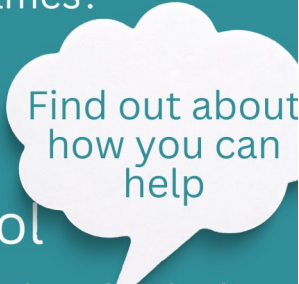
Gentle movement?



Flexibility?



Games?



Free taster/sign up session
Tuesday 6th February
3.30pm - 4pm at the Infant school

This event is hosted by Wellbeing Exeter's Community Physical Activity Organiser, Rhian Hawthorne and Community Builder, Ebbie Peters

