

Stoke Hill Junior School NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As always we have a jam-packed term ahead of us and many wonderful trips and visitors to support the children' s learning. We always try to give you as much notice as possible, so please keep checking communication from us. I' m particularly looking forward to the Year 4 Production towards the end of term and the final Year 6 class assemblies, which begin on Friday. We look forward to welcoming you to the school to support your children.
Jamie Sullivan, Head of School

What's been going on in October

Year 3

'I really enjoy reading and now I get to choose my own books from one of the libraries and then take the quizzes on them.'
Mei (Squirrel Class)

Year 4

'After reading Myth Atlas we got to make up our own myths. My was from the Aztec world.'
Dylan (Badger Class)

Year 5

'We' ve been learning about the Anglo Saxons and writing a report about village life'
Stanley and James (Eagle Class)

Year 6

'I have really enjoyed the J Sax instrument learning, it' s quite hard, but fun'
Zosia (Jaguar Class)

Upcoming Events

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- November 6th – PTFA Fireworks
- November 13th – Children in Need
- November 13th – Flu Immunisations
- November 6th – Jaguar Class Assembly
- November 13th – Leopard Class Assembly
- November 17th/19th – Year 3 Kents Cavern Trip
- November 20th – Tiger Class Assembly
- November 24th – Autumn Music Concert

Vegetable Trucks

Thank you to Miss Byett for setting up the visit from Goosemoor, who supply the food for school meals. It was great to see the engagement of the children and just making the whole food chain process seem a little bit more real, rather than 'Carrots come from Morrisons!' I know that many of you bought items after school too.



Mental Health at Stoke Hill

As we begin a new half term, we are reminded that supporting our children's wellbeing starts with the little things we do every day. Taking time to listen, asking how they are feeling and reassuring them that all feelings are valid can help children feel safe, valued and understood.

A little tip for families: Try making time for a quick emotional check-in with your child this week. There is no need to have all the answers. Sometimes, simply listening can make a real difference.

For further advice and practical tips on supporting your child's mental health, YoungMinds has a helpful resource for parents and carers: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/

Local Elections

We have once again been notified that it is the intention to use the school for the local elections on May 6th. As in the past we have made the local authority aware of the disruption this will cause to our families, but we are currently working to the same plans as last year, which will be that Year 3 and 6 are in school and Year 4 and 5 will be learning at home on this date. Nearer the time we will give exact details for the day, but we wanted to give you as much warning as possible.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

We are delighted to announce that Stoke Hill Federation has achieved a Bronze Equalities Award!

Over the past 2 years we have worked with EqualiTeach to demonstrate how our school not only meets the important duties placed on us by the Equality Act 2010, but demonstrating good practice throughout the school when it comes to embedding equality and creating a safe and inclusive environment for all.

At our school we place great value on equality and diversity and celebrate the differences within our school community. It is fantastic to have this work recognised with this prestigious Bronze Award.

Having a Bronze Award demonstrates our firm commitment to equality, and we know that maintaining a positive and inclusive school environment is not a tick-box exercise but requires ongoing thought and attention. Whilst now is a time to celebrate this achievement, rest assured we are also looking ahead, and remain committed to this important work.



School Champions

- October winners are:

Reading: Oscar (Leopard), Ajay (Kestrel), Alba (Buzzard

Kindness: Mateus (Owl), Reuben (Rabbit), Lia (Squirrel)

Maths: Haryn (Tiger), Deborah (Otter), Felix (Leopard)

Sustainability: Alex (Otter)



PTFA Events



It' s fireworks this coming Friday at the Junior School. Gates open at 5.30pm and close at 6.30pm ahead of the display at 7.00pm.

You can book your tickets by following the link below.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stokehillptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=115568