

May 2024



STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY

DATES

Fri 3rd—Oak cake sale

Mon 6th — Bank Holiday no school

Thurs 9th — Ladybird class assembly 9am

Fri 10th — Reception gymnastics morning

Fri 10th — Willow cake sale + PTFA second hand clothes sale after school in the hall

Tues 14th — Chaffinch trip to Stover Country Park

Thurs 16th — Bee class assembly 9am

Wed 22nd - Swift and Woodpecker trip to Stover

Thurs 23rd — Dragonfly class assembly

Friday 24th break up for half term

Tuesday 4th June Back to school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all our families had a lovely Easter holiday, despite the weather! There are certainly lots of signs of spring and summer around the school site and the children, as always, seem undeterred by the weather! We have an exciting term ahead of us with visitors, trips, sports days and transition all to look forward to.

This year, you will receive your child's report electronically via School Gateway on July 19th. This is in response to a consultation last year and in an attempt to save paper. Families will then find out their children's new teachers on Monday 8th July and they will meet them and spend time in their new classes on Thursday 11th July, including Year 2 visiting the Junior School. There will be many other transition activities planned in and some children who will need a more bespoke programme to prepare them for change. Your child's teacher will make you aware of this if this is the case for your child.

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: Talula, Reiza (Bee), George, Haider (Dragonfly), Vienna, Imogen (Ladybird), Lilian, Avara (Beech), Jasper, River (Oak), Isadora, Amelia (Willow), Lilly, Mimi-Peach (Chaffinch), Isla, Arlo C (Swift), Jack, Oliver (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Jacob, Henrik (Bee), Arlah, Elham (Dragonfly), Maya, Willow (Ladybird), Benjamin, Ariadne (Beech), Boran, Kenai (Oak), Yashvan, Nyah (Willow), Ruby, Eliza (Chaffinch), Ivy, Samuel (Swift), Agatha, Ephra (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Leena, Otto (Bee), Aniya, Erin (Dragonfly), Emery, Rory (Ladybird), Ivy, Eva (Beech), Blas, Lucia (Oak), Riyansh, Luke (Willow), Nabil, Viktoria (Chaffinch), Jamani, Austin (Swift), Orestes, James H (Woodpecker)

Wildlife Champions Day

A group of our Year 2 children took part in Devon Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Champion's Day before the Easter holidays. The day saw more than 70 children learning about our oceans and planting more than 300 trees. Thank you to Mrs Cox and Mrs Leisk for taking our group.



Federation photograph

On June 26th at the Junior School, Tempest, who usually take our school photographs, will be taking a large group photo of all of the children and staff in the Federation. This is a once in a school life opportunity and is planned to happen every seven years. It's very exciting to imagine the scaffolding going up to get everyone in one picture and I'm sure it's going to take some interesting planning! Mrs Hammerton-Jackson has shared the details with you last week, but when we have final arrangements we'll be contacting you.

Plastic Pirates—Reception

Last week, Alex from 'Recycling Devon' came to talk to us about how to look after our world, specifically about rubbish and "reduce, reuse, recycle". We spoke about where the waste from our different bins ends up; went on an adventure on her 'pirate ship' and heaved ho-ed to discover how rubbish, specifically plastic, affects animals and our planet. On our travels we saved a poor turtle with a plastic bag stuck round its neck and found a seagull who had made a nest out of plastic rubbish. We decided sticks were better and we went on a hunt for sticks to build a nest. We continued our travels and found a seal with rope stuck round it, which we saved. This has kick-started our topic 'Our Wonderful World'. The children responded brilliantly and learnt new ideas and facts as well as having brilliant suggestions.

What was your favourite part of plastic pirates?

Talula - "finding the treasure"

Maxi - "rowing in the sea"

Doris - "mine was the song, plastic is not fantastic, save our seas"

William - "when I got to be the helper"

Ruben - "finding the treasure"

Lia - "when we found the treasure"

Barnaby - "being a pirate"

Ruwayn - "unicorn of the sea (narwhal)"

Theo - "all of it"

Phonics Screening Check

Last Wednesday we welcomed Year 1 parents to learn more about the national phonics screening check for Year 1 children. Mrs Okey and Ms Hewlett shared lots of valuable information—thank you to those of you who came; if you weren't able to join us, a parent handout can be found on the school [website](#).



School Office Notices

Please be reminded that any absences should be reported to the school office by 9am each day. This can be done via the School Gateway app or by phone. Thank you for your help in saving valuable admin time.

School meals should be ordered via the app wherever possible. This can be done up to 3 weeks in advance.



Community News

We are pleased to inform you that we have had confirmation of works to improve and upgrade the Belisha Beacons on the Zebra Crossing outside the infant school.

The work will take place during the summer holidays and will include new LED Belisha Beacons, flashing wigwag lights and '20mph when flashing' signage.

These will match the new measures being installed further up the road for the Junior School.



Kaley from the nursery is undertaking the challenge of doing the Moonwalk in London alongside Stoke Hill mums Heather, Amy and Becky, all of whom have children in Willow class. On Saturday 18th May they will be walking 26.2 miles overnight through the streets of London to raise money for breast cancer. Nursery are having a guess the name of the teddy fundraising competition to support this. Good luck to Kaley and the other mums!

The PTFA are holding a second hand clothes sale on Friday 10th May in the Infant School Hall. 3:20pm-4pm

Do you want to sell some of your unwanted clothes (childrens' or adults') and keep the profit?!

To buy a table at the sale (£10 per table), please follow the link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stokehillptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=79241> You can set up your table from 3pm, keep all your takings (you might want to bring a float/some change). Any unsold items to be taken back by yourselves.