

October - 2024



STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY

DATES

Ladybird cake sale
October 4th

Mental Health Day
October 10th

PTFA meeting 9am
October 10th

Dragonfly cake sale
October 11th

Parent's Evening
14th and 16th
October 3.30-
6.00pm

Bee cake sale
18th October

PTFA Quiz
18th October

Flu immunisations
21st October

School Photographs
23rd October

Little Wandle for Y1
parents 2.30pm 23rd
October

Little Wandle for
Reception parents
2.30pm 24th October

Half Term
28th October – 1st
November

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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to the new school year. It has been lovely to see new and returning children and families settling into the new school year. At the start of the year we always have a big focus on our school rules of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We teach and remind children to use Kelso's choices to help them solve small problems and who the adults are in school that they can go to if they have a big problem.

Throughout the year, you will receive a newsletter each month, sharing key events, snippets of the children's learning, advice and signposting. This month I hope you spend a moment too looking at how we are leading our mental health support across the Federation and will join us in wearing an item of yellow on October 10th to mark World Mental Health Day.

As summer seems to have passed, please make sure your child has a coat in school with them at all times and that this, along with the rest of their belongings, is clearly labelled with their name so that lost property doesn't stay lost for long!

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: Hana, Olive (Bee), Sylvie, Freddie (Dragonfly), Cosmo, Zach (Ladybird), Naomi, Joyce, Pippa (Beech), Olivia, Alex, Izzy (Oak), Bea, Daisy, Gabi (Willow), Mahtab, Skye, Iliana (Chaffinch), Alex, Amelia, Nuala (Swift), Amelia, George, Ivy (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Alannah, Hassan (Bee), Ellie, Marlow (Dragonfly), Desiah, Obi (Ladybird), Thea, Rory, Elara (Beech), Oscar, Willow, Elham (Oak), Rona, Ben, Ruwayn (Willow), Ibrahim, Scarlett, Blas (Chaffinch), Isaac, Ayra, Nyah (Swift), Etienne, Tabitha, Avara (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Seb, Oakley (Bee), Skylar-Bleu, Senan (Dragonfly), Thea, Valentin (Ladybird), Finn, Spencer, Jacob (Beech), Mohamed, Oliver, Arwin (Oak), Jacob, Rufus, Bea (Willow), Quin, Millie, Jasper (Chaffinch), Martha, Riyansh, Lucas (Swift), Jaxson, Antec, Davide (Woodpecker)

Parent Teacher Interviews

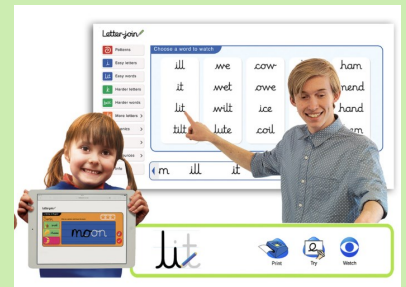
October 15th and 17th

There are two parents' evenings each year—one in the Autumn and one in the Spring. The first opportunity for parents to hear from their child's teacher about how they have started the year is coming up this month. The meetings take place in classrooms and we ask that parents wait outside until the time of their appointment. Each appointment is 10 minutes and if it appears the conversation needs to be longer, the teachers will arrange a separate time. It's our way of sticking to time for other parents, so they are not kept waiting.

School Improvement

You should have received information about this year's school improvement plan from Mrs Hammerton-Jackson. We encourage you to take a look so that you are familiar with what the school is focusing on and our journey of introducing and embedding new things.

This year we have introduced a new Federation handwriting scheme, Letterjoin, which continues all the way up to Y6. It supports fine motor skills and teaches consistent letter formation, then progressing into joining.



We are also introducing Mastering Number, which supports children's fluency in recalling number facts and provides them with a solid grounding for dealing with bigger numbers as they move forward.

You may never have heard the word rekenrek before—that's the small abacus-type manipulatives Mastering Number uses!

School Council

Miss Hearle has launched School Council in assembly this week. Y2 will be represented by last term's class reps and Y1 will nominate new councillors this week.

School council is an important part of teaching children about democracy, one of the key British Values. They learn about voting and that their voice is important.

The council meet regularly and have their say on a variety of school issues. Previously, they decided how we marked Comic Relief and Children in Need; they helped plan the summer fair and provided a pupil perspective for many aspects of school life.



School Office Notice

It is very helpful for you to pre order lunches on the Gateway App (before 8am each day). Please can you make sure you do this if you know your child will be missing at morning registration. Meals are prepared using the figure given to the kitchen after registration each morning so we can't always accommodate late arrivals if they haven't been pre-ordered, which may mean some children may not get their chosen meal.

Many thanks for your support.



Home Learning

Look out for information on this coming home this week but the key messages are:

Little Wandle books come home for reading after they have been read twice in school—this allows the children to share them with you with a focus on reading fluently.

MathsSeeds is the online maths programme we use in Key Stage 1 and is a precursor to Mathletics which is used at the Junior School. The children will be introduced to this soon and you will receive login details from their teacher

Mental Health at Stoke Hill

10th October 2024 is World Mental Health Day

Every year, thousands of schools, companies, and communities come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to Young Minds. In my role as Mental Health lead for the Federation I'm asking for your support. We'd love for as many staff and pupils to wear something yellow on this day and show their support for positive mental health. If you'd like to also donate to Young Minds, then that's your choice and you can do so by following the link <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>

Right now, the world is a tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better. Within our mission to make Stoke Hill a great place to learn, work and play we ensure inclusivity for all. It is our commitment and determination that all individuals will succeed and excel in all aspects of their learning. As senior mental health lead I strive to ensure the whole team embed positive mental health and wellbeing across our school culture to create an environment where pupils can thrive.

This World Mental Health Day, wear yellow with thousands of others across the UK and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Because we stand brighter, together.

In addition to wearing something yellow, our amazing Junior School Mental Health Ambassadors want your help and have a real treat planned!

They believe to help us all hold positive mental health in mind, they would love for Stoke Hill to have its very own mascot that stands for positive mental health and well-being for everyone. They would like children to draw a mascot, give it a name and state what animal it is. Entries must include their class and name. Votes to be posted in the red box next to Mrs Padbury's office.

The MHAs will then collate entries and we will choose a top 3 and then put it back out to the whole school to choose the winner.

Kind regards, Mrs Padbury

Junior School Assistant Headteacher and Federation Mental Health Lead



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In a bid to raise the profile of mental health and well-being at Stoke Hill we recognise there are many strands to supporting all partners within our school community. Whilst the education of children and young people is central to the work, we do we also recognise that to share support, ideas and resources extends to the families, parents and carers of our school community. On each monthly newsletter we will be drawing your attention to a series of short video clips (2 mins) and help cards that you may find of use. It may also be just the short video clip that helps towards maintaining that positive well-being that we all strive for. Below is a small sample, why not click on the link, it could be the most helpful 2 minutes for a while!

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

This month's top 3 are...

“How do I get my child to listen” “Problem solving with children” “Raising a resilient child”.

