

STOKE HILL JUNIOR



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DATES

July 6th
Parents notified of
new classes

July 9th
Children spend time
with their new
teacher

July 14th
Y6 Production
5.00pm

July 15th
Y6 Production
1.45pm

July 17th
School reports sent
home

July 20th
Y6 Leaver's Party
5.00pm

July 22nd
Y6 Leaver's Assem-
bly 9.00am

July 22nd
Last Day of Term

September 8th
Children return to
school

Dear Parents and Carers

We reach the final weeks of the school year and what a year it has been. I hope you have enjoyed reading about just a few things in the newsletters and hearing the children tell you all about their year at Stoke Hill through their class assemblies. It's an important week coming up. You will receive notification on Monday about your child's new teacher for next year and then they will spend time with them on Thursday. Take a moment to read later in the news letter about how the children have chosen new classroom names for next year.

Leading a school in the current education climate is exceptionally challenging and I have really appreciated the time some of you have taken to pass on your thanks and gratitude to myself and my staff recently.

The staff here go above and beyond in caring for the children and giving them the best chances to succeed and I am forever grateful to have such a wonderful team to lead. As our year 6 children and any other families move on at the end of the year, I want to wish you well and thank you for being a part of the Stoke Hill Family. Enjoy the holidays and stay safe. I look forward to welcoming you back to the school on **September 8th** for another year where you'll see that Stoke Hill really is...

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School

School Champions

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

Reading: Yashvan (3M), Avara (3W), Iliana (3B)

Kindness: Samiah (4DP), Alfie (4T), Abby (5B)

Maths: Sophia (6B), Sophia (6G), Peyton (4DP)

Sustainability: Oliver (6P), Emil (4DP), Conrad (6G), Helen (5J),

Bogi (5J)



New Class Names

As one school, but on two sites we asked the children about whether they wanted class names just like the Infants and they overwhelming did. The School Council gathered all 17 suggestions of types of class names and then each class voted for their top three. The children chose to continue the animal theme that they liked from the Infants and then final decisions were made by our current group of children who are representing their classes. It's going to take a bit of getting used to after it being different for so long, but soon it'll be like it's always been this way!

Year 3	Owl	Rabbit	Squirrel
Year 4	Badger	Fox	Otter
Year 5	Buzzard	Eagle	Kestrel
Year 6	Jaguar	Leopard	Tiger

Summer Fair Success

What a fantastic weekend we had at our PTFA Summer Fair! Blessed with glorious sunshine, the event was a wonderful celebration of our school community and was bigger and better than ever. The day included our inaugural Colour Run, which saw more than 220 participants take part in an afternoon full of colour, laughter and plenty of silliness. Thanks to the incredible support of our families and friends, and the sponsors The Thrive Collective, the Colour Run alone raised over £1,000.

The Summer Fair itself was buzzing with activity, featuring external stallholders, PTFA fair games, bouncy castles, martial arts demonstrations, face painting, tattoos, the ever-popular Pimms bus, a special visit from Batman and magic from Alex the Magician. We are delighted that the fair has already raised more than £2,000, with a few final donations and payments still to be counted. That is over £3,000 raised for the school in total on the day!

A **huge** thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, donated and took part – events like this simply could not happen without you. It was a truly special community event, and we look forward to sharing how the funds raised will benefit our school in the coming months.



Sports Day

On Tuesday we had another hotly contested set of events, with children choosing which races they wanted to take part in. This years overall family winners were the Grecians, with the Chiefs second and the Harriers third.

Below you can see the final positions in each year group. Well done to everyone.

Position	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st	3M	4T	5G	6P
2nd	3B	4DP	5J	6B
3rd	3W	4F	5B	6G

School Office Notices

School Meals - This is a reminder that from September 1st the price of a school meal will be £2.60. You will still be able to order in the usual way and the teachers will check the order with the children in the morning. The number of meals is up nearly 400 for the month of June compared to the same time last year and we are pleased to continue our work with Educatering into next year.

Green Flag Award

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the Junior School has been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award with Distinction! This is a fantastic achievement and recognizes the hard work that goes on at Stoke Hill as we try to make the world a little bit better. Mr Poustie has led a team, made up of staff, children and parents in gathering the evidence required to receive the award. You can read a little bit more about the award by following the link,



<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

Moving forward

The Green Team will continue its work next academic year

We will try to recruit more people from the school community onto the ECO Committee

Draw up an action plan that links some of the Federation's 'Climate Action Plan', to the ECO Schools Green Flag initiative.

Aim to maintain our Green Flag status next year.

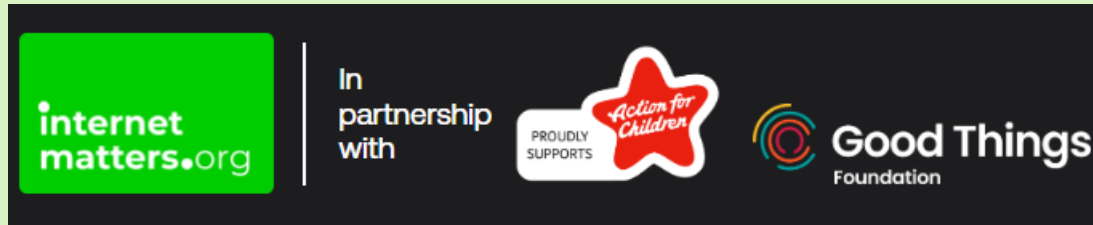
Out and About at Stoke Hill



Find the Right Words

Virgin Media and Internet Matters have released a wonderful new resource for parents/carers. Called 'Find the Right Words', the video and resources help with some of those difficult conversations about how to keep children safe online.:

<https://news.virginmediao2.co.uk/find-the-right-words/>



Switched On to Privacy

Privacy of information online is an area which is growing and growing, but it can also feel overwhelming. The UK Information Commissioner has created a great new portal for parents and caregivers giving support and advice around online privacy with sections on explaining privacy to children, choosing privacy settings, advice on how to start a conversation, case studies and more.

Link: [Kids vs grown-ups: what we really share online](#). (this is the introduction blog post including a few short videos).

Link: [Information Commissioner's Office - Switched On to Privacy](#). (this is the portal).



Roblox Kids and Roblox Select

Roblox have been making some big changes recently, and that now includes 'age-gating' so that children and young people get the experience according to their age. This means that there are now 3 types of Roblox accounts:

- Roblox Kids - for children 5-8 years.
- Roblox Select - for children 9-15 years.
- Roblox - for anyone 16+.

For any users that have not completed an age check, they will be put into the youngest users category and parents can update or correct a child's age through a linked account. The link below will take you to a simplified breakdown of the different accounts.

Link: [What are Roblox Kids and Roblox Select?](#)

