

STOKE HILL JUNIOR

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May 2025

DATES

1st May
School Closed

2nd May
8.55am
4DP Assembly

5th May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

6th May
2.45 Parent Pop In

9th May
8.55am
4T Assembly

W/B May 12th
Y6 National Tests

16th May
8.55am
4G Assembly

20th May
5.00pm
Y5 Production

21st May
1.45 pm
Y5 Production

22nd May
PTFA Cake Sale

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term is always a strange one with a number of weeks shortened by Bank Holidays or other events that mean the school has been closed. However the children are following in our monthly value of resilience and showing that despite changes to routines, it's very much school as normal.

We've got year 4 class assemblies, a year 5 production and the postponed Rock Steady music concert all coming up over the next few weeks, which provide opportunities for the children to showcase their talents and skills.

A reminder that next Tuesday (6th) is our final Parent Pop In of the school year. We'll open the gates at 2.45pm and you are welcome to come and see your child's work. Please remember that the teachers will be supervising children whose parents aren't able to come and therefore if there is something you need to talk to your child's teacher about, please arrange another time with them.

In a couple of weeks the year 6 children will be taking their National Tests, more commonly known as SATs. There is always a lot of publicity around these tests in the media, but I wanted to acknowledge the hard work that the children and their teachers have put in to be ready. They assess where children's learning is at, at this transitional point in their education and test the skills the children have learnt over the last 4 years in reading, writing and maths. We know that every child's learning is different and we promote the mindset of you can only try your hardest and give it your best, something all year 6 children are doing. Well done to them and good luck.

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School



School Champions

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

Reading: Mariah (5J), Laura (4DP)

Writing: Natalie (5AM), Marnie (4T)

Maths: Albert (3M), Kamran (5W)



Good Bye and Good Luck

It's good luck to Year 6 teacher, **Mr Mead**, who will be leaving us in a couple of weeks to take up a new senior leadership position at Alphington Primary School. Mr Mead has worked at the school for the last 10 years since he qualified and has had a huge impact on the many children he has worked with and I know his current class will miss him. Mrs Gribble will be teaching 6M for the rest of the year. We wish him well as he takes on this promotion and I'm sure he'll pop back and see us.

After working at the school for 35 years, **Mrs Lawrence**, one of our Mealtime Assistants will be retiring at half term. Her dedication to caring and looking after literally thousands of children is an example to us all. Now it's time for her to think about herself and celebrate a well earned retirement. Thank you Dawn for everything you have done for Stoke Hill.

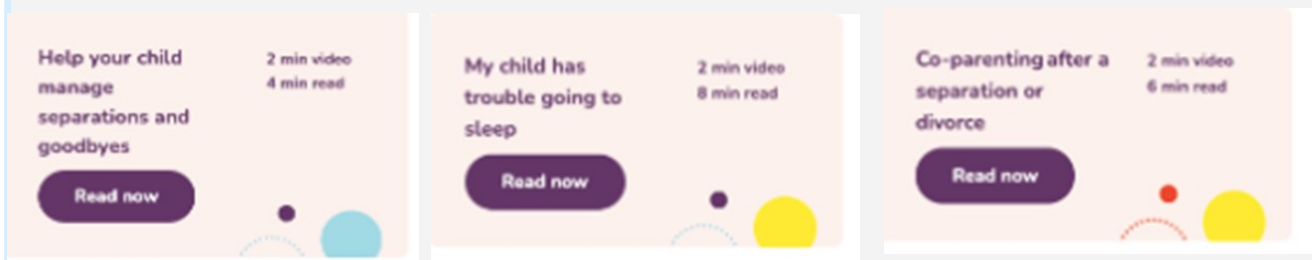
Mental Health Support

This month in a bid to continue our support of mental health and well-being we would like to draw your attention to the following three video clips (2 mins) along with help cards that you may find of use. It could be just the short video clip that helps towards maintaining that positive well-being that we all strive for..

1. Co-parenting after a separation or divorce.
 2. My child has trouble going to sleep.
- Help your child manage separation and goodbyes.

Parenting Smart- Series of Short Videos and Help Cards. <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

All these and many more are available via the link and school website.



Please see details of the upcoming PTFA Quiz Night. It's always a fun night and raises funds to help the children across the Federation.

Follow the link below to get your tickets.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stokehillptfa/>



School Office Notice

We are delighted that since working with Educatering, we have seen an increase in the number of children have a school meal, but also more importantly a reduction in the amount of waste. Our kitchen staff are enjoying developing their skills and producing the best quality meals we can for the children.



Remember you can order your child's meal via the app.

Federation Working

We enjoyed welcoming the youngest members of the Federation from Nursery to the Junior School to work with our eldest children in year 6. Some members of our Green Team spent time in the polytunnel working in the school kitchen garden. There was a fantastic carousel of activi-



ties including; planting sunflower seeds, a bug and bird hunt and the sorting activity of plants and vegetables we can eat.



Around the Junior School



School Uniform Reminders

As we begin summer term, we wanted to remind you about our school uniform expectations.

Year 3 and Year 4

Jade sweatshirt with school logo
Jade or white polo shirt
Jade cardigan
Green and white checked dress (summer)
Grey/black pinafore, shorts, skirt or trousers
Green and white checked skirt (summer)
Black shoes
Sandals (summer)

Year 5 and Year 6

As above with the option of a black sweatshirt with school logo

PE Kit

White t-shirt (available with school logo)
Track suit top (optional for outdoor PE)
Black shorts or track suit bottoms
Trainers (outdoor PE)

You will have been notified which day your child comes to school in their PE kit, please check your child has the correct kit on. No sports teams shirts are permitted and wearing denim or school boots will not enable your child to take part easily.

We want to work with parents and children, so please do not be offended if your child's teacher reminds you of the expectations.

Where to buy?

Our basic uniform items can be purchased reasonably at any of the supermarkets. The Stoke Hill Federation sweatshirt, polo shirt and PE t-shirt can all be purchased at Thomas Moore, Fore Street, Exeter or via their website: www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

At Stoke Hill Federation we are passionate about the planet and recycling uniform is a great way to do this. We hold a Pre-loved Uniform Sale twice per term, at the entrances to the schools in the week before each half term or end of term. Items are all in good condition. If you do not regularly drop off or pick up, you can email the admin teams with a clear message about what you are looking for e.g. "I'd like to buy a pair of boys grey trousers, age 5-6," and we will do our best to find it for you and send it home with your child.

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