

February 2024



STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY

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DATES

1st Feb 9am
EYFS Coffee
Morning:
Introduction
to Speech
and
Language

Week
beginning
12th
February—
half term

26th and 28th
February—
Parents'
Evenings

Looking ahead

Tues 5th
March—
Beech class
assembly

Tues 12th
March—
Willow class
assembly

Tues 19th
March—Oak
class
assembly

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy looking through the newsletter this month and reading about some fantastic things that have been going on.

I would like to draw your attention to page 5 this month, which shares with you some excellent support networks that parents may wish to engage with, either now or in the future.

After some very successful events last term, the PTFA have raised funds that are now being put back into resources for the school which is fantastic—thank you for all your support and to the PTFA for all their hard work. The good news is, they are busy planning more exciting events:

- The cake sales continue to be a huge success. Thank you to all the classes who have baked/brought and helped at the cake sales we couldn't do this without you.
- Stay & Play in partnership with Wellbeing Exeter and Stoke Hill Federation - details on page 4
- Inaugural Quiz Night! - Friday 1st March - St James Church Hall. Come together as parents, teachers and friends for a **grown-ups only** quiz night—details on page 4.

Book here: [Stoke Hill PTFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

More information on page 4.

Only one more week until half term—enjoy the break!

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: Reiza, (Bee), Elham, (Dragonfly), Jacob, (Ladybird), Frankie, (Beech), Iliana, (Oak), Eid, (Willow), Viktoria, (Chaffinch), Poppy, (Swift), Ted, (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Lia, (Bee), Oscar, (Dragonfly), Emery, (Ladybird), Eva, (Beech), Lucia, (Oak), Chimdire, (Willow), Max, (Chaffinch), Lily, (Swift), Matilda, (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Callum, (Bee), Amelia, (Dragonfly), Ben, (Ladybird), Antek, (Beech), Ellie, (Oak), Ezra, (Willow), Kelsie, (Chaffinch), Rowan, (Swift), Asmaa, (Woodpecker)

Rock Steady Music Launch

There was much excitement on January 12th when we launched our new partnership with Rock Steady Music School and we're delighted with how many children are already signed up.

The hall was buzzing with future rock stars—lead and bass guitar, vocals, drums and keyboards.

Lessons start after half term.



Safer Internet Day—6th February

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Our work at the Infant School focuses on how to stay safe online and what to do if you're worried.

Parent Teacher Interviews

After half term, we have the next opportunity for parents to hear from their child's teacher about how they are getting on at school—**February 26th and 28th**. The meetings take place in classrooms and we ask you to wait outside until your appointment time. 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. This is the second and final formal parent teacher meeting opportunity of the year—written reports will be sent home at the end of the summer term. Information about booking appointments will be sent out next week.

SWIFT CLASS ONLY—PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE 26th and 27th. (not 28th).

Storytelling in Reception

Last week in Reception, we had Katy Cawkwell, a local Storyteller, come to visit. She brought with her a magical bag full of objects for stories she had collected from around the World. Our first story was a twist on the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood. This story was about a red fox, grey wolf, brown bear, skinny granny, and a pumpkin! The second story was based on a Chinese folk tale and was about a pearl, a boy and his mum and a dragon. The children listened carefully and are enthusiastic about retelling the stories. Thank you for your donations which paid for this fantastic opportunity.

After half term we have invited 'Really Wild Learning' to bring in their amazing animals, also funded by contributions made by Reception families in the Autumn term. If you've already donated, thank you, if not, it's never too late to contribute to support the 'enrichment' experiences we can offer—please go to the School Gateway app to donate.



School Office Notice

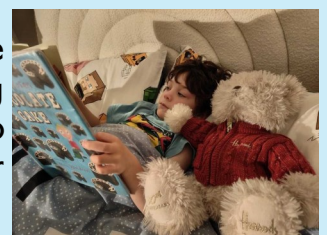
It is very helpful for you to pre order lunches on the Gateway App (before 8am each day) - we ask all families to do this wherever possible. This is particularly important if you know your child will be late—meals are prepared using the figure given to the kitchen after registration each morning so we 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.

Reading for Pleasure

Each Friday our Year 1's have been taking it in turns to enjoy sharing our fabulous story sacks with their grown ups at home. Each sack contains a fiction and non fiction book, a cuddly teddy and a tasty hot chocolate treat! Look at these wonderful pictures of our super Year 1's getting all cosy and reading for pleasure.

There is a wonderful independent bookshop in Crediton called the The Bookery. This community-owned book shop provides pioneering projects supporting literacy, community well-being and access to cultural opportunities for all. This is all funded by sales from their bookshop and website.

Each year a team of volunteers read hundreds of children's books and choose a set of **Top Titles** with a range of themes and cultural and gender diversity to promote Reading for Pleasure. To find out more about this wonderful book shop and to see their chosen titles visit their website <https://thebookery.org.uk/>



Teams of up to 6

Grown ups only

Prize for the Best Dressed Table

Stoke Hill PTFA Quiz Night

Friday 1st March

Doors open 7pm

St James' Church Hall

Licensed Bar

£5 per person



BOOK HERE [Stoke Hill PTFA \(pta-even ts.co.uk\)](https://pta-even ts.co.uk)

No team? No problem, we'll find you a spot!



Play together!
Get moving!
Have fun!



Stoke Hill Federation Family Stay & Play sessions

- Find out about the benefits of 'Stay & Play'
- Play games with your child
- Tell us what you need
- Share your ideas

What would you like to see happen at your Stay & Play sessions?



Gentle movement?



Flexibility?



Games?

Free taster/sign up session
Tuesday 6th February
3.30pm - 4pm at the Infant school

Find out about how you can help

This event is hosted by Wellbeing Exeter's Community Physical Activity Organiser, Rhian Hawthorne and Community Builder, Ebbie Peters



Staying Healthy | Illness | Feelings | Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource for learning about health

Games | Activities | Quizzes

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Psst! Parents!
As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk/Devon

Follow us: Health for Kids: Grownups healthforkidsgrownups @HealthforKids!

ChatHealth
Text a school nurse for confidential advice and support
07520 631721

Or scan the QR code for further service contact details.

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IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR CARER

You can text a Health Visitor on
07520 631 721

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

CHILD HEALTH & MENTAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH
ADJUSTING TO SLEEP & FEEDING ROUTINES
PARENTING
TOILETING CONTINENCE
FAMILY HEALTH

Text us for confidential advice & support

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App coming soon

TRIPLE P FOR LGBT+ PARENTS OF CHILDREN 2-12

Triple P is programme that teaches parenting skills. This 8 week course is for LGBT+ parents of 2-12 year olds

WEEKLY
Thursday 22nd February - Thursday 11th April
6.30pm-8.30pm

For more details and to book your place, check our Eventbrite:

Talk to us
0800 612 3010
(free from UK mobiles & landlines)
helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk

Intercom Trust
Supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans+ people across the South West
Registered Charity Number: 1174828

Free Solihull Approach online courses, for all parents and parents-to-be

- Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenager's brain

These courses are for everyone who wants to be the best mum, dad, grandparent, carer that they can be. The Solihull Approach aims to improve emotional health and wellbeing by supporting relationships. The courses are written by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services professionals with other health and education workers. They are evidence based and accredited by the Department for Education. Together, we are aiming to change the culture around parents' self-development, while improving children's wellbeing at the same time. A smoother home life is good for concentration, learning and performance at school. To access the course please click here - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-online-courses-for-parents/> Free access code is TAMAR.