



# STOKE HILL JUNIOR

## AUTUMN TERM, ISSUE 2

November 2022

### DATES

6MK Assembly  
11th November -  
8.55am

Federation  
Fireworks Display  
11th November  
7.00pm

Children in Need  
18th  
November

6AE Assembly  
18th November -  
8.55am

6M Assembly  
25th November -  
8.55am

Autumn Music  
Concert  
29th November  
5.00pm

Parent Pop In  
30th November  
2.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers

The first half term has now been and gone and the children have no doubt had a good rest over the half term. There are lots of exciting things coming up over the next few weeks as we lead up to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has embraced the new forms of communication and we hope that after a few teething problems, you are now seeing how easy it is to stay in touch with the school and find out what is going on. If you still haven't, please download to your phones the School Gateway App.

Technology is great, but it was lovely to see so many of you face to face to meet with your child's teacher just before half term. I appreciate that we don't see many of you, because your children are getting older and sometimes they walk home by themselves or meet you at the Infant School, which makes these opportunities even more important to try and attend.

It takes terrible weather for us to keep the children in and so ensuring they have a warm, waterproof jacket or coat with them is crucial over the coming weeks and months. In a similar way on the day that your child comes to school dressed for PE, they are fine to wear tracksuits and other clothing that keeps them warm, but I must again ask for you to ensure that children are wearing their white t-shirt (logo or not) which is part of their kit. There should be no sports shirts worn as alternatives.

Finally our year 6 children are on their residential to Heatree, which is on Dartmoor this week. It's a bit scary being away from home for the first time (or letting them go for the first time!), but I know the staff will ensure they have a Stoke Hill memory forever.

Jamie Sullivan  
Head of School

### School Champions

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

Reading: Elsie (3C), Maurice (6AE), Merryn (5J)

Writing: Isaac (6AE), Annabel (3C), Miley (4W)

Maths: Mingyeol (3P), Ellis (4G), Millie (5P)



## Off to a flying start

### Stoke Hill Football Team

Just before half term our school football team played their first matches of the season. There are so many children that are wanting to take part that we will be changing the team for each set of matches. It was a successful start for this group of children with them beating Trinity 2-1, with Zygmunt and Joel scoring and then following this up with a hard fought 1-0 over Willowbrook, Kaleb scoring the winning goal. Thank you to Mrs Padbury for taking the children and we'll keep you updated with future results.



## Congratulations

### BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Mr Mead and his wife on the birth of their third child on October 18th. Ezra James Mead was born late morning on the 18th, with the whole family doing well.

It's a double celebration with news that Miss Osborne and her partner have had their first child.

Theodore Jesse Bright, lovingly known as Ted was born on October 26th at 16.14, weighing 7lb 2oz. We can't wait to have the chance to see them both and have cuddles!



### Children in Need



Our Federation will once again be supporting Children in Need, which this year is on Friday 18th November.

We will be following the spots theme and children can come dressed in clothes with spots on or decorate their uniforms.

If you don't want to do this, then why not come dressed in your pajamas or onesie? Perhaps put a few spots on them too.

### Children in Need

Remember this is all about having fun and raising some money for a good cause.

We are asking for children to bring a £1 donation to come dressed in their own clothes.

The children will take part in class activities but will be able to buy cakes for 20p or 50p at breaktimes.



### School Office Notice

ParentMail has now finished and the school has fully moved over to School Gateway. If you haven't yet downloaded the app, please do so as a matter of urgency. This is the fastest way that school keeps in contact with you.

Any further payments to ParentMail will be lost and we will not be able to recover them for you, because our account will be closed.

Please report absences as early as you can on the first day of absence. This can be done through the app. Knowing where all children are is part of our safeguarding policy, so please save us time and report it as soon as possible.



### I didn't know that!

I love it when children just come and tell me a random fact that they have found out, here are some of the best supplied by Lilah, Erin and Freya from year 5.

- The world record for solving a Rubik's cube is 3.47 seconds.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- It rains diamonds on Jupiter and Saturn.
- A horned lizard shoots blood from its eyes as a form of defense.



## Community News

### Firework Display

We are delighted to be able to run a Fireworks Display once again at the Junior School on November 11th.

Tickets are available by scanning the QR code on the poster opposite or on the attached document or by following the link the bottom of the page.

One thing that we ask is that if you live next to or close by somebody who may have pets, but no connection to the school, can you politely let them know in advance. We will be doing a flyer drop after half term, but there is no substitute for word of mouth and helping us to build the positive image of the school with the local community.



at

Fri 11th Nov	ADULTS £6 KIDS £4 LIMITED TICKETS	Bring cash for refreshments
	Gates Open 5:45pm Fireworks at 7pm	
Don't forget your torch!	Cakes / Drinks / Sweets / Community fun	



Tickets are available  
to purchase via this QR code

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stoke-hill-infants-and-junior-school-fireworks-tickets-439575611487?fbclid=IwAR24h\\_tel791Bo6883d-eCayCh-dzbPz77NAVz906ho6wKLIODQ5KFvNnOU](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stoke-hill-infants-and-junior-school-fireworks-tickets-439575611487?fbclid=IwAR24h_tel791Bo6883d-eCayCh-dzbPz77NAVz906ho6wKLIODQ5KFvNnOU)





**National  
Online  
Safety**

## 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

**#WakeUpWednesday**

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**1**



**Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

**Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY. ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



**2**

**3**



**How does this game/app work?  
Can I play?**

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

**Do you have any online friends?**

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



**4**

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**Do you know where to go for help?**

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

**Do you know what your personal information is?**

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



**6**

**7**



**Do you know your limits?**

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.