



# STOKE HILL JUNIOR

## AUTUMN TERM, ISSUE 22

November 2024

### DATES

Year 4 Swimming  
begins  
5th November

6B Class  
Assembly

8th November  
8.55am

PTFA Fireworks  
8th November  
7.00pm

Cross Country  
8th November

Children in Need  
15th November

6P Class  
Assembly

15th November  
8.55am

6M Class  
Assembly

22nd November  
8.55am

Autumn Concert  
26th November

Parent Pop In  
28th November  
2.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all of our families after the half term break, I hope you all had a chance to relax and have a break from the rigors of morning school routines.

The next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas are always exciting and looking through the school calendar, there is a lot to look forward to. Please spend some time looking through this month's newsletter to find out more, whilst also taking time to note some information linked to mental health and internet safety. I hope you find it all useful.

The wonderful PTFA are putting the finishing touches to the fireworks display at the Junior School on Friday night. They have dropped hundreds of leaflets into local homes, but please help them spread the word too. If you have a neighbour with an animal or know they may be affected by the fireworks, then please just remind them that the fireworks start at 7.00pm, so they can take the necessary precautions.

Friday is going to be a busy one, with our first class assembly from 6B and also 32 children taking part in the Killerton Cross Country, whilst year 5 and 6 children link up with the university to learn all about their digital futures. As we head into the term, we've got more year 6 assemblies, a year 4 production, a music concert and a chance for you to 'pop in' and let your children share their work with you to name but a few.

Finally next Monday, is November 11th and children will be stopping in school at 11.00am, along with the rest of the nation to pay their respects on Remembrance Day with a 2 minute silence.

Jamie Sullivan  
Head of School



### School Champions

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

Reading: Ramona (3C), Noor (3M), Jonah (3C)

Writing: Merial (5J), Imogen (4DP), Theodore (5J)

Maths: Ed (6P), Freya (5W), Lily (6B)



## Community News



### Do you want to be part of the Big Exeter Christmas Carol Service?

When: Monday 9th December.

Where: St James Park Football Stadium.

Times and Ticket info: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start and entry is free - you don't need a ticket!

There will be carols, performances, a very short talk and lots of mince pies. We would love to see you there & please invite your friends, family and neighbours too!

If you would like to get involved in any way, donations of mince pies would be very welcome! We would like enough to give to everyone – which would be about 3000 mince pies - and any spare will be donated to food banks.

## Fireworks Night

The PTFA have worked so hard on one of the highlight events of the school year. This Friday the Junior School will be hosting the annual fireworks display. The event is a sell out and no tickets will be available to buy on the night, so please do not just turn up hoping to get in. A couple of important reminders,

- Gates open at 6.00pm
- Fireworks start at 7.00pm
- Please ensure that your tickets are printed or can be scanned on a mobile device
- Remember to bring a torch - it'll be dark

## Internet Safety

**We continue to advise children and their families on how to keep up to date and safe whilst using different aspects of the internet. You may well have seen, over half term, the NSPCC report with regards to concerns over the use of Snapchat. We know that some children use this at the school and as parents you may feel pressured to allowing your child onto this site. You can read the report by following this link. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cze3p1j710ko>**

## Mental Health at Stoke Hill

At the end of the first half term, we can reflect on the work we have done so far in supporting children's health and wellbeing. Thank you so much to all our families that supported World Mental Health Day through our Hello Yellow Day. Funds raised for Young Minds will make a difference. We hope that you found the parent help guides suggested in last month's Newsletter useful.

This month we would like to draw your attention to a further 3 short video clips (2 mins) and help cards. It may also be just the short video clip that helps towards maintaining that positive well-being that we all strive for.

"The importance of limits and consequences"

"Supporting healthy gaming habits for children"

"Helping your child develop talents"

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

## School Office Notice

Thank you to all parents that updated their contact details at the recent Parent's Evening. If you took your details home to amend, then please return them to the school office.

If you were unable to attend and your details have changed, then please call the school office to update them. The worst moment is when a child is ill or injured and needs to go home, but we have a number that is unavailable.



## Children in Need—Friday 15th November

On this day children can support this cause by either wearing something spotty or decorating their uniforms with spots. We'll be talking to the children more in school about this annual fundraising event, but if you would like to donate to Children in Need, please click on the link below.

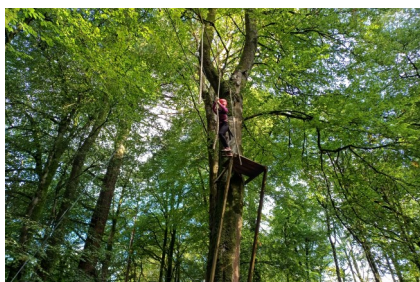
<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



## Year 6 Heatree Gallery



A slightly different theme this month, with pictures from the year 6 trip to Heatree House. Hopefully this will give you a small flavour of the wonderful time the children have and for younger children, what they can look forward to in the coming years.




## Attendance at Stoke Hill

At Stoke Hill we understand that children will get ill from time to time and that they may need to be off school. We believe in working with families to make you aware of any concerns that are rising from absence and the impact it can have.

Each half term members of the senior leadership teams, our family support worker and assistant SEN-CO meet and look at all children's attendance and lateness from across the Federation. This is an on-going process from one term to another and where concerns are, we may choose to contact you by phone or issue a letter of concern. In most cases this leads to improved attendance and arriving at school on time. However where this doesn't improve senior leaders meet with our Attendance Improvement Officer. Stoke Hill's Officer is Karen Sims, who meets with senior leaders and leads the meeting by raising concerns she has over some children's absence.


At our last termly meeting, she shared with us the table below that Devon have produced to show the impact that absence can have over a 5 year period. It's quite interesting how quickly it all adds up.



### Attendance

80% - 90% in a test is excellent and generally good news!  
The danger is that we feel the same way about attendance until it is explained.

90% attendance is equivalent to missing half a day every week (approx. 2.5 hours of learning).  
80% attendance is equivalent to missing a whole day every single week (approx. 5 hours of learning).  
If attendance is 90% from Year 1 to 6 then this is equivalent to missing half a year of school.  
If attendance is 80% from Year 1 to 6 then this is equivalent to missing an entire year of school.



Attendance %	Missed Days	Missed Weeks	Days Missed Over 5 years	Weeks Missed Over 5 years	Annually	Hours of Learning Missed (approx.)	Impact over 5 years
100%	0	0	0		Excellent	0	None
99%	1.9	0.38	9.5	1.9	Very Good	9.5	
98%	3.8	0.76	19	3.8	Very Good	19	
97%	5.7	1.14	28.5	5.7	Very Good	28.5	
96%	7.6	1.52	38	7.6	Good	38	
95%	9.5	1.9	47.5	9.5	National Average	47.5	1/4 of year missed
94%	11.4	2.28	57	11.4	Below National Average	57	
93%	13.3	2.66	66.5	13.3	Below National Average	66.5	Approx 1/3 year missed
92%	15.2	3.04	76	15.2	Requires Improvement	76	
91%	17.1	3.42	85.5	17.1	Requires improvement/worrying	85.5	
90%	19	3.8	95	19	Cause for concern	95	1/2 Year missed
89%	20.9	4.18	104.5	20.9	Serious concern	104.5	
85%	28.5	5.7	142.5	28.5	Major issue	142.5	
80%	38	7.6	190	38	Significant impact on outcomes	190	Whole Year missed
75%	47.5	9.5	237	47.5	Significant impact on outcomes	237.5	1 ¼ year missed