



STOKE HILL JUNIOR

January 2024

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DATES

PTFA Meeting @
Infant School
9.00am
11th January

Spring Learning
Letters sent out
12th January

4B Class
Assembly
19th January
8.55am

4DPClass
Assembly
26th January
8.55am

4G Class
Assembly
2nd February
8.55am

Year 5 Sleeping
with Sharks Trip
8th/9th February

Half Term
12th - 16th
February

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to school after the holiday period. I hope that you all had a lovely break and were able to do lots of nice things. It's been amazing to hear some of the fantastic things the children did and of course the excitement of those 'special presents'.

This month's newsletter is a mixture between reflecting on the many things that happened in December and looking forward to events coming up this term, so I hope you enjoy reading it.

It's certainly been incredibly wet over the last few weeks and with the high winds blowing all sorts of debris around the site, some of our paths can be a little slippery at the moment, so please take extra care and leave yourselves a bit of extra time.

It was great that Mrs Hammerton-Jackson was able to share with you news that we will finally be getting a new crossing outside of the school, as yet we don't have any further news on when, but we'll keep you updated.

Please ensure that all children bring a warm coat to school over the coming weeks that has their name in. I appreciate that with some of our older children this might be a battle in the mornings, but please get them to bring it and then we can keep the children outside at breaks and lunchtimes as much as possible.

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School

School Champions

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

Reading: Zamzam(6T), Reuben (6M), Elliot (3M)

Writing: Jaida(5W), Wiktor (3B), Lilly (4DP)

Maths: Matthew (4B), William (5J), Joseph (3C)



Year 5 Production

It's been a while since we had a pantomime performed and the year 5 children did not disappoint. Over 70 children wanted a speaking part and it is credit to the year 5 teachers for making this happen by adjusting the script. We hope you all enjoyed it and the opportunity to participate in the show. I'm so proud and impressed with the bravery and talent that we have and it is definitely one of the things we lost out on through the covid times—but we're back!



Sports Update

Dance Troop Perform

13 children who have attended dance club each week during the term took to the stage along with several other schools at the Corn Exchange to share a brilliant performance. Mrs Alam, Miss Welsh and Miss Jones were so proud of the children who all did fantastic.



Football Team Update

Our school team have qualified by finishing 4th for the next round of the EFL Cup (final is at Wembley) and in the Exeter Schools League have now won 6 out of 6 matches, letting in just 1 goal along the way. They've got another 8 matches left to see if they qualify for the semi-finals. Good luck to them and all of our sports teams in 2024.

Year 4 Trip to Magdalen Farm

Year 4 parents will shortly be receiving information on the 2 night residential to Magdalen Farm in Chard. We went for the first time last year and it was brilliant, the children didn't stop with so many activities. Unfortunately it is a couple of weeks earlier this year which means less time to make the payments, but we don't want this to be a barrier. We didn't want to put this out before Christmas, but acknowledge that finances may be a problem for some families, so please come and talk to us and let's work together to allow the children to have a brilliant time.



School Office Notice

School Lunches:

Thank you to all parents that are taking advantage of the opportunity to order your child's lunch online. Teachers confirm the choice with the children before the order is prepared. However we are noticing that an increasing number of children aren't sure what the meal is and then want to change at the serving hatch. This has led to some children having to wait while extra food is prepared or offered alternatives. Please make sure your child knows what and likes the meal you have ordered.



SMART WATCHES

A further reminder that if your child has a SMART watch, we ask you to consider whether it is appropriate for them to be wearing it to school. I know that there are many different versions, but they can be a very expensive item to be brought to school, should they get damaged via a fall or lost, when taken off for PE. Furthermore an important way we safeguard the children is ensuring our systems filter anything inappropriate on the web, but these watches may bypass this and also they allow children to message each other, which is not permitted. We don't want to stop children wearing them, but if used incorrectly they will be taken from the child and you will be asked to collect the watch. Let's let the teachers teach, rather than have to use time on this item.



Christmas at the Junior School



At this time of year, there are lots of illnesses about and we wanted to take the opportunity to share some useful information.

The NHS website has lot of clear and useful information

<https://patient.info/childrens-health>

and

<https://onedevon.org.uk/our-work/services-and-support/children-and-young-people/handi-app/>

is a good handy app that patients can download and has lots of useful information on childhood illness.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.