



STOKE HILL JUNIOR

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DATES

Y5 Trip

Sleeping with
Sharks

5th/6th February

Y6 National Child
Measurements

9th February

Cake Sale

12th February

Half Term Holidays

16th—20th
February

Parent Teacher
Interviews

3rd + 5th March

World Book Day
5th March

Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to not mention the weather and just how wet it has been in January. I know that it has meant that school runs have been a bit difficult and so thank you for ensuring the children have been prepared for the conditions and arrived on time each day.

It has also been lovely to see the children in the correct PE kits, since we had a reset and we hope that this has made it easier for parents and eliminated pressures around having fashion branded items. It also helps with the sense of equality and belonging. Our new end of the day collection arrangements are working well and ensure that communication between teachers and parents is now easier and for our year 4 and 5 parents you've even got extra shelter from the rain - you've certainly needed it.

Last week we hosted an evening where the Federation outlined our new approach to SEND and Inclusion and the reasons for this. You should all have received some information from the evening, if you were unable to attend and each family has had a copy of the flyer brought home by their eldest child. I'm going to draw your attention to page 4 of this newsletter, where the structure has once again been shared, but also take note of the new contact email, which has been set up to enable you to receive responses to your requests more promptly.

Jamie Sullivan

Head of School

School Champions

The following children received school awards in reading, kindness, maths and sustainability during the last month:

Reading: Matilda (4F), Umaiza (5B), Eddie (3M), Anya (6B)

Kindness: Lucas (4DP), Austin (6G), Austin (4T), Ava (6G)

Maths: Adam (6B), Flora(3M), Aerin (5G), Ellie (3B)

Sustainability: Eleni (5B) Matilda (4F), Helen (5J)



Parent Teacher Interviews

As in previous years these important meetings take place during the same week across the Federation. At the Junior School parents are invited to book to see their child's teacher on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March.

You will receive the booking link at 6.00pm on Monday February 23rd (first day back after half term). If you have any problems booking a slot then please contact the school office, who will be able to help.

Teachers will be sharing with you a new style mid-year report as we move towards a new look report at the end of the year. As in previous years these will be emailed, but we thought you'd like to get a flavour of what it will look like.

Internet Safety Day

As part of Safer Internet Day (February 10th), this year, the children will be working on age related activities that focus on AI and how to stay safe, be smart and be in control of this aspect of the internet. Our Computer Lead, Mr McKimm, has coordinated a range of activities to assist the children in their understanding.



Year 6 Evacuee Day

As part of their World War II topic the year 6 children dressed up as evacuees for the day. They learnt what it felt like to be evacuated to Exeter from a big city, thinking about what they would take, who their new families were and what life was like at this time.



Mental Health

Whether your new year resolutions are in the gym or in the bin- we might have something just right for you in terms of helping keep the whole family on track with our monthly mental health and well-being recommendations:

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

My child is anxious 2 min video
8 min read

Read now

Healthy habits for parenting 2 min video
6 min read

Read now

My child says "I hate you!" 2 min video
5 min read

Read now

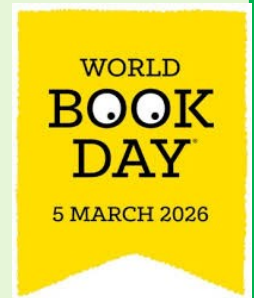
Office News

We would like to remind parents that if you make us aware that your child will be in late e.g. dentist appointment, please tell us at the time whether they require a main meal, or order it through the app. We have to confirm meal numbers with our kitchen shortly after the school day begins and regret that we can't then add meals after this point.

World Book Day- Thursday 5th March

It's not long until World Book Day. There are different activities the children will take part in during the day. If they would like to dress up and you are happy for them to do so, then this link may give you some ideas.

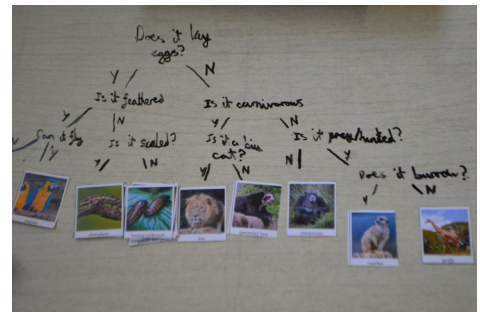
<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>



Around the Junior School



There has been a wide range of learning going on across the school during January. Here are a few pictures just to give you a flavour.



SEND and Inclusion at Stoke Hill

Our dedicated Inclusion Team supports teachers to meet every child's academic, social and emotional needs, helping to make our school a place where everyone can flourish.

Our Head of SEND and Inclusion leads the Inclusion Team to meet the needs of all children identified as having barriers to learning. We coordinate, monitor and review provision across both schools by working closely with the Senior Federation Leadership Team.

Our Family Support Worker and Assistant SENDCo complete the Inclusion Team as we work as one federation team to support you and your children throughout their time at Stoke Hill.

Our Assistant Heads of School are our SEND and Inclusion Leads in both the Infant and Junior School. They have the privilege of working closely with children, families and staff to make sure that all learners have the support they need to reach their full potential.

We know that parents and carers play a huge role in their child's journey, and we value working in partnership with you. If you ever have any concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing, the first person to speak to is your child's class teacher. They will listen carefully, offer support where needed, and keep you updated on any changes or next steps. If extra help is needed, the class teacher will involve the Inclusion Team so we can plan the right support together - always putting your child's needs at the centre of our decisions.

a place where
every child is
seen,
heard
& **celebrated.**

"Every child belongs,
every child matters."



Head of SEND
and Inclusion



Emily Hearle
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