

STOKE HILL JUNIOR

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March 2024

DATES

7th March
World Book Day

5W Class
Assembly

8th March
8.55am

Year 4 Residential
11th—15th March
Red Nose Day

5J Class
Assembly
15th March
8.55am

Year 3 Production
19th March
5.00pm

Year 3 Production
20th March
2.00pm

5P Class
Assembly
22nd March
8.55am

Last day of term
27th March

Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely that the mornings are getting lighter and certainly by the time staff leave they are now driving home in the light, which can only mean spring is on the way, even if the weather this week hasn't felt that way.

At the half way point in the year, it's time to reflect, regroup and remind in order to have a brilliant second half to the year. Our year 6 children have found out which schools they will be off to in September and so for them it's an exciting time, even with a few nerves, they will be ready.

I'm really happy to be able to inform you that our partnership with Heads Up will continue on the summer term. Despite funding cuts they have agreed to work with our school. I know that many children and parents found this service supportive last year. Heads Up is a fantastic organisation supporting young people and striving for positive mental health and well being.

We've used some money from our sports budget to install a new orienteering course, which all of the children have had a go at. It's brilliant and covers all of the curriculum areas, so getting the children outside to learn will be even more fun. Some of you may have seen the teachers having a practise after school last week. Thank you to Mrs Alam for making this happen.

Please take some time to read the PTFA update that is also attached to this email. They are doing a wonderful job supporting the school and it's a way for you to see how the money is being spent and look at ways in which you can support the school.

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School



School Champions

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

Reading: Abi (6AM), Harrison (5W)

Writing: Paige (6M), Natalia (5P)

Maths: Marcus (4B), Ruby (4G)



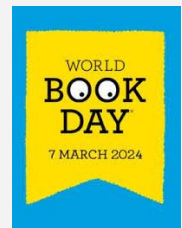
School Council

We continue to meet weekly and have lunch together. So far this term we have shared what we love about and school and what could be even better. We have shared our ideas with the PTFA on fundraising and helped with the cake sale. We have made suggestions for how celebration assemblies can go even further to celebrate the many talents we have across the school. We are looking forward to sharing news of our next big mission- 'Operation Easter' - it's going to be Eggs-cellent! - Mrs Padbury

Upcoming Days

World Book Day- Thursday 7th 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/>



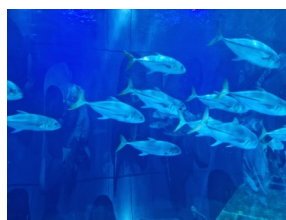
Red Nose Day

Children can wear red to school on Friday 15th March in support of this charity. No money needs to be brought to school, but if you would like to support then you can go to the website and click on the donate tab. <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>



Year 5 Sleeping with Sharks

Just before half term our year 5 children went to Plymouth for a night of Sleeping with Sharks. Not as scary as it sounds and the children spent time learning all about the seas and oceans and the damage that we are doing, before cozying up in sleeping bags, with the fish all around them.



School Office Notice

Two reminders for you this month that will really help the school office.

Firstly please check your lunch balances and ensure they are being cleared or a regular sum of money being paid off. If you are having difficulties with paying, then please contact the school office for help.

Secondly a further reminder that if your child is absent, you must let us know. There are a number of children absent due to illness at this time of year and calling or texting up to 20 families each day can take a long time. Thank you for your help with this.



Parking around school

Please can we ask parents to not stop on the zig zag lines either in the morning or at the end of the day. Quite simply it is endangering everybody leaving or arriving at school. Parking has and will probably always be a challenge at these busy times, but please respect the local residents with how cars are parked.

We have been notified that a consultation period for a much needed zebra crossing is close, with the intention of this work happening in time for the new school year. It's fingers crossed that this great news is finally close to happening. We'll update you further when we know more.



Learning around the Junior School



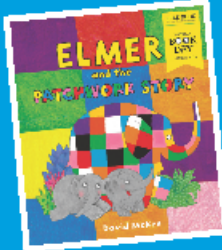
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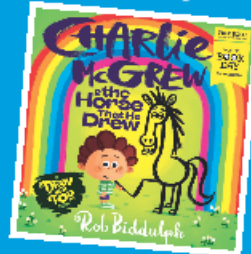
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