

STOKE HILL JUNIOR

SUMMER TERM, ISSUE 8

May 2023

DATES

Bank Holiday
School Closed
1st May

4G Class
Assembly
5th May

Coronation Day
School Closed
8th May

Year 6 National
Tests
w/b 8th May

4W Class
Assembly
12th May

Half Term
School Closed
29th May—2 June

Return to School
5th June

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final term of the school year. It's always a fantastic term, with children completing their learning with their current teacher and preparing for the transition to their next teacher, or in the case of our year 6 children, a new school. Change can always seem a bit scary, but it's also an opportunity and transition doesn't start in September, it starts now. We'll be letting you know of key dates for all children and contacting you individually if a little extra support may be required.

With the sun trying its hardest to shine, we start to notice some children moving into a summer uniform. It seems like a good opportunity to remind you of the uniform that allows children to be part of the Stoke Hill family. There have been a number of children that I'm having to remind at the moment, so let's work on this together. Children wear either a jade or white polo shirt, with grey or black pinafore, skirt, shorts or trousers. In year 3 and 4 children wear a jade sweatshirt with the school logo, whilst in year 5 and 6 the same sweatshirt is black. A green and white checked dress is an option in the summer term. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with the child's name. We have a wide range of pre loved uniform available if it helps get through to the end of the school year. Please pop an email to junior.admin@stokehill.devon.sch.uk and we can see what we can do.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many things that have happened or are coming up in this month's newsletter.

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School



School Champions

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

Reading: Louie (4W)

Writing: Ennis (5P)

Maths: Louis (5B)



Coronation Celebration

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 8th May because an extra Bank Holiday has been allocated to mark the coronation of King Charles III. Across the Federation we will be marking the event on Friday 5th May. A number of the activities are going to be weather dependent, but we are hoping to have a Federation playtime in the morning and then during the afternoon, after some year group activities and cake, we'll have our first outdoor assembly of the year. If you live close by you'll probably hear strains of 'God Save the King' being sung and us giving out our usual Friday trophies. It starts at 2.30pm, so listen out!

Sports Day - change of date



Due to us being made aware that High School visits for our year 6 children are now taking place later than usual, we have had to move our Sports Day to avoid a clash. The new date is **TUESDAY 18TH JULY**. See below for the times that your child's races will be. More details to follow nearer the date.

9.15-Year 5

11.15-Year 6

10.15-Year 4

1.30-Year 3

Happy birthday Stoke Hill Junior School

On April 22nd the school was 70 years old. There is a certain irony that the school opened just before the last coronation and now seven decades later we are just about to have the next. The children spent the day exploring about the past and looking at artefacts from the school through the years. The children also dressed up in clothes from the 1950s. Happy birthday to us!



Congratulations and Good Luck

After a long hard football season, with many matches over several Monday evenings, our school team won themselves a bronze medal for their efforts. There have been many children who have taken the opportunity to represent the school this year. Finishing third in the league meant a quarter final against Woodbury, which despite their best efforts saw us lose 2-0 after extra time. Well done to all. We will be taking part in the usual cricket tournaments, a tag rugby match, be welcoming a tennis coach into school, year 5 will complete their swimming and take part in Bikeability and our year 6 children will be entering The Exe Valley Challenge on July 9th. They'll be more, it'll be busy and lots of fun!

School Office Notice

Thank you to parents for contacting the school if their child is ill. As part of our safeguarding process we will always contact you if we haven't heard from you, so please don't be alarmed. We know that sometimes people forget, but a quick message saying why your child is off and for how long, can save a lot of time.

Please remember to look ahead and be booking your child's lunch online to ensure the right meal is prepared.



Year 6 National Tests

From May 9th to May 12th the year 6 children are taking part in their National Tests in Reading, Maths and Grammar and Spelling. These tests reflect all of the work the children do from year 3-6 and they have been becoming familiar with the types of questions through some practice tests with their teachers. Most tests are finished by 10.30am, so if any parents do need to take their children for appointments, please could you do so after this time. If you have any queries please contact your child's teacher.

Community News:

Stoke Hill get a defibrillator

You may be aware that the government has pledged to ensure that all schools have a defibrillator onsite and accessible to the local community by the end of this academic year. We are yet to hear about when this is arriving and some of you may be aware of an incident that occurred outside of the Junior School, a few weeks ago, where such a piece of equipment was needed.

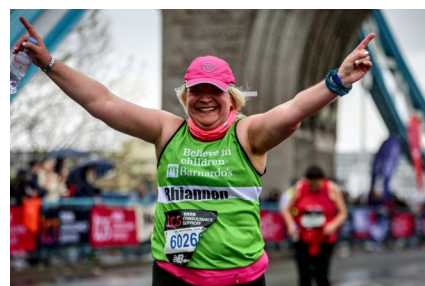
Thankfully the ambulances arrived and the person was taken to hospital to recover.

Thanks to one of our parents, Sarah Pattinson, I am delighted to say that the charity Jay's Aim has donated a defibrillator, which will be positioned outside of the gates of the Junior School and will be accessible to the whole community 24 hours a day. It will be arriving over the coming weeks and be fitted. It's always the case that you hope to never have to use this piece of equipment, but knowing that we have something that could potentially save a life in the local community is really great. We'll update you when it's up and running, but you'll probably walk past it everyday on the way into school!

Marathon Success

A huge congratulations to one of our Federation parents, Rhiannon Neale on her completion of the London Marathon. Starting out on Couch to 5k, Rhiannon worked her way through to the marathon. We have been proud to support her fundraising for the charity Barnardo's. If you would like to donate to this children's charity then feel free to follow the link.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rhiannon-Neale



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

