

January 2024



# STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY

## SPRING TERM, ISSUE 12

### DATES

Thursday  
4th January  
Return to  
school

8th Jan  
Clubs start

16th Jan  
Parent Pop-in  
2:45pm

23rd Jan  
Storyteller in  
Reception

1st Feb 9am  
EYFS Coffee  
Morning:  
Introduction  
to Speech  
and Lan-  
guage

### Looking ahead

Week  
beginning  
12th Febru-  
ary—  
half term

26th and 28th  
February—  
Parents'  
evenings

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and were able to enjoy time with family and friends. The new year is always a time for reflection and intention setting and that is certainly true for us as school staff. I have been working with the leadership team on priorities for the coming year and we have had some really valuable teacher training on the non-pupil days, as you will have read about in Mrs Hammerton-Jackson's email. It's been lovely to have all the children back and we are all looking forward to the term ahead.

Over the holidays, we have had a fantastic new hall floor fitted and, thanks to the PTFA, have some new fencing on the playground.

We are always looking to improve and expand our enrichment offer and this term we are thrilled to be welcoming a new Fun Science club with Isotype Izzy and Rocksteady School Music lessons, which you will get more information about after their launch on Friday.

If you got new devices over Christmas you may find the following link helpful: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/digital-family-basics-setting-new-tech>

Thank you for all your support for the winter activities that took place during December—I hope you enjoyed them. Particular thanks go to the PTFA for a wonderful winter fair and to the kitchen staff for a delicious Christmas dinner. Over the next pages you will see some photographs of what we got up to during December. I look forward to seeing you all over the coming term and continuing to work together as a school community to make Stoke Hill a great place to work, learn and play.

Best wishes,

Claire McKimm, Head of School

### Stars of the week

The following children have been their class's reader, role model or learner of the week during the last month:



**Readers of the week:** Ruben, Daisy, Bee (Bee), Willow, Dylan, Mohamed (Dragonfly), Leia, Gracie, Evie (Ladybird), Filip, Arthur, Elara (Beech), Sophia, Theo, Jake (Oak), Sebastian, Ben, Rohid (Willow), Samiah, Emil, Emilio (Chaffinch), Alba, Jonah, Austin (Swift), Orestes, Thomas, Stanley (Woodpecker)

**Role models of the week:** William, Maxi, Rona (Bee), Oliver, Aniya, Ayomikun (Dragonfly), Imogen, Rory, Ollie (Ladybird), Ben P, Lilian, Avara (Beech), Blas, Xinyue, Teddy (Oak), David, Poppy, Eddie (Willow), Luna, Nabil, Teo (Chaffinch), Alex, Rowan, Jamani (Swift), Willow M, Matilda, Ernie (Woodpecker)

**Learners of the week:** Ben, Ryan, Doris (Bee), Caitriona, Alfie, Hazie (Dragonfly), Spencer, Aaron, Naomi (Ladybird), Etienne, Habib, Davide (Beech), Oona, Yusna, Cohen (Oak), Elliott, Sandra, Isaac (Willow), Cora, Jack, Peyton (Chaffinch), Toby M, Molly, Branwen (Swift), Jax, Ajay, Frank (Woodpecker)

Year 1 and 2 really enjoyed their trip to The Phoenix to see Quirk Theatre's Production of Five Children and It.



Christmas Dinner was a big hit, as always!



Year 2 made gingerbread



Year 1's Wiggly Nativity and the EYFS winter concerts were just fabulous!



Reception had fun wearing winter jumpers and doing lots of winter activities



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://qrc0.de/minfec>.