

# Stoke Hill Junior School NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Guardians,

September feels like it has flown by and we have welcomed our year 3 children to the school and 10 other families from around the world. We' ve redesigned our monthly newsletter and use this each month to share with you important upcoming events, whilst also reflect back on the previous month. I hope enjoy reading October' s edition!

Jamie Sullivan, Head of School

## What's been going on in September

### Year 3

'I' m really enjoying my new school and love the art, because I plan it and then sketch it out.' Daisy (Squirrel Class)

### Year 4

'We wrote a non-chronological report about made up creatures and did a brilliant egg experiment.'
Emily (Badger Class)

### Year 5

'Art and Maths are really cool. We' ve used the Hashing and Cross Hatching technique of Alphonso Dunn.'
Ashveer (Buzzard Class)

### Year 6

'We' ve been learning about the Mayans. There have been lots I' ve found interesting.'
Oscar (Leopard Class)

## Upcoming Events

- October 9th – wear yellow in support of World Mental Health Day
- October 12th and 14th – Parent' s Evening
- October 16th – School Photographs
- October 26th – 30th – Half Term
- November 6th – PTFA Fireworks
- November 13th – Children in Need
- November 6th – Jaguar Class Assembly
- November 13th – Leopard Class Assembly
- November 20th – Tiger Class Assembly

## Office Reminders

Please remember to contact the school office if there is a change to the end of the day pick up arrangements. It' s always a busy time and we want to ensure that the children are handed over safely to the collecting adult.

## Mental Health at Stoke Hill

Once again this year we will be showing our commitment to improving mental health by encouraging staff and children to wear yellow on Friday 9th October, ahead of World Mental Health Day (October 10th). If you would like to donate to the charity Young MInds, please follow this link, https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/ We also offer a wide range of resources on our own school website for parents and carers to support a range of challenges. https://www.stokehill.devon.sch.uk/web/parent_and_carer_support/702742

## Parent's Evening

You will shortly be receiving a link inviting you to book online for the first parent' s evening of the year. Each appointment with your child' s teacher is 10 minutes and will take place in the school hall. They will share with you some of the work from the term so far and discuss how they have settled into their new class.

## Bits and Bobs

### School Photos

Junior School photographs are being taken on October 16th. Details of arrangements for family pictures for those not at the Junior School to follow shortly.

### High School Applications

Year 6 parents must apply for their child' s High School place no later than October 31st. https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

### School Residential

We currently have 73 children, with staff on the Year 6 Heatree House Residential, on Dartmoor. It' s a wonderful experience for the children, whether it being the activities or being away from home for the first time. Parents can discover more at class assemblies in November. A huge thank you to the staff who go that extra mile to make this happen each year.





## School Champions

- Each week we have a brilliant Celebration Assembly, where year 6 children present children with awards for reading, writing, maths and kindness. These are chosen by the teachers and then we have one school winner for each category, who wins a larger trophy. Trophies can be taken home but must be brought back on Mondays.
- September winners are:

Reading: Max (Eagle)
Kindness: Colin (Badger)
Maths: Alba (Leopard)



## PTFA Fireworks



It' s nearly that time of year again! Each year the PTFA organise a superb event with over 1000 people in attendance. Ticket information be be out shortly and tickets go really quickly, so don' t miss out. The PTFA do leaflet drops to make locals aware of the event in case they have pets, but your support with word of mouth can go a long way too.