



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Harvest

Thank you to everyone who contributed a gift of food or other item for the St Petrocks Centre and Exeter's Foodbank.

We were pleased to be able to send off many weighty boxes of provisions, pleased too that children across the Federation heard the message of harvest - of being thankful for what we have, and of being able to give to others.

Difficult times can come upon us all and they can be really tricky to get through.

So, please remember that:

- we are able to pass on Foodbank vouchers if you find that your family is in need. Just ask any member of staff who will be able to organise this for you
- the Pupil Premium Grant exists to support families on low income through the provision of a free school meal (for older children) plus significant subsidies on school visits (75% off) plus £30 contribution towards uniform and FREE Breakfast Club

Wonder if you are eligible? then paste this into your browser to get to the [Devon Citizens Portal](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal) (don't use Google). Via the portal you will be able to find out straight away if you are eligible

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

Punctuality

If you have to drop your children off early at the Junior School please can you book ahead and make use of our Breakfast Club. It is not fair to children to leave them to wait on their own, unsupervised, outside the front of the school, especially with the mornings getting darker.

The best thing for you child is for you to aim to arrive at school at 'Goldilocks Time' – not too early, not too late.

The Infant and Nursery School doors open at 8.45am, and the day starts at 9.00am.

The Junior School doors open at 8.30am and the day starts at 8.40am.

If you arrive after the start of the day your child is late for school.



Please find attached:

Dates Consultation

a letter from the Governors with the outcome of the date change consultation.

Federation Home

Learning an opportunity to think and create ahead of Armistice Day on 11.11.17

You will be glad that we are not your DENTIST...

or very many people would have been fined for missing their Parent and Teacher meeting this week at the Infant School!

For all classes there were missed appointments, 9 appointments were not kept for one class. For this class almost a third of the parents who actually signed up for a meeting, did not turn up! When hardworking teachers are unnecessarily here until 7pm waiting for absent parents, it is disappointing and frustrating.

If you missed a recent appointment, your child's teacher will offer you a **second appointment** to discuss their progress and share with you details around their next steps for learning.

Please make every effort to re-arrange your working or family life to keep this second appointment.

There is a Chinese proverb which says '*Education is a treasure, it will follow its owner everywhere through life*'. Please join us, so that in partnership with you, your child can be educated for a happy, healthy and successful life.

Federation Fireworks at Stoke Hill Juniors on Friday 3rd November 7pm. Tickets on sale at both schools (Adults £5, Children £3, Under 3's free). All profits shared across the Federation.



Reading

Congratulations to Sarah B-H – our first millionaire reader of the year.

Also a massive 'well done' to all these children for reading and understanding more than 20 books since September:

Thea, George, Alex P, Thomas E, Billy, Aiyra, Arundhathi, Alfi, Neve, Harry S, Ella D, Jamie T, Tilly M, Charlie W, Yebeen, Leo H, and Vanessa.

Maths

The top 3 classes last week were...

1. 6SP 2. 6B 3. 4Mc

The children are embracing the opportunity to practise their maths skills both at home and at school. Using the system for 20 minutes 3 times a week at home will have a dramatic effect on your child's progress in maths.

Curriculum Open Afternoons

It has been great to see so many of you here this week, joining in and finding out a bit more about your child's learning so far this year.

On Tuesday, Y3 showed off their Zumba skills that they have been learning in their PE lessons. Thank you to everyone who was able to join in with the activity during their final session. 150 people Zumba-ing together in the hall was a fantastic experience!

On Wednesday, Y4 invited you in to see their books. Their speech-writing particularly has been amazing, and we were lucky enough to see some of their final performances using the green screen during 4HM's Family Assembly.

Also on Wednesday, Y5 set up an intriguing and challenging 'Escape from the Pyramid' problem solving challenge in the hall. The children were really excited and inspired by the activity, and it was lovely to see them working together with you.

Finally, Y6 will be sharing their Invictus Games experience with you on Friday afternoon. I have been really impressed by their singing in their practices, and hopefully lots of you will be able to join us despite the last minute change of date. Again, we are sorry we had to move this event.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to support these events. There are opportunities towards the end of every half term for you to be involved in celebrating your child's learning. The dates are in the Annual Calendar on the school website (we have called them 'Curriculum Open Afternoons').

We hope you all have a brilliant half term holiday, and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 30th October. Year 6 will then be heading off for a week at Heatree House – how exciting!