

# STOKE HILL JUNIOR

## SPRING TERM, ISSUE 24

January 2025

### DATES

6th  
January  
Non Pupil Day

7th  
January  
Back to school

13th  
January  
Y5 Sleeping with  
Sharks webinar

17th  
January  
Learning Webs sent  
home

23rd  
January  
Parent Pop In  
2,45pm

24th  
January  
Pete the Poet Y3  
workshop

31st  
January  
Science Curriculum  
Day

31st  
January  
PTFA Quiz

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to school and a belated Happy New Year to you all. I hope the break has allowed you to relax and do some lovely things as families or catch up with relatives that may live some distance away.

The last few weeks of term were jam-packed with so many fantastic activities for the children to be part of. I've included some throughout this newsletter and I hope you enjoy reading about them.

From looking through the calendar, between now and half term there are some exciting things for the children to take part in. All of the children across the Federation will be taking part in a Science Curriculum Day on January 31st. At the Junior School we have celebrated different areas of the curriculum each term, during the last couple of years, but this is the first one that goes Federation wide, so bigger and better than ever.

Year 5 parents are invited to join a webinar at 4.30pm, on Monday to hear final details about the Sleeping with Sharks trip, which takes place in early February and you are all welcome to come and see some of the learning the children have been doing on January 23rd at the next Parent Pop In. We try to have these on different days of the week so that you can come at least once during the year for your child to share with you how proud they are of the work they produce.

Finally a reminder that all children need to be bringing a coat to school at this time of year. Staff aim to get the children learning outside where possible and not having the right clothing can be a barrier to this.

Jamie Sullivan  
Head of School



### School Champions

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

Reading: Molly (6B), Solomon (5AM),

Writing: Jack (3M), Mason (6P)

Maths: Maryn (4DP), Frankie (5J)



## Year 4 Production

Our year 4 children treated us to 2 wonderful shows of 'Straw and Order' during December. The children had worked really hard alongside their teachers to learn the words to some brilliant songs and to deliver their lines whilst the acting was great. Along with some children in charge of the lights and sound it was a memorable set of shows that got us all in the mood for Christmas. Well done year 4 you were all 'stars'



## Rock Stars

Each Friday some children attend Rock Steady music group. Just before the end of term they gave two concerts, one to the school and one to their parents. It's safe to say that they 'rocked it'. For some it was their second time and you can see how far they have come on their instrument, whilst for others it was their first, but probably not their last time becoming rock stars.



## Year 6 Winter Fair



At the end of their unit of learning the year 6 children ran the Winter Fair for the other children in the school. They created a mixture of stalls, with some prizes. It was a lovely afternoon and maybe we have one or two budding entrepreneurs within the year group.

## Mental Health - Website update

As part of our mission to make Stoke Hill a great place to learn, work and play we remain determined in supporting positive mental health and well-being. Whilst the education of children and young people is central to the work we do, we also recognise that to share support, ideas and resources extends to the families, parents and carers of our school community which is why parents, carers and children can now access key info and support that helps towards maintaining that positive well-being that we all strive for. Check out our new section on the website by clicking on the link below to access supportive resources, including videos, help cards and other useful articles. [https://www.stokehill.devon.sch.uk/web/mental\\_health/702723](https://www.stokehill.devon.sch.uk/web/mental_health/702723)

### Mental Health

#### Core Offer

- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Working in Partnerships
- Pupil Support
- Parent and Carer Support
- Mental Health Events
- Zones of Regulation
- Mental Health Review 2023-24

## School Office Notice

If you still haven't returned your Data Collection sheet then please do so as soon as possible. These were first given out at Parent's Evening by the teachers.

It is vital we have the most up to date information and contact details about your child.

This tends to be the time of year when we have the most sickness, so please remember to report this through the usual channels for each day your child is absent.



## Parking Update

Parking cars around most schools is often difficult due to the sheer volume at the beginning and ends of the days. The crossing has certainly made crossing the road feel a lot safer this year. However please can I remind parents to take notice of signs about where they should and should not be parking. I often get complaints from local residents, who are threatening to take pictures and report drivers to the police. I'm not sure we want this and so just an extra bit of time and consideration to keeping everybody safe would be appreciated.

## December at the Junior School



We've had so much going on around school over the last couple of months. As you wander around school there is so much energy and enthusiasm for the new learning happening and the opportunities being given to the children,



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://qrco.de/minfec>.