

April 2024



# STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY

## SPRING TERM, ISSUE 17

### APRIL DATES

Return to  
school

Monday 15th  
April

w/b 22nd  
April Nursery  
parent pop in

Thursday 25th  
April

Reception, Y1  
+ Y2 Parent  
pop-in 2:45

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're sending a slightly early April newsletter to end the term and to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening at Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery in the last few weeks. We've done our best to dodge the showers today and enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to Miss Hearle and the PTFA for organizing and to families for supporting this,

Today we say a very sad goodbye to two much-loved members of staff: Caitlin Owens has worked with us over the last two years as a mealtime assistant and teaching assistant, forming part of the Nursery team this year. We're saying good bye as we welcome back Laura-Jane Channing from maternity leave. As many of you know, Clare Farion has been a key member of the Stoke Hill team for many years and will be greatly missed after impacting the lives of so many of the children in the Federation. We wish her all the best as she leaves us today to take up her new role at Exeter College, where we know she'll be brilliant. We look forward to welcoming Sophie Squance to the team after Easter.

Wishing all our families a very happy Easter break.

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:

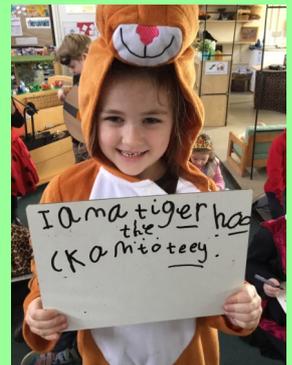


**Readers of the week:** Rufus, Ruben, Gabi, Henrik (Bee), Oscar, Eliza, Caitriona, Arwin (Dragonfly), Aurelia, Molly Mae, Isla, Aaron (Ladybird), Ariadne, Etienne, Tabitha, Roy-Nihal (Beech), Rithvi, Oona, Albie, Scarlett (Oak), Poppy, Isaac, David, Nuala (Willow), Noah, Humaira, Jack, Linnea (Chaffinch), Alfie, Alison, Arlo M. Alex (Swift), Ewan, Matilda, Lily, Ajay (Woodpecker)

**Role models of the week:** Olive, Talula, Jacob, Rona (Bee), Olivia, Dylan, Alfie, Ayo (Dragonfly), Oliver, Alex, Ben, Ben (Ladybird), Filip, Habib, Antek, Zayan (Beech), Ellie, Joseph, Rithvi, Jake (Oak), Rohid, Elliott, Sebastian, Edward (Willow), Tapi, Archie, Eliza, Albert (Chaffinch), Toby B, Ocean R, Branwen, Molly (Swift), James H, Willow E, Lissi, Thomas (Woodpecker)

**Learners of the week:** William, Maxi, Lia, Doris (Bee), Alex, Archie, Finn, Lucy (Dragonfly), Maya, Hawa, Leia, Isla (Ladybird), George, Arthur, Elara, Elina (Beech), Lucia, Quin, Millie, Skye (Oak), Martha, Aiden, Eddie, Ada (Willow), Louis, Samiah, Noor, Joshua (Chaffinch), Isla, Jack, Ramona, Jonah (Swift), Izzie-May, Tate, Ephra, Stanley (Woodpecker)

# World Book Day



## Red Nose Day



It was lovely to see the school turn red in support of Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Thank you to everyone who supported this national fundraising event.



## Cricket Engagement Day

In preparation for cricket lessons in summer term PE, Miss Brace organised a Cricket Engagement Day through Chance to Shine. Children across Years 1 and 2 tried out new skills in fielding, bowling and batting.



## Illness reminder

Scarlet Fever - scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, however it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. Scarlet fever includes nonspecific symptoms such as sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, followed by a fine red 'sandpaper' like rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin the scarlet rash may be harder to spot. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. Scarlet fever - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

Strep Throat - this is a more severe or longer-lasting infection in the throat and tonsils. Children are likely to be more unwell generally with difficulty swallowing due to the pain.

Impetigo - this is a bacterial skin infection. It will start with red sores or blisters. These will burst quickly and leave crusty, golden-brown patches. Impetigo - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) For more information click here Group A Strep - What you need to know - UK Health Security Agency ([blog.gov.uk](http://blog.gov.uk))

Please remember that there are lots of viruses that cause sore throats, rashes, colds and coughs circulating at the moment. Many of these are mild and self-limiting and do not need any medical intervention. However, if you think you, or your child, may have a GAS infection: • See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible • Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor. • Stay at home, away from nursery, school, or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment (48 hours for impetigo or until all lesions have crusted over/healed), to avoid spreading the infection. • Reduce the spread by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene

Children who have Flu or chickenpox at the same time as a GAS infection are more likely to develop a serious infection (Invasive GAS), and parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

## Office Reminders

Firstly, please remember to order lunches via the School Gateway App before the start of the school day to ensure your child gets the lunch you want them to have.

Secondly a further reminder that if your child is absent, you must let us know. There are a number of children absent due to illness at this time of year and calling or texting up to 20 families each day can take a long time.



Thank you for your help with this.