



STOKE HILL JUNIOR

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DATES

Year 6 Residential
Week @Heatree
29th September –
3rd October

Final day for
Harvest donations
October 10th

Mental Health
Day
October 10th

Parent's Evening
13th and 15th
October 3.20-
6.00pm

School Photo-
graphs
17th October

Halt Term
27th – 31st
October

Deadline for
Year 6 to apply for
High Schools
31st October

Dear Parents and Carers

September has gone by in a flash and I'm really pleased with the way the new school year has started. We've welcomed the year 3 children to the Junior School, as well as 15 new families across the school. I'm grateful to my staff for the routines and relationships that they work so hard on to get the year off to such a positive start. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the things that have happened, take note of key dates and information, whilst helping with a couple of reminders.

Stay and Play - This is not something that happens at the Junior School. We aim to secure the site as quickly as possible at the end of the day, so that TreeTops can use the playground. Please leave the site promptly after 3.10pm

PE Kits— On PE children should wear a plain white t shirt (logo optional) and dark coloured shorts, along with trainers. As the weather begins to get colder, tracksuits may be worn over the top. No sports team shirts are allowed.

Kindness Award—This year we have introduced a new kindness award for a child in each class during each Celebration Assembly. This is a special part of a child's character that we like to hear about and support.

Parking— There isn't enough parking around most schools, but please park safely. We want all children to be able to be able to walk safely across roads, being able to see in all directions. Thank you for your support.

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School


We are a
NO NUT and NO SESAME school.



We have children with allergies in school. Please do not bring products/treats with nuts and sesame seeds into school or any products containing these, such as hummus, pesto or cereal bars.

School Champions

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

Reading: Luna (6G), Linnea (4DP)

Kindness: Levi (5B), Benjamin (3W)

Maths: Eshita (5G), Pearl (4F)



Parent Teacher Interviews

October 13th and 15th

You will shortly be receiving details of how to book your slot for the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how the year has started. The meetings take place in the school hall and we ask that parents wait outside of the hall until the time of their appointment. Each appointment is 10 minutes and if it appears the conversation needs to be longer, the teachers will arrange a separate time.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase books from the fair and we have asked Educatering to once again supply some samples from our menu to tempt you.

Fundraising Champions

We were so proud to hear that Eleni from year 5 had been nominated for her fundraising efforts along with her friends. Eleni made the finals of the BBC Radio Devon Make a Difference Awards after raising £3000 for YMCA Exeter. Whilst attending the evening Eleni was brave enough to be interviewed about her fundraising.

Younger brother, Ruben has also got the fundraising bug and has supported Eleni recently at Heavitree Park's Fun Day, raising £700.

There are so many amazing things children and their families do away from school and we always love to hear about them.



**Around the
school in
September**



School Office Notice

September is always a very busy time for the school offices with new starters and ensuring we have the most up to date contact details. If you have moved or changed your phone number over the holidays, please call the office to check we have your current details.

If your child is ill, please contact the office to report this absence each morning. Whilst we can not authorise any holidays, if there is a known absence, parents are asked to complete the absence request form and return it to the office ahead of the absence.



Harvest Collections

Please take a few moments to see the poster on the last page of the newsletter. This year we are supporting Exeter's Foodbank Harvest Appeal. A list of donations can be found on this page and can be dropped off at the school from tomorrow (2nd) until Friday 10th October. We know that this charity supports families right across the city and that many Stoke Hill families use this as well. Anything that you are able to donate will be much appreciated.

Mental Health at Stoke Hill

10th October 2024 is World Mental Health Day

Every year, thousands of schools, companies, and communities come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to Young Minds. In my role as Mental Health lead for the Federation, I'm asking for your support. We'd love for as many staff and pupils to wear something yellow on this day and show their support for positive mental health. If you'd like to also donate to Young Minds, then that's your choice and you can do so by following the link <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>

Right now, the world is a tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better. Within our mission to make Stoke Hill a great place to learn, work and play we ensure inclusivity for all. It is our commitment and determination that all individuals will succeed and excel in all aspects of their learning. As senior mental health lead I strive to ensure the whole team embed positive mental health and wellbeing across our school culture to create an environment where pupils can thrive.

This World Mental Health Day, wear yellow with thousands of others across the UK and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Because we stand brighter, together.

Mrs Padbury



Harvest

appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 250 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Tinned meat

Tinned fish

Tinned vegetables

Vegetarian meals

Tinned potatoes

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned fruit

Small jars of coffee

Biscuits

Shampoo

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exeterfoodbank.co.uk

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