



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Worried about the World?

Lots of things can make children feel worried. Lots of things can make grown ups feel worried too.

Your child might hear something on the T.V, social media or from someone else...

Some things can be hard to make sense of like politics, climate change, natural disasters and recent events like terrorist attacks.

You might hear words like extremism and radicalisation but wonder, what do they mean?

Information and tips from the Childline website could help you or your child understand these things, get support if you are worried or provide you with more information about how to discuss these current issues.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

Please be reassured, our Federation is a place where **we value diversity** and each day make sure that **children feel safe** and happy so that everyone can truly shine.

School Times

Every time a child is late for school, even by a few minutes, it has a detrimental effect on them and the rest of their classmates. A child who is 5 minutes late every day loses a potential 16 hours of teaching and learning time over the school year! Please remember and stick to the following times:

Infant and Nursery School

Doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken at 9.00am, if your child is not there for the register they are LATE. If your child arrives after 9.10am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Junior School

Doors open 8.30am. Registers open 8.40am. If your child is not in their seat in the classroom at 8.40 am they are LATE for school.

Registers close 8.50am. If your child arrives after 8.50am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

There is a saying 'An inch of gold is like an hour of time...' but we think that every minute of learning at school is priceless and irreplaceable. Please be on time, enjoy each day, every minute of it – especially the first few!

New French Windows

These have been added to a room called 'The Making Room' at the Infant School.

We are planning to turn this space into a classroom and the new doors will mean that in September all three Year 2 classrooms will open out onto the new Y2 Terrace.

Thanks to our marvellous PTFA for funding half of this inspiring improvement.



Accelerated Reader

We were really pleased to see that more than 3/4 of the Junior School children read at least one Accelerated Reader book over the half term holiday.

The Junior School Library is open after school until 3.30pm every day except Wednesday if your child forgets to change their book and wants a new one for the evening. We have just re-stocked, and there are lots of new books available, including a bunch of more challenging titles for the older children.

World Wildlife Day

at the Infant School has been marked today in support of the United Nations resolution to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants www.wildlifeday.org

Given that almost one quarter of the world's population is aged between 5 and 24, we know we need to make a big effort to encourage young people, as the future leaders and decision makers of the world, to act at both local and global levels to protect endangered wildlife.

Although not the official day, infant children and school staff have helped raise awareness and have taken action to ensure wildlife conservation is something our Stoke Hill community are reminded. Take a look along the fence that runs up the Stoke Hill next week...

Special thanks to Paul from Devon Wildlife Trust for starting our day with an inspiring local storie of beavers, once rare but now successful returning to the wild in DEVON.

Win £5000 worth of books for the Federation

National Book Tokens are running a competition with a top prize of £5000 worth of books. If you would like to enter on our behalf all you have to do is click this link then fill in the application form.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WTcVW4HTXYV>

Safeguarding Audit at the Junior School

On Tuesday we invited Julie Jarman from Babcock Education into school to carry out an audit of our safeguarding processes. She talked to us about our school policies, and what we do in certain situations if we are worried about a child. She also asked us about the training that staff receive to make sure they are fully aware of latest guidance about keeping children safe. She then looked at our record keeping, especially our list of all the essential training records and paperwork around staff references and qualifications.

Julie also took a tour of the school to make sure the site is safe and secure, and talked to some children to find out their views. One Y3 girl said 'there's lots of good things about the school, but one of the best things is that we always feel safe and well looked-after'.

You'll be pleased to hear that everything is as it should be, and that Julie was extremely positive about the actions we take to keep your children safe and happy at school.