



# Stoke Hill Federation

# NEWS



## **Federation Assembly**

Our third Federation Assembly of the year took place yesterday at 10am in the Junior School hall – we just about all squeezed in!

With over 600 children and upwards of 80 staff it was a 'big occasion' in every sense.

We began by reflecting upon our vision and values 'inspire ~ discover ~ succeed'. There is always so much for us to learn and discover at Stoke Hill and at this time of year celebrating everyone's success is the perfect thing to do. We thought about how learning and getting along each day is not always easy and talked about being inspired by what we 'think, feel, say and do'. This is a really important value we hold.

So, yesterday we inspired each other by singing our fabulous new Federation Song.

We finished our assembly by reflecting on these words '*The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so.*' Robert Ingersoll

So, if the tune is going around in your head and you cannot quite remember the words they are overleaf...

## **Sampling Day**

We really hope your child involved spending time with their new teacher during Sampling Day yesterday. This is always a good opportunity to get rid of any nerves about what the coming year holds, and for teachers and children to start to get to know each other.

It was lovely to meet the new Y3 children and their families at the Junior School, and hopefully our Y6 children enjoyed their visit to their secondary schools.

We plan the day so that the children make good use of the learning time – at the Junior School they have a maths and English lesson and complete some 'getting to know you' activities.

This is similar at the Infant school with lots of activities to enjoy and time to get to know their new teacher and teaching assistant.

From speaking to hundreds of the children during the day it seems to have been a successful event across the Federation, and we hope that knowing there is a bright new class and school year ahead it will make the summer holidays a more relaxed and enjoyable time for all of you.

❖ We inspire each other by what we think, feel, say and do (and sing!)

**Foodbank** Did you know that as a Federation, we are now registered to distribute foodbank vouchers, to provide families in short term crisis, with food and other basic necessities such as toiletries and nappies. This is an essential support for some, and invaluable while a long term financial strategy is developed.

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All calls will be in the strictest of confidence.

**10% off at Thomas Moore this weekend but only IF you buy secondary school uniform too.**

## Accelerated Reader Top Readers This Week

### Most Books Read

Lucy Hughes  
 Ina Steinacher  
 Shreya Nambiar  
 Willow Macpherson  
 Daria Stanciu

### Most Words Read

Dima Kruglyak  
 Freya Richmond  
 Emma Sellings  
 Azra Nur Cakal  
 Anna Patel

### Top Classes

3F 5PW  
 4AP 6HM

**As a school we have read 86,171,575 words in the last 6 months!**

## Our NEW Stoke Hill Federation Song

Chorus:  
*There's a place we're safe to stay  
 Have adventures every day  
 It's a place of education, place of education  
 Where there's staff and where there's friends  
 And the learning never ends  
 At the Stoke Hill Federation, Stoke Hill Federation*

Verse 1.  
 Each morning when we get to school  
 The teachers wait to greet us  
 Explore and learn is what we do  
 And lots of friends to meet us  
 Lessons, playtime, games, and trips  
 There's lots of work to tire us  
 Our work on walls and in the hall  
 Are all things that **inspire** us

Verse 2.  
 Some days we have a golden time  
 And choose the things we learn about  
 We share with friends in the playground  
 Kelso helps us sort it out  
 We're children from all over town  
 We're different from each other  
 Little ones, big ones moving on  
 We've so much to **discover**

Verse 3.  
 We grow some food and eat it too  
 We watch the year go round  
 We learn so much inside the school  
 And outside in the grounds  
 Reading, maths and art and life  
 We learn things all the time  
 A happy school, a great school  
 Where we **succeed** and shine.

## Junior School Sports Days

It was lovely to have so many of you with us for our Sports Days this week.

We were really pleased that the new format worked so well – splitting the event into two parts meant that the children could take part in more races, and that everyone who wanted to was able to join in with lots of different activities.

There were some brilliant individual performances, including a number of **new school all-time records**:

Niave Kilkelly – Y6 Girls Sprint

Orlaith Wreford – Y3 Girls 200m

William Nicholls – Y3 Boys 200m

Ben Allen – Y4 Boys 200m

Bethany Kelly – Y4 Girls 200m

Niave Kilkelly Y6 Girls 200m

Oscar Wills – Y6 Boys 200m

Jimmy Doman Y6 Boys 400m

Niave Kilkelly – Y6 Girls 400m

There was also a huge team effort from everyone involved, and it was great to see real determination and enthusiasm from all of the children.

Year group winners were 3M, 4AP, 5PW and 6HM

**The overall team winners were...**

**The Chiefs.**