



# Stoke Hill Federation NEWS



## Anti-Bullying Week 2017

This is a national week that you may have heard about. So, in our assemblies across the Federation, we will have a focus on relationships this coming week. Falling out with friends and solving problems in not quite the best of ways happens when children are growing up and learning about life. This is a normal part of social and emotional development and is not bullying.

This coming week teachers will be making clear to children that bullying is ... when someone does something unkind to a person 'several times on purpose'. Those words make the very handy acronym **STOP**.

We hope that reminding ourselves about '**STOP**' will help everyone to be clear about what bullying is and what isn't when discussing issues you feel concerned about.

Although we are not raising funds for this organisation, Kidscape <https://www.kidscape.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise-for-us/school-fundraising/friendship-friday/> are supporting anti-bullying week by promoting '**Friendship Friday**' perhaps a day in the week to arrange a playdate to strengthen friendships. Why not sort a playdate sometime soon...

## Children in Need

Next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> November) is Children in Need day.

As in previous years, in return for a donation the children can either...

**add spots to their school uniform**

*or*

**wear something spotty instead of their school uniform.**

There will be a bucket for donations in the entrance hall of each school and the nursery.



We'd all like to say a huge '**thank you**' to our PTAs for organising and running the Firework Display last week. It was a massive undertaking, and the efforts of everyone who helped is greatly appreciated.

## Christmas Fair

This is coming up very soon for the Infant and Nursery School. Save the date on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> for a great fair with lots to see, do, taste and generally enjoy!

Look out for posters and letters from the Infant School PTFA.

### Maths Competition

We have entered the Mathletics November Numeracy Challenge. This is an international competition focused on children mastering curriculum activities and practising their mental maths skills.

The top prize is £500 for the school, as well as recognition amongst all the schools in the world that use Mathletics.

All the children need to do to help us towards winning is to log and use Mathletics as much as they can between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### Exeter University Concert Band

on Wednesday, 30 student musicians from this band of over 100, gave their time to come to the Infant School -on a mission to encourage young children in their love of music. They did that *in style* by performing beautiful and powerful soundtracks from Frozen, Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin. The musicians also talked to the children about their university studies which include, physics, media, archaeology, geography, biology and maths – what inspiring young people there are!

The children were completely wowed by their instruments and their sound. Many thanks to Conductor Jack Watts and Tour Manager Amelia Beaumont for organising this fabulous opportunity.

*Interested in hearing the concert band for yourself? They are performing their Christmas Show at St Margaret's Church Topsham on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm. Tickets on the door £5 and £3.*

*Interested in your child learning a musical instrument? contact either school office to find out more.*



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Lullaby Trust** with their cake sale on **Wednesday**. They raised a **fabulous £130** for this great cause and would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for their support.

### Football News

Yesterday our school football team took part in the Southampton FC 'Saints Football Festival' in Okehampton. The team played superbly and finished second in their group, which means they have qualified for the South West Regional Finals later this term. Well done team, and thank you to Mr Mead for coaching and organising everything.

**Fundraising** Next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup>) after school Megan from 5Mc will be running a tuck shop to raise money for **Cancer Research**. The shop will be situated on the path at the front of the school, or in the hall if it is raining.

