



# Stoke Hill Federation

# NEWS



## National Tests for Y2 and Y6 children (SATs)

Over the last few months you may have heard lots of stories in the press about the tests the children will be taking at the end of Y2 and Y6.

With changes to the National Curriculum, the standards expected are now more rigorous, as you will know if you have children that have been through primary education in the past.

Our key priority has always been to ensure the children are able to do their best, but to do all we can to make sure they do not feel unduly pressured. If your child is worried please try to reassure them that **their best is great** and we are all proud of them all regardless of their results. The SATs are a very small part of what matters about their time at Stoke Hill Infant and Junior Schools.

One of the best way to reduce worry about things is to know as much as you can about them and to be as well prepared as you can

be. This website gives you some more information about the Y6 and Y2 tests and some sample questions, so is worth a look:

<https://komodomath.com/blog/parents-guide-to-key-stage-1-sats>



## Why not Scoot (or walk) School?

Scooters, scooters everywhere...

Overleaf you can read about the scooter expedition our very youngest children made this week. What delight they brought us all in their excitement and enthusiasm for an adventure up the hill.

It has been great to see so many children still scooting to school each day.

Apart from today let's hope the weather will become dryer and brighter, so why not plan to walk or scoot or bike your journey?

This kind of activity, combined with early morning fresh Devon air, provides a fabulous start to a day of learning (maybe not having to worry about where to park your car will make a better start to your day too?)

Our Vision and Values statement says that:

❖ **There is a culture where everyone is passionate about learning**

89 four and five year old children scooting up and BACK from the Junior School...mmm, you've got to be passionate about learning to plan that!

Curriculum Evening for year  
1 and Year 2

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

*(please note the earlier time)*

*Come back to school at 6pm  
next Thursday to join  
workshops to help your  
child achieve their report  
targets. Reports have been  
with you for a while now  
and children and doing  
their best with the learning  
they uniquely have to  
achieve.*

*Lending them a hand on the  
way is such a great support,  
so and find out about fun  
things to do together at  
home.*

**Check your child's bookbag or  
the website for more details.**

## Accelerated Reader

**Our top readers this week:**

**Words read**

Azra Nur Cakal

Ana Patel

Antoine Ranou

Oscar Wills

Emily Morgan

**Books read:**

Lucy Howden

Kristian Barnes

Lucy Hughes

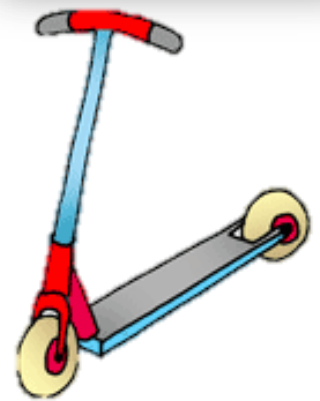
Victoriya Litovchenko

Basharat Kureshi

Mrs McCarthy has shown us how to add individual reading targets for everyone – ask your child if they know their target and how close they are to achieving it!

## News Flash

A 'Mysterious Machine' was found in the Foundation Garden after the Easter break! The children spent some time investigating what it might be... maybe a bubble machine...Bryan's old lawnmower...a camera belonging to a giant! This week more evidence came to light in the form of a letter from a traveller. They discovered that the machine could in fact be part of his broken travel machine! News reached the Foundation Stage that parts had also been spotted at Stoke Hill Junior School. Fortunately as the children's scooters were in school that day they could hastily go and investigate. The children are now writing to the traveller to let him know that they have found his machine and can help him.



## Kite Club

When we were up on the top field at lunchtime the other day we noticed that even though it was sunny, there was still quite a wind – perfect for kite flying. If your child would like to bring a kite to fly on a windy lunchtime they are very welcome. We will also be buying a few for the children to share.

**Two rules** – kites need to be 'canopy' style, i.e. no sticks, and your child will need to be responsible for packing the kite away, especially winding up the string!

There will be an adult to help, and it will be great fun.

## Football Team

The football team handled the pressure of their last two matches of the main season extremely well. They needed to win both to progress to the play-offs, and managed to do so in style with a 2-0 win against Wynstream and a 9-0 win against St Nicholas.

This means they will now take part in a semi final and (hopefully) final on the 9<sup>th</sup> May

The team have been brilliant all season, and I would like to thank them, their parents and the coaches (Mr Mann, Mr Mead and Mr McKimm) for their continued enthusiasm and commitment.