



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



The NEW Year 2 Terrace

Over the years we have been extending the outside sheltered areas attached to the infant classrooms so that learning can take place as easily outside as it does inside.

Starting with the Foundation Stage classes about 5 years ago, this Easter Holiday saw the job completed with a long and fabulous covered terrace added to the side of the Year 2 block.

Budgets are challenging in all schools at the moment and without the funding of the PTFA this work would have been impossible to even contemplate.

So a huge thank you goes to the Infant PTFA and to the children and families who support them, for without the hard work and commitment of so many people over so many years this development would not be possible.

'Snip, snip' went Caroline Wragg and Natalie Smith our current chairpersons as they cut the ribbon.

'Hooray' went the children as the official opening took place and the cream tea began....

The River Exe Learning Partnership



Along with Ladysmith Infants, Ladysmith Juniors, Topsham and Pinhoe Primary, we are currently part of a group of schools called the River Exe Learning Partnership.

The main purpose of the group is for us to work together to improve teaching and learning, and to share good ideas with each other. We want the children in all of our schools to **Learn Constantly, Enjoy Relentlessly and Live Successfully.**

This term, some teachers from the different schools have been spending time in class with each other to look at how we teach maths, and to share their ways of working with each other.

Next week the heads of two of the other schools will be coming in to look at our assessment processes, development plans, and to familiarise themselves with the way the Federation operates. This is a really good opportunity for us to share what we do, and to learn from other headteachers who work in similar schools.

❖ **The ethos of excellence is everywhere**

Discover how far you can walk and then run...

Couch to 5K

It was lovely to see such a great turn-out for the inaugural Couch to 5K. Seventeen participants joined Peter Ferlie from Active Devon for this first session. This 10 week programme is designed to gradually build up your fitness and stamina, making the challenge feel achievable.

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING for 9 more weeks you are welcome to join us, there is room for more. Bring your trainers and a positive attitude 😊

Meet outside the Nursery at 9:10

Discover the joys of a delicious Devon Cream Team

A Perfect English Summer's Afternoon.

The weather forecast said there would be a possibility of rain and sleet but luckily it stayed away for the Grand Opening of the Year 2 Terrace.

On Tuesday afternoon over 100 people celebrated the start of the summer term and our project titled 'Delicious Devon'. Children and grown-ups exchanged polite and interesting conversation whilst indulging in a magnificent cream tea.

Over 150 scones were baked and consumed by the Y2 children but however many were eaten we still couldn't decide which was best: cream then jam or jam then cream!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Infant School PTFA as they have worked relentlessly to fund this new development to Y2. Our new Terrace will definitely improve learning and wellbeing for everyone.

Come over and have a look, you are warmly invited.

The Infant and Nursery **GROUND'S MORNING** is coming up on May 6th 9.00 – 12.00 noon
Come along to dig, wheelbarrow and plant! Join in to help our school burst into summer colour.

Delicious cheese and chives (from 1F's garden) are the ingredients for

mid morning 'muffins + milkshake'.

Come along if you can, even just for a while.

Accelerated Reader

This week's top readers in each class:

3AM Sophie K

3B Charlotte M

3E Ashar

4HM Nimr

4M Mia F

4O Mimi

5J Adil

5Mc Chanais

5PW Ethan

6G Amelie

6M Daniel P

6SP Anna

Junior School PTA

Over the last 12 months we have been raising money to build our new climbing frame on the lower playground. We are so grateful for your contributions and involvement in PTA events, and are really pleased to announce that we now have enough money to get the project started.

The School Council will be looking at some possible designs, and their top three will be displayed in the entrance hall in the next few weeks for the children to vote on their favourite one.

We have been working hard to keep the children enthused and engaged with the whole process, and are delighted that we can move on to the stage of actually deciding what to buy and seeing it put in place, hopefully in time for our current Year 6 children to get some use of it before they leave us at the end of the summer term.

Could it be this one????

