



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Children in Need

Yes, it's almost that time of year again to support 'Children in Need' on Friday 18th November, what a great opportunity!

One of the values of our Federation is that at Stoke Hill we think it is important that:

- ❖ **Children learn that it is not just what we can take from the world but what we can contribute that is important**

Therefore, supporting this charity is a very practical way of doing just what we value at Stoke Hill Federation.

So, here is the fun bit - wear something spotty on Friday 18th November and bring in some money to help less fortunate children.

At the **Infant and Nursery School** please bring in lots of change as we are going to fill up as many Pudsey Bear outlines as we can with coins. At the **Junior School** please bring in a donation of any kind! The more we can contribute, the better the world will be for Stoke Hill children to grow up into.

Fireworks

The PTA Firework Display is happening tomorrow evening – Friday 4th November – at the Junior School.

The pedestrian **gate will be open from 5.45pm**, and there will be no parking available on the school site. Parking is also extremely limited on the roads around the school.

The fireworks will start at 7.00pm.

There will be a barbecue and a cake stall – we would really welcome any **donations of cakes**, which can be brought into either school on Friday morning.

There is a **superheroes themed fancy dress competition**. This will be judged by the climbing wall at 6.30pm.

The winner will get the job of pressing the button to start the fireworks.

Tickets will now be available tomorrow evening on the gate.

Thinking of starting school next September 2017?

The application period for school places in the Foundation Stage, and for Year 3 places at the Junior School, for September 2017 will open on November 15th. Until January 15th families will be able to apply for their child to attend a school of their choice.

The Infant School is keen to meet parents and to offer tours so that local families can learn more about our setting and make a confident informed choice of school. **Interested in applying for a place?**

Contact the school to meet Mrs Mackay the head

We have many families from all over the world attend our Federation.

However, living in England and joining the English school system can be quite a challenge to some children and their families. We say:

❖ We do all it takes for every child and family to be successful

And so, we are trying to identify families of all cultural backgrounds to initially pair up with new families. We are looking out for grownups who may speak a second or third language and who may have some time to meet with a new family in order to:

- make them feel welcome*
- translate or talk through essential school information*
- share cultural events perhaps*

If you think you can help or want to know more, then please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Bex Ryan from Class FCR or Mrs Jan Edhouse from 3E ~ thank you

KS1 Curriculum Workshop on Thursday 10th Year 1 and 2 parents, look our next week for the flyer with information about this super evening coming up on Thursday 10th.

Dad's Saturday on Saturday 12th

Hello Nursery Dad's, we hope you are looking forward to coming to the Nursery on Saturday morning to play!

New teacher at the Junior School

Just before the holidays we interviewed for a new teacher to replace Mrs Foster when she leaves us at Christmas

The successful candidate was Kate Osborne. Kate has been teaching until recently in Wales, and we were all really impressed with how calm and kind she was with the children, and how enthusiastic she was about working at Stoke Hill.

Kate will be coming in to school before the end of term, and you will have the chance to meet her and get to know her.

New topic hooks

At the start of every half term, each year group plans a 'hook' to get the children inspired about their new topic.

Year 3 will be learning about life in the **Stone Age**, and have been making fossils and dinosaur bones. They'll be burying them in the raised beds and using coordinates to make maps for other people to follow when they try to dig them up.

Year 4 will be learning about **quests** using Toy Story as an inspiration – so had a cinema afternoon where they watched the film together.

Year 5 are studying **Space**, and had a Space Detectives Workshop on Monday morning. They watched some amazing videos, learnt about the solar system and made lovely model planets

Year 6 have had a monster hook! Their topic is **'Extreme'**, and the children have either had an extreme adventure at Heatree House (more next week) or by challenging themselves at Clip and Climb.

