



# Stoke Hill Federation

# NEWS



## The Nursery

I wonder if you pass our Nursery as you make your way to school? It would be easy to imagine it is a 'busy' place, but this would be the wrong word to describe it.

With fifty two children attending the nursery over the course of a week, it is a vibrant place that at the same time manages to be calm, purposeful and just bursting with wonder.

Children attend full and also half days with Gill Holmyard our nursery leader and the nursery staff team creating inspiring opportunities to explore and to learn.

32 new children have started at the Nursery this term and so we welcome these very young children and their families to our Federation. Picture comments???

- ❖ We do all we can to prepare children for life



## Online Safety Session

When online, children can learn new things, get help with homework, express themselves creatively as well as connecting with friends and family. There are also risks, but by understanding and talking about the dangers you can help keep your child safe online.

To help with this we would like to invite you to join us for an **online safety session** next **Wednesday at 2.00pm in the Junior School Hall.**

We have invited Julie Jarman from the Education Welfare Service to come along and share her expertise. She will be talking about how to spot possible risks, and how to minimise them with some simple steps that are easy to put in place.

Everyone is welcome and it will be good to see you there.

## VACANCIES

**Crossing Patrol** There is a vacancy for a crossing patrol person at the Stoke Hill roundabout. What an essential job this is. If you are interested please contact Colin Savage, Crossing Patrol Manager on 01392 383000 or [crossingpatrols@devon.gov.uk](mailto:crossingpatrols@devon.gov.uk)

**Cleaner** There is a vacancy for a cleaner at the Infant and Nursery School. We are looking for someone to clean and care for our school at the end of each day. Please contact Maria Giles at the infant school 01392 258894 or [maria.giles@stokehill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:maria.giles@stokehill.devon.sch.uk)

## Federation Volunteer

**Training** – a reminder that this is coming up next week on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am at the Infant School.

## Accelerated Reader

The system is now up and running for the new term, and over the next few days the children will be bringing home their new reading books if they haven't already done so.

The children can change their book as often as they like, and the more they read the better they will get at reading!

If you have a problem, e.g. if it seems that their book is too easy, too hard or not changed frequently enough, please see their class teacher and we will do all we can to put things right.

## When clouds look like rocks and towers, the Earth will be refreshed with showers.

Long ago sayings such as this might have given people in the past a clue as to the coming weather. However, even with our modern day 'clues' such as the weather forecast it can still be difficult to judge the day can't it?

Will it be... wet/dry? hot/cold? comfortable/humid? or a mixture of all the weathers across a single day?

Here is a school/weather saying 'If a child has not brought in a coat it will rain, if there is no name on it then it will be lost again'!

So, please send your child to school with a coat EVERY DAY for those expected and unexpected showers and please, please ensure that your child's name is on the coat somewhere ~ thank you.



Where would we all be without our marvellous team of TA's? No wonder they have a special day to mark the essential work they do in schools. To our Federation TA's we extend our **thanks and appreciation**~

## New topic 'Hooks'

At the start of each half term the teachers have planned a 'hook' activity to engage the children in their new topic.

### ***This half term:***

Y3 are learning about our amazing body, and will be spending some time in the School Woods to think about how they would survive in the wilderness – including building a shelter and a campfire

Y4 have taken a trip to the Quay to inspire their 'Rivers' topic. They sketched local landmarks and learnt about the Quay's place in the history of Exeter

Y5 have taken part in a WWII interactive workshop, including learning how to use Morse Code, reflecting on evacuation, and hearing just how loud and scary an air raid siren was.

Y6 are studying the Paralympics, and as well as watching lots of inspirational footage, have taken part in a variety of Paralympic sports. They will be doing more of this as the term goes on.