



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



DISCOVER

We hope that during the time your child attends the Federation they will discover that *it is not just what they can take from the world but what they can contribute that is important*. This is one of the values that we hope characterises your child's education

After extensive interviews with over 30,000 children, research by the Children's Society www.childrenssociety.org.uk states that '*unselfish people are happier than selfish people*'. With this in mind, each day and in very many situations, we encourage children to think of others and to behave in thoughtful ways.

We actively support our three Federation charities:

- Oxfam
- Children in Need
- The Devon Wildlife Trust.

And in addition to these charities, at this time of year we take time and action to think of others less fortunate than ourselves in Exeter.

Harvest

All around the world having enough of what you need and being thankful for a good 'harvest' is celebrated in many ways.

Across the Federation we invite you to support St Petrocks and Exeter's Foodbank this harvest time.

In school, children will be learning more about being 'thankful' and of issues related to poverty and homelessness.

There will be areas at the front of the Nursery and both schools where you will be able to leave your donated items.

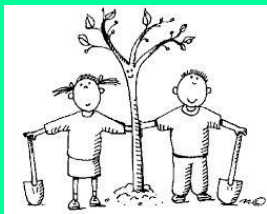
Not sure what to give?

A joint St Petrocks and Foodbank 'wishlist' poster is attached to this newsletter and will be displayed around our Federation.

~ thank you for your support.

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

Grounds Day on Saturday 7th (tomorrow) has had to be cancelled at short notice. Sorry to families looking forward to this event, we will re-schedule soon and let you know.



There is an Infant and Nursery

PTFA meeting in the staffroom on Monday 9th at 9am, please stay and join this team of inspirational grown ups ~ you are very welcome

Accelerated Reader

The top readers in each year group this week are:

Y3 – 3O Y4 – 4Mc
Y5 – 5PM Y6 – 6SP

We are so pleased to see that nearly every child is reading regularly at home. This makes such a difference to their progress and attainment in every subject.

Mathletics

The top classes this week are:

1. 5J
2. 6B
3. 5G

These three classes are in the top 3 again – is it time for a new champion next week?

DISCOVER the world of wonderful apples

Last week our Year 2 children set off to visit the Royal Horticultural Garden RHS Rosemoor near Torrington www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor

They were on a mission to find out more about apples – our whole school project this half term. Children visited Devon's 'Mother Orchard' recently set up in the garden which will provide seed for 100s of heritage apples. As well as touring the wonderful gardens the children learnt many amazing facts about this abundant and healthy fruit. Elijah from 2E says 'did you know...

- There are more than 7,500 varieties of apples grown around the world. It would take you more than 20 years to try them all if you ate one a day!
- Apples can be as small as a cherry to as big as a grapefruit.
- Most apples have 10 seeds.

Just before half term we are looking forward to Theatre Alibi www.theatrealibi.co.uk bringing the children their current performance 'Apple John'.

For enrichment visits outside and inside the school such as these, we want to thank you for making a financial contribution to ensure that they can go ahead.

Look out for apple events coming up around Devon to celebrate National 'Apple Day' on October 21st.

Stay and Play at the Junior School

We have had a few parents asking us about using the school playground after school for informal play, and to allow parents to socialise.

Unfortunately this is not possible, because the After School Club use the playground and field every day. It would be too difficult for them to properly supervise the children in their care if there were a large group of other children sharing the space at the same time.

We do want you to stay and chat to your friends if you want to though, and are happy for you to use the space at the front of the school. There is a lovely area of grass where lots of children enjoy letting off a bit of steam before they go home, and we'd love it if you and your child would like to join them.

To make this easier we will be investing in some new seats so that you can sit and watch them playing.

The vehicle gates are locked until 3.30pm, after which cars and lorries use the site for deliveries etc., so if your child is staying with you to play after this time please keep a particularly close eye on them.

The new Vocabulary Ninja Word of the Week is 'Warrior'