



Stoke Hill Federation



Happy New Year

2017 has begun in a very 'Federation' way this year, with both schools working together on the professional development day on Tuesday and then, although unplanned (!) on the Tuesday and Wednesday as the Juniors helped the Infants manage their boiler breakdown.

We are proud to be partners in a mature Federation now, our schools committed to working together in 2009 and then agreed to make our partnership formal by Federating in 2012. Being a 'Federation' means that we are still 2 separate schools but are committed to working really closely together. We share one Governing Body who ensure the strategic direction and development of both of the schools.

Being in education is exciting and challenging and becoming a Governor is a worthwhile contribution to make. If you are interested in the role of a governor please talk to or e-mail either of us headteachers, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Mobile Phones

Two Important Messages



Firstly, if you have had a new mobile phone for Christmas **can you please make it a priority to update our records and give us your new number?**

Secondly, we will be asking you to follow our new **'don't use your mobile on school premises'** policy. We have become concerned about the number of parents using mobiles while in classrooms, and the potential supervision and safeguarding issues this causes.

We also believe that if you are with your child in the classroom you should be focussing your attention on them – phone calls and social media can wait for a few minutes, as your child will really benefit from your full engagement during the start and end of their school day.

Laughing all the way to the bank for...

CHILDREN IN NEED

Just before Christmas strong, superfit children in Class 2P took all of the money raised for Children in Need to be paid in over the counter at a bank in High Street. They were glad they did as they returned to school with Pudsey Money Boxes and a greater understanding of our Federation value:

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

~thanks 2P

Accelerated Reader

Top Readers Autumn 2016

These children read the most word and books last term:

Words Books

3AM	Cecilia	Charlotte
3B	Rowan	Louis & Daniel
3E	Ashar	Thomas W
4HM	Ina	Dillon
4M	Mia	Salim & Basharat
4O	Mimi	Ibrahim
5J	Alfie	Filip
5Mc	Sarah	Daniel
5PW	Ben H	Ben H
6G	Freya	Freya
6M	Emma	Maria

'10 to 9' at the Infant School

Our school day begins at 9am with registration but just a reminder that we invite children to join in with an activity at 10 to 9am if they wish. Joining this activity suits the schedule and temperament of some children and families, for others it doesn't. Please note that the '10 to 9' activity is optional and is linked to your child's current learning. The 10 minute slot of time also provides the opportunity for a child's grown up to informally talk to class staff and to look at learning around the room.

You'll find a leaflet on the tables in your classroom this coming week describing this session in more detail, so that if you wish to come along at 10 to 9, you'll get the most out of every minute.



Across the Federation we are recycling Christmas Cards for the Woodland Trust until the end of January



The two new parts – no larger than 2 fingers of a KitKat!

Thanks to the chaps at FTECH for keeping their cool and not letting us down with the repair (not that they were under pressure or anything!)

Boiler Issues and a Change of Scene

On Wednesday and Thursday we were really pleased to welcome the children and adults from Y2 and then Y1 to spend some of their learning time at the Junior School because of the boiler issues at the Infant School. It must be programmed into these devices to break down on especially cold days.

The children were really excited to see their siblings and relatives, and the younger ones got a bit of a taste of the Junior School. It was great to see them making good use of the grounds, looking out for different plants and animals that are around in the winter. They were also able to focus on their writing and maths, and no time was wasted. The photos on the front of the newsletter are of children climbing our awesome oak tree and reading together with Miss Ford in our library.

A big highlight was Thursday morning playtime, when Y1 had the chance to join the Junior School children and have a run around together.

Hopefully the boiler issues are behind the Infants, but if we need to share school sites again for a short amount of time we know that it works!