



# Stoke Hill Federation



## NEWS

### June is just around the corner...

There are lots of free events taking place around the city this summer. If you know of any activity that children and families across the Federation might enjoy then please e-mail in the details or give to a member of staff. We plan to gather as much information as we can in order to soon publish a 'Summer in the City 2017' leaflet.

**POP UP GAMES IN THE PARK!**

**FREE!**

Priory Road Park  
Priory Road,  
off Mount Pleasant Rd

Wednesdays in  
June 5-30- 7pm

7th June- Yoga  
14th June- HulaHooping  
21st June- Archery  
28th June - Rounders

Music Jam &  
BBQ's welcome!

**Polslow  
Community  
Association**

**Wellbeing  
Exeter**

Come along!  
Have some fun!  
Bring a frisbee,  
Skipping rope,

Have fun and games  
with friends  
and neighbours

Bring a picnic!

For Details Contact: 07847 253280 or email [polslowplanters@gmail.co.uk](mailto:polslowplanters@gmail.co.uk)

### Homework Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent homework survey. We have been trialling a new system of homework menus at the Junior School this year, and we were keen to hear your view about how it has been working.

We will be analysing the results fully, but wanted to give you an idea of the main findings from the people who responded.

65% prefer the homework menus to set tasks  
12% aren't sure  
23% preferred the previous type of homework

Lots of you, especially parents of younger children, think we set too much homework. There was also a strong feeling that the homework menus can be a bit repetitive towards the end of each half term.

We will now be using your responses to help us devise a different approach ready for September, so thank you for taking the time to respond.



You are invited by the Infant PTFA to learn how to create a clean, green and safe haven in your home using NORWEX products. No obligation to buy, refreshments and good company guaranteed Weds 24<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm in the hall



by Rebekah Class 2HO

## Accelerated Reader

The top readers in each class this week are:

3AM	Heidi-Rose
3B	Rowan S
3E	Philip
4AM	Ina
4M	Xin Yuan
4O	Lauren
5J	Alfie
5Mc	Sarah
5PW	Carwin
6G	Nusaybah
6M	Josh J-B
6SP	Emma

*Foundation discover Mincinglake Valley Park* Despite the rather soggy weather on Monday, the children in Foundation pulled on their wellies and their raincoats and ventured up the hill to Mincinglake Valley Park and met up with Emily from the Devon Wildlife Trust. The visit was planned as part of our topic 'WILD' and has inspired some great independent writing. Here are just a few examples of what the children wrote:

'I went to Mincinglake. I saw a fox's print on the path.' Lyzee FCR

'I heard a bird tweeting in the tree.' Joel FCR

'We found a wood pigeon's egg and we saw a slow worm.' Isaac FT

'I whistled because I was really excited about seeing a dog.' Julia FL

'I saw a spider climbing on Emily's hand.' Anna FCR.

'I saw a slow worm on the way back' Madeleine FT

'We met Emily. We played a game.' Kasia FL

*Mincinglake Valley Park is just a 5 minute walk away from school and worth a visit, whatever the weather!*

## Outdoor Classroom Day

The children at the Junior School really enjoyed a day with a difference on Thursday, when most of their learning took place outside in our fabulous grounds.

The day started with a visit from Paul Martin, who showed the children some fantastic pictures of the beavers on the River Otter. Paul was very grateful for all your kind donations to the Devon Wildlife Trust.

There were lots of different activities going on, and hopefully your child will have shared their day with you.

Highlights included a times tables treasure hunt, with children looking for searching for hidden questions that matched their answers; fabulous at work; orienteering; making model yurts for the Y6 Glastonbury topic; and a huge range of social skills and team building exercises. I'm sure the day will remain in the children's memories for a long time. There is something really special about listening to stories round the fire, and working together with your friends to create a special piece of art work. **There are some great pictures of our brilliant day on the Federation website.**