



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Half Term

It's been an inspiring start to our school year and half term is upon us. Let's hope the weather continues to be lovely and that everyone has time to read and relax in some autumn sunshine

'Read. Everything you can get your hands on. Read until words become your friends. Then when you need to find one, they will jump into your mind, waving their hands for you to pick them. And you can select whichever you like, just like a captain choosing a stickball team.' Karen Witemeyer

A fond 'goodbye' to Mrs White our Playleader at the Infant School.

Mrs White has been working over the lunchtime to make a midday happy hour and ensure

children have their lunch on time for **27** years. Stoke Hill Infant, Junior, lots of Secondary School aged children and many grown ups too will know her and want to wish her well upon her retirement today.



How's Your Child Doing At School?

Over the last few years at the Junior School you have been able to get an idea about the progress your child has been making in English and maths by logging on to School Pupil Tracker and looking at the levels they have attained. This all changed last year when the government removed levels, and changed the way that we work.

The best way you can see how your child is getting on at the Junior School is to have a good look in their books – this way you will be able to see how their work is improving, and how their attitude to work is reflected in good presentation and handwriting.

At the Infant and Nursery School you are similarly welcome to come in and have a look at your child's books. The '10 to 9' session is a good time for this and to look at learning displayed in the classroom too.

Our Key Stage 1 'Curriculum Evening' is coming up on Thursday 10th November at 6.00pm with 'Dad's Saturday' planned for Saturday 12th November. So please save those dates and find out more about your child's learning.



Nursery Family Workshops

There was a buzz of conversation in the Nursery this week as parents and grandparents joined their children in some creative fun. In the first of our termly Family Workshops the children and grown-ups collaborated to make collage faces. The children were proud to share their nursery environment with their families and for adults it was another opportunity to find answers to the question, 'What did you do at nursery today?'

Accelerated Reader

Top Classes of the Half Term

Y3 – 3B Y5 – 5PW

Y4 – 4F Y6 – 6SP

Top Readers of the Half Term

1. Ben Harper
2. Frankie Boyce
3. Carwin Choi
4. Chayton Phillips
5. Beth Hughes

Total Words Read

20,252,282

95% of the children have scored 85%+ in a quiz in the last 7 days

Shared Snack in Foundation

The learning in Foundation is currently inspired by the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. For their weekly shared snack the children have the opportunity to try different varieties of bread from around the world. Last week they tasted French petite pain warmed in the oven. This week it was naan from India. There are plenty of other breads to discover: focaccia, pitta, grissini and brioche. Which one will they try next? Later in the term the children will be baking their own bread too, just like the little Red Hen.



Stoke - Victus Games

This term the Y6 children's learning has been based around the Paralympic Games and the Invictus Games. They have learnt a variety of different sports, as well as writing some moving 'flashback' stories. Their art work was inspired by the Paralympic Values, and in science they have learnt about the human body.

As part of their learning they have been sharing some amazing stories about athletes who have overcome incredible odds and succeeded in their chosen sports. We have all been saying 'YES I CAN' whenever we find something a bit tricky!

On Wednesday over 60 parents and family members came to school to share the children's learning, including watching the children recite the Invictus poem and sing some rousing songs. The children then demonstrated the new sports they have been learning. There are lots of pictures on the website if you would like to find out more.

Secondary School Applications Deadline

Y6 parents – the deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31st October. If you have not completed your form yet and are not sure what to do please contact the school office and we will help you.



Well done to the Junior School Catering Team for achieving a 5 star rating in their latest Hygiene Inspection.