



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Here comes the Sun

Here comes half term too and so if you are using half term to get organised for the summer months here is some information that we hope will help:

Suncream School staff are not permitted to apply sun protection products to children. At both the Junior school and Infant and Nursery the advice we follow is that a high-factor SPF15+, all day or waterproof product provides adequate protection for a school day.

Footwear Sandals are permitted footwear but are to be worn with socks to prevent rubbing and provide some protection for feet. Crocks, deck shoes, flip flops and similar lightweight shoes are not suitable for school and should not be worn.

Water Every child should bring a bottle of water to school with them, these can be refilled from water fountains during the day.

Sunglasses are permitted to protect eyes and are the responsibility of the child.

Hats at the Infant and Nursery school are required, Junior children can make a choice about wear a hat or not.

For further advice regarding staying safe in the sun visit:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/skin/Pages/Sunsafer.aspx#children>

Parking and crossing the road

I know we have written about this before, but we regularly receive complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous parking both before and after school, and wanted to remind you of the importance of this issue. Please think about where you are parking and remember that road markings such as double yellow lines and zig-zags are there to keep everyone, especially children, safe.

We are lucky enough to have two crossing patrols now to help the children across the road. Norman is stationed where he is because traffic studies have shown that the road is dangerous, and he stands at the safest crossing place. Please don't save a few seconds by crossing the road at the bottom of the drive, and Miss Bowyer, is a very new patroller on the roundabout

Children copy adult behaviour, and the crossing patrols are there to keep the children safe. Please make use of Mr Robbins and Miss Bowyer's help.

❖ We make sure children feel safe

Year 2 Thank you to the teaching team in Year 2 for ensuring that the SAT's this yeargroup have to take have blended so seamlessly with their everyday learning. Unlike KS2 SAT's these tests for the younger children are taken at times that suit the class and their curriculum and are used to inform the assessments the teachers make. A big well done to the Y2 children for trying their very best!

Accelerated Reader

We have been so pleased with the way that Accelerated Reader has motivated lots of our children to read, understand and enjoy books. We share names or classes each week to maintain that motivation, and to celebrate effort and achievement.

This week's top readers in each class are:

3AM Isaac
3B Amelie
3E Ashar

4HM Nimr
4M Salim
4O Elise

5J Oliver W
5Mc Sarah
5PW Carwin

6G Freya
6M Emma
6SP Beth

Discover Mincinglake Valley Park this half term - it really is only a five minute or so walk from our schools.

All of the children in Year 1 visited Mincinglake this week as part of their project titled 'Beautiful Britain'.

This is what Jack, Rhys and Sonny had to say about their exciting morning out:

Sonny 'We had a great picnic because it was really yummy. The sandwiches were delicious but not the one that fell on the grass.'

Jack 'We went there because we filled up our jar up to the line. We fill it up when we do a lot of writing, like 10 sentences or more, then we get a marble to go in the jar.'

Reece We were sketching and finding birds, leaves and insects. We saw willow, oak and sycamore leaves.

Sonny and Jack 'We want to go again.'

Reece 'Walking there was long...'



Year 5 Production This week we have had the pleasure of watching our Year 5 children perform their version of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.

The children launched themselves into the story, and impressed us with their dancing, singing and acting. They worked hard to grasp the complicated plot, and impressed us all with their enthusiasm and talents.

Many thanks to the Year 5 team. They have worked so hard to give the children an opportunity to experience the wonderful world of Shakespeare, and to have a great time while doing so.

Cricket This week saw the first cricket competition of the summer.

Our girls' team went to Ottery Cricket Club on Wednesday, and enjoyed playing against a number of teams from different schools from the local area.

We have been watching them practice at lunchtimes, and have been really impressed with the improvement in their skills and knowledge of the game. Most of the team were playing in their first tournament, and really enjoyed the experience. As well as having a great time, the team did really well, finishing **3rd in East Devon!**