

# Stoke Hill Federation NEWS



# So many people help us:

We regularly need to express our thanks to the people who work in partnership with us. So today is a bit of a January roll call:

#### THANKS to:

- Parents who have worked with the TESCO
  Ground Works Scheme which has resulted in
  £1000 to kick start our search for enough
  money to install an 'eco-bike hub' at the
  front of the Infant School so children and
  families can cycle and park in style
- The 'Tree Men' working on the hill who have donated so much woodchip to our Federation paths and logs for us to sit on
- The Hele's Trust who make regular grants to the Federation - recent grants include the pizza oven at the Junior School and almost £1750 of beautiful, wooden construction blocks for outside play in the nursery
- The ladies at the Beacon Heath Co-op for a bulging bag of cakes each Friday to enjoy in the Infant School playground

MANY more individuals and organisations support us, for which we are very grateful.

#### **Parental Controls**

Parental controls are an important way to keep your child safe online.

At school our access to the Internet is filtered by the South West Grid for Learning to ensure that inappropriate content does not appear on school computers. Each week we check to see what has been blocked by the filter as part of the process of ensuring that school ICT equipment is always used appropriately.

You can use parental controls at home to block upsetting or harmful content or to manage how long your child spends online. Innocent searches sometimes reveal not so innocent results, and if you're worried about what you're child might stumble into, or who they might be talking to, there are lots of resources available to help.

The NSPCC and O2 have a really useful website with lots of information –

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keepig-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/You can also call them on **0808 800 5002** for advice and support.

There is a culture where everyone is passionate about learning





# **PTFA**

# The Infant School PTFA

**Meeting** is coming up on Wednesday. 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9am in the Infant staffroom.

The PTFA are a very small group of parents and grandparents who do such a lot for us. If you have a cake in the playground after school on a Friday it will be because of them! So please come along and lend a hand at some point to keep the PTFA happy and busy. See you on Wednesday we hope.

# Accelerated Reader This week's top readers

- 1. Alfie Richardson
- 2. Alexander Morley
- 3. Mia Marsh

#### This week's top classes

- 1. 5J
- 2. 6M
- 3. 6SP

#### **Math**letics

Mathletics is a new online scheme we are trialling with some children that gives them the chance to practice their number skills by playing fun maths games. We can see how much they have been practising...

## Last week's top mathematicians

- 1. Billy Adair
- 2. Ella Standen

## This week's top mathematicians

- 1. Jake Ashelford
- 2. Jay Foster-Clarke
- 3. Cole Gildethorp

# **Discover** the secret to happy parking...

Following the information we shared last week, there appear to have been some amendments to the plan of restrictions which were not evident online. So, in order for you to access the correct and most up-to-date information we suggest that you follow this link directly <a href="https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/parking/traffic-regulation-orders/exeter-resident-parking/">https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/parking/traffic-regulation-orders/exeter-resident-parking/</a>

Walking and talking your way to school is always a good option. Your child will not always want your company on the school run, the years go by so quickly... So whilst perhaps your child still wants to share their world and their learning with you please seize the day. If you live a long way from the schools and actually have to drive, please consider parking say 10 minutes away, where there are likely to be less restrictions and walking that last part of your journey is possible (and enjoyable).

# Keeping Safe on Social Media In Assembly at the

Junior School on Monday we watched a short video that underlined the importance of children getting the privacy settings right on any social media accounts they might have. We would really recommend watching it with your child if they have an account, or if you are thinking of setting one up for them. The film is called Jigsaw, and is produced by CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre). You can find the

video on YouTube by searching for **CEOP Jigsaw**.

# **Chinese New Year**

This week the children heard all about Chinese New Year in Assembly. Mrs Edhouse and Mrs Singh have created lovely displays in our entrance halls, and we have seen lots of children reading more about it and looking at the resources.

We would like to wish all our families who celebrate this festival





