



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Site Security Update

In light of the recent needle finds at the Infant and Nursery School, I hope families will be reassured by the preventative action that is being taken.

Crime Prevention Officers from Devon and Cornwall Police have supported the school with an extensive site survey. Following up on recommendations such as CCTV, increased lighting, signage and perimeter fencing is all well underway. However, I am sure you will understand that we will be able to implement some measures more quickly than others. Perimeter fencing and keypad gated access will certainly be a next step in strengthening our site security.

Police Community Support Officer P.C.S.O. Richard Shelton and P.C. Steve Parsons joined the Governing Body meeting last week to update Governors on the action Devon and Cornwall Police are taking to combat drug use in the Stoke Hill area. They outlined their operations relating to the school and nursery in particular.

Education In age appropriate ways, in assembly and in the classroom children are learning how to keep safe out of doors. Children are learning what is safe to touch and what is not, and are learning who is safe to talk to and who is not. Please repeat these safe messages at home.

River Exe Learning Partnership

Our schools continue to benefit from working as part of the River Exe Learning Partnership.

This term, groups of teacher are meeting to work on common issues, sharing what we already do and learning from each other.

Later on in the term, two of our partner headteachers will visit our schools for a day to look at the work we are doing, and to help us think about how we go about things. They will be coming back later in the year to see if our plans are making a difference to the progress your children are making.

All of the teachers in the partnership will again have the opportunity to spend time in another school, looking at the different approaches used and sharing good ideas.

One of our values is **'There is a culture where everyone is passionate about learning'**, and being part of RELP helps us to make this a reality.

‘Friday Cakes’ in the Playground at

the Infant and Nursery School has become a regular and popular event. It also raises much needed funds for the school!

Baking and selling cakes ensures this event happens. So, when it is the turn of your child’s class (each class provides cakes and ‘sellers’ for a month) please try to support in any way you can:

- make cakes
- provide shop bought cakes
- sell cakes at 3.15pm

All these things need to happen to keep this lovely event going. The queue is often long... maybe you could volunteer to help sell to speed things along...

Mathletics

Mathletics is used by thousands of schools all over the world.

There is a ‘Hall of Fame’ that shows how we compare to other schools in different countries.

Earlier this week, we saw that 6SP were **1st in the UK** and **14th in the world** for their Mathletics usage!

All children have a login. If your child has lost theirs, please see their teacher. We want every child in our school to be a world-class mathematician.

HARVEST

Donations welcome this coming week for the Exeter Foodbank and St Petrocks. Still time to add a tin or packet or two...

Thank You

DIWALI

‘Happy Diwali’ to all of our Hindu and Sikh families celebrating this *festival of lights* on October 19th.

Runners

Good luck to our team of Stoke Hill Runners, running on Sunday in the Activate Race. We know you can **DO IT!**

Theatre Alibi

are visiting the Infant and Nursery School on Monday with their performance of ‘*Johnny Appleseed*’ don’t forget to ask your child about this magical performance.

Reading at the Junior School

It’s great to see so many children becoming fluent and enthusiastic readers. We talk to them regularly about the importance of reading, and how being a confident reader makes such a difference to their achievement in every subject.

All children read daily in school, and the Accelerated Reader system has been really helpful in allowing us to allocate books that they can enjoy and understand independently.

The biggest thing you can do to help your child keep up with their classmates is to make sure they are reading regularly at home – just half an hour, 3 times a week will make a massive difference to them.

It also helps to talk about the book they are reading, asking them about the plot and the characters.

If you would like to be involved in helping your child choose a new book the library is open until 3.30pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Bikeability Well done to all the Year 6 children who passed their Bikeability training. This involved practising basic skills in the playground, before using these skills on the roads around the school. Thank you to our Y6 teachers for organising the training sessions, and to the Bikeability team for leading the sessions. Another thank you to you, for making sure the children arrived with bikes and helmets for every session.