

# Stoke Hill Federation

## Newsletter



*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018*



### **Is your child waterproof?**

This wet and windy weather will not last forever but whilst it is with us, please:

send your child to school in a coat that has a hood, as we do go out to play when it is raining a bit

name your child's coat and belongings, as with 600+ coats on pegs or in lockers across the Federation a name in a coat will help re-unite it with its owner

check out the lost property boxes in both schools

for younger children - make sure your child can do up their buttons or zip by themselves – its great if they can.

### **Keeping your Child Safe**

Please make sure you call and let us know if your child is unwell and not able to come to school.

We realise it can be a rush in the morning, especially if you are making emergency childcare arrangements, but it is really important that we know where all of our children are in the morning.

It would be helpful if you could contact us before 9.15am so that we can locate everyone as quickly as possible.

You don't even need to talk to anyone - there is a designated answerphone line to report absences at both schools.

Website [www.stokehill.devon.sch.uk](http://www.stokehill.devon.sch.uk)

Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School  
01392 258894

Stoke Hill Junior School  
01392 667830

### Keeping up with the information?

You may be missing reminders on posters or messages on boards, letters in bookbags (or more frequently NOT in bookbags!) and information generally posted around the Federation.

Perhaps you are generally wondering just what is going on? and more to the point, how to find out? So, here is just a quick reminder then of **3 ways** we commit to communicating with you in 2018. Please...

1. Visit the **WEBSITE**
2. Open your **ParentMail** e-mails
3. Read the **Newsletter**

### Assemblies

At the infant school the focus of our assemblies this half term is 'Making Choices'

We began thinking about easy choices such as 'shall I eat an apple or an orange?'. We thought about choosing or not choosing to recycle and choices on Kelso's Wheel. Last week we thought about making choices that are 'right' or 'wrong'. This coming week children will be thinking about how parents and families help them to learn about right and wrong choices. Maybe you could look out for times when you could talk about **choices** at home.

### Your child's online safety education this term

This term all Junior School classes will be studying a unit of work based on using new online technology safely, developing skills in resilience, self-esteem and positive attention seeking behaviour. It has been produced by the National Crime Agency's child protection education programme [Thinkuknow](#).

In particular the Thinkuknow educational activities introduce scenarios and reflection about '**Live Streaming**'. Live streaming is the broadcasting of real-time, live video to an audience over the internet. All you need to be able to live stream is an Internet enabled device, like a smart phone or tablet with a camera, and an app that has a 'Live' function, such as YouTube, Instagram Live or Musica.ly.

#### #Live Skills

To help support children to enjoy live streaming safely, if they are currently doing it, or for those that may be introduced to it when they start secondary school, these educational activities focus on building children's skills to know who to trust online and how to get affirmation in positive ways at home and school. These skills are important for navigating both the online and offline world.