



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



World Book Day 2017

What a great day this was across the Federation. Even the sun shone to light up the fabulous costumes and the new 'swapped' books. It was a real treat to see everyone enjoying a slightly different kind of day at school yesterday.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible, families, staff, children and some of the nation's publishers. Children grow up so fast and the days and weeks go quickly don't they? However, we hope your child will remember the day they came to school dressed as... Don't leave it too long before you exchange your World Book Day voucher for another new book as they do have a 'use by' date. Visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/#fiction> online to hear an excerpt from each book read to you – maybe this will help you decide.

'Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything.'
—Tomie dePaola

Safer Internet Resources

Over the last few weeks children at the Junior School have been watching the adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART crew, helping them to think about how to keep themselves online. The videos are available here, on the **Childnet** website, along with lots of other useful resources.

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>

There are also a series of 'Smartie the Penguin' activities aimed at 3-7 year olds, which you can find here:

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

We find that the more the 'keeping safe online' message is repeated, the more effective it is, so if you have the time to look at these with your child it would be really helpful.

- ❖ We help children discover their unique interest and talents

The Infant School are hoping to *discover* a kind person who would just clean our fishtank once every so often. None of the staff are really 'fishy' people and we are in need of someone who knows what to do. Can you help? Our two caretakers will lend a hand we just need someone to love our fish for us.

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Please let anyone know if you can help, we'd love to hear from you.

Please, PLEASE park with consideration for our neighbours around Stoke Hill. Understandably several residents are not happy to find cars across their drive and even **IN their drive!**

Annual Reports for children in Key Stage 1 and 2 will be coming home to you shortly.

Where parents live at separate addresses a second copy of the report can be requested, please let office staff know.

Accelerated Reader

Top Classes this week:

3E

4O

5J

6G

Mathletics Champions this week:

1. Jessica
2. Sven
3. Eleanor

Discover the Spring!

Are you pleased to see the spring begin to arrive?

Spring - March, April and May

Spring is usually said to start at the beginning of March and the 21st of March is the Spring Equinox; the date on which day and night are of equal length.

This season is a time of days getting longer and the spring sunshine bringing growth and greenery everywhere with buds and leaves unfolding.

Take a moment to enjoy our beautiful school grounds as they burst into life this spring. Click here to download a 'Spring Spotter Sheet' from the Wildlife Watch to enjoy spotting signs of spring in places near you <http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/images/Downloads/spotters/signsofpring1.pdf>



To hook the Year 3 children into their **light topic**, the children have been making kaleidoscopes. The process was very tricky – it needed very careful measuring and cutting and precise colouring to get the best final results. We have been so impressed by the children's patience and determination, and the children would love it if you came into class to see their creations.

The children also took a 'light quiz' to find out what they already know and what they need to learn more about. It will be really interesting to see how much they learn about light during the next few weeks.

Mud We open up the Junior School field at break and lunchtime every day that it is safe. Sometimes this means the children will get a bit muddy, especially if they are playing football. We try to keep this to a minimum, but feel that we are lucky to have such a fabulous resource, and want to make the best use of it every day that we can.

