

# Stoke Hill Federation Newsletter



**Friday 20th April 2018**



Welcome back – we hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the fantastic opportunities the summer

**Volunteer Training**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00 – 9.45am  
at the Junior School  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 2.30 – 3.15pm  
at the Infant School

## The Summer Term...

It looks like the 13 weeks of the summer term will be full of inspiring events. Coming up soon is a 'grandparents afternoon', all our usual sports events, a curriculum workshop plus educational visits of all kinds. Keeping up with the dates and the information is a challenge made much easier if you have the Federation's **Parent Calendar** at your side.

We plan as much as we can a year in advance so that you can join events and support your child. Download this year's 2017-18 parent calendar from the website: [home page>parents>Parent Calendar and Term Dates](#) or quickly check details using the month-at-a-view calendar you can view from the home page.

## Volunteer Training

We know that children are hugely inspired by the range of educational visits that the Federation offers – from the chance to 'sleep with sharks' at Plymouth Aquarium to taking a trip on a boat up the River Exe.

To enable teachers to plan visits to exciting destinations such as these, we rely on our trained volunteers to join us. With class visits coming up soon teachers are hoping that enough volunteers will be available to help! If you think you would like to spend some time supporting the children in school or on an educational visit, then we invite you to our 45 minute training. This will cover aspects of health & safety, safeguarding, confidentiality, supporting learning etc. We will also be able to direct you to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). ***Please come along if you can ~ we appreciate and need your help.***

Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School  
01392 258894

Stoke Hill Junior School  
01392 667830

### Governor Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Federation Governing Body. The governing body is responsible for the strategic direction and vision of the Federation. We want to make sure that both schools do the best job possible for our children, and being a governor is a great opportunity to 'make a difference'.

We meet twice a term, receive reports from the headteachers and other school leaders, and discuss issues arising from these. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who has an interest in Online Safety, Finance or the Curriculum.

If you would like to find out more please contact Vanessa Newcombe our Chair of Governors on: 01392 498035

### Summer Uniform

We've had a bit of a taste of hot weather this week, and hopefully there will be lots more to come before we break up in July.

One of our values is that '**the ethos of excellence is everywhere**'. Please help us with this by making sure your child comes to school in their uniform every day. Shorts, summer dresses, and polo shirts plus a hat are perfect for warmer days.

Children need to wear footwear that is appropriate for every part of the school day too. Please no open-backed sandals, trainers, crocks, deck or other fashion shoes.

### Fortnite Battle Royale

National Online Safety Limited have produced a very useful leaflet about the Fortnite game. Some of the older children have talked about playing the game, and some of the dances that the characters use are sweeping through the playground! The game is, however, rated at 12+, and there are a number of internet safety issues that you need to be aware of if you decide to allow your child to play it.

You can access the guide here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Fortnite-Battle-Royale-Parents-Guide.pdf>

### Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at the Junior School to start as soon as possible. The post is permanent and a total of 13.75 hours a week Monday to Friday (3.15 pm – 6.00 pm every day). 38 weeks term time only with another 3 weeks to be worked during holiday periods. The hourly rate is £8.50.

If you interested in applying for this post please look out for the details on the school website and send in an application form to Melissa Barton at the Junior School by the closing date of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### London Marathon

Good luck to our four inspirational parents who are taking part in the London Marathon on Sunday. If you're watching on TV keep an eye open for Melanie Perkin, Julian Wills, Graeme Whalen and Suzie Tosh, and send them some Stoke Hill love to help keep them going.