



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Welcome back

We would like to wish all our new children and families a warm welcome to the Stoke Hill community. We also welcome back everyone after a lovely sunny summer holiday.

The children have all arrived looking smart, enthusiastic and keen to get going in their new classes. Thank you for preparing them so well for the start of term.

We are very proud of our happy, successful schools and are looking forward to another year of innovative and creative learning. We will continue to use our amazing school grounds and environments to inspire the children, and as always we will be making sure we go the extra mile to make sure every child can truly shine.

We look forward to working with you to make this the best year yet for you and your child.



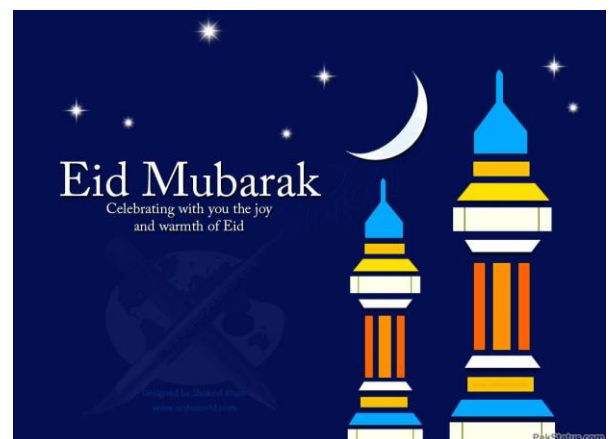
Volunteer Training

Teachers have planned some super educational visits for classes this coming term. If you are interested in supporting these visits we ask that you attend the Federation's 'Volunteer Training'. Two training sessions are coming up next week on Monday 19th at 2.30pm and Tues 20th at 9.00am, both sessions will be at the Infants .

Please contact the Infant office on 258894 or infant.admin@stokehill.devon.sch.uk to sign up, thank you.

~Eid Mubarak~

**May families have a
happy and peaceful Eid**



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The Big Classroom Edit...

where this new school year, at the Infant school we hope you notice that 'less is more'.

Ahead of the children arriving for school we spent our professional development days reviewing our learning environments.

Classrooms are busy places and at the end of the summer term we wondered, maybe they were becoming a little too visually busy with information and items to look at on just about every wall and surface!

So have started the year with a fresher and more spacious classroom feel – and hope to keep it that way.

What do you think?

School has almost begun

for 90 of our youngest and soon to be newest children.

Foundation Stage staff have been busy this week visiting their new class at home. Gently inducting them into the exciting world of 'school' is an important task they do in the Federation and begins firm foundations for our partnership working.

You'll see the new ones from this coming Thursday onwards, as they begin their part time start. So look out for them and their new families. Thank you to the PTFA for providing tea, coffee and a big box of tissues on that first day.

The Federation has kept on growing and going over the Summer break

So big thanks to members of our caretaking, gardening and admin teams for keeping the Federation running quietly but smoothly over the holidays. Their contribution is largely unseen but the fact that our old buildings are in good shape and our grounds have not become a wilderness is due them.



Paralympics

Year 6 are taking the Paralympics as inspiration for their learning this term. As part of this they will be taking part in a variety of new sports in their PE lessons, including athletics, Boccia, Goal Ball and Sitting Volleyball. Make sure you ask them about their experiences.

In assembly on Wednesday we watched the Channel 4 Paralympics trailer 'We're the Superhumans'. If you get a chance to watch it I am sure you'll be as inspired as the children were:

<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/were-the-superhumans>

Junior School Building Works

You will have noticed the scaffolding on the main building at the Junior School. During the holidays most of the flat roof on the main building has been replaced, with a thick new layer of insulation added. We have also had new LED lights fitted throughout the school, and an upgraded fire alarm fitted in the Y3 block. The library has been completely refurbished, with new wall cladding and a new roof. Finally, the After School Club now has it's own toilet block, which will be a huge relief for the children and staff.

The builders will be finished on the roof in the next couple of days, and have worked with us to make sure the site is completely safe for the children while they finish off the job.

All of these improvements will make the school warmer in the winter and more energy efficient, making the learning environment more comfortable and freeing up some money for learning resources.

Most of these works have all been funded by Devon County Council, which makes them even better!