



Stoke Hill Federation Holiday News

Friday 9th December 2016



Christmas Performances

Well done to children in Year 1 and Year 3 for their marvellous performances this week.

To packed out audiences children sang and danced, told the story and acted with style, reminding us all of some of the important messages the season brings.

Thank you to families for supporting this part of the curriculum and for hardworking staff who behind the scenes create such high quality and memorable experiences for everyone.

Goodbye to Paula Children at the Infant School will be wishing Paula from the kitchen a farewell on Friday as she leaves us after 7 years to pursue a new career in administration.

Lisa Sinclair hasn't left us, but she has changed roles and now spends all her time working for Breakfast and After School Club. **Maria Giles** now works in the Front Office at the Junior School.



Christmas Fayres A huge thank you again to our marvellous and busy PTFA's. Last Friday's Junior School Fayre was a great event with lots of enthusiastic buyers and sellers filling the hall. Money is still coming in but is going to top £1600 for the school towards our adventure playground fund.

The Infant School Fayre is today at 5pm and we hope again families will support us and join in the fun.

Anne Close Play Area Local residents are looking to improve this play area and have put together a short survey to gather comments. Local views really help when making funding applications. YOU can complete a paper copy of the survey and leave at either school office or go online to have your say. E-mail exetergreenpartnership@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY 14th

Swap your sweatshirt for your Christmas or favourite jumper on Friday for a colourful festive end to the term.



Look out for this in your bookbags at the Infant and Nursery School.

It would so fantastic to have an eco-bike shelter to support and encourage children and families to ride to cycle to school wouldn't it?

So if you, or anyone you know can pass the message onto anyone who is shopping in TESCO then please make sure you are given a voting counter and

VOTE FOR US Thank you

Chicken Update

Our chickens are classed as a 'Backyard Flock' and in response to the Guidance from DEFRA we will be minimising direct and indirect contact between poultry and wild birds by:

- making sure that feed and water can't be accessed by wild birds
- taking all reasonable precautions
- increased cleansing and disinfection of equipment and footwear
- fitting wildlife deterrents



Devon Wildlife Trust have a 'Family Event' on at Cricklepit Mill (near Exeter Quay) this Sunday 11am – 4pm (£2 adults, £1 children) There will reindeer, plus you know who...

Museum Visit rammuseum.org.uk

Any day is a good day to visit the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) in Queen Street. What an inspiring place and so close when you are shopping. Why not stop off there, entrance is FREE and there is just so much to look and wonder at.

For children at the Infant School we are going to start next term with a whole school project called '**Take One Object**' and that object will be something on view at the museum.

I wonder what object they will be learning about?

We are very much aware, as exciting as the Christmas period is, for some families, it is often a difficult financial challenge, particularly as personal funds are stretched to the limits, and children are home for the school holiday.

We would like to remind you that the Federation of Stoke Hill schools are registered Foodbank Distributors, which means we can supply Foodbank vouchers to help you with the additional food bill to last over the entire holiday period. In addition to standard food supplies, vouchers can be exchanged for some choices of fresh fruit and vegetables, also bread and basic toiletries.

If you feel these vouchers could help you, albeit only temporarily, please contact Mrs Jo McCarthy on Exeter 258894 or 667830. All enquiries are confidential.

Enjoy the break, keep busy reading and learning everyone.

See you back at school on

Wednesday
4th January

(not the Tuesday as last week's newsletter oops!)



Happy Christmas, happy holidays from us all.