



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



The NSPCC

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

One of our vision and values statements is that 'We do all we can to prepare children for life' By working with the NSPCC across the Federation we have been able to make great use of their experienced and skilled education workers to deliver training to staff, take assemblies and lead follow up activities with the children.

Before the Easter break the NSPCC visited the Junior School and this Monday they will be visiting and leading an assembly at the Infant school.

The NSPCC 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme is making sure, in age appropriate ways, that our children have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

For more information about the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe programme, including frequently asked questions, visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools

Chickens

The restrictions imposed by DEFRA to reduce the risk of avian flu spreading in the wild bird population are now over, and happily our Federation chickens can spread their wings again.

At the Infant and Nursery School Mrs Ford co-ordinates a great team of children and staff who care for the chickens and sell or use the eggs. Our main flock of 6 live behind Class 2HO but you may have noticed that two of our most adventurous chickens are starting to make regular visits to Class 1F's class garden.

At the Junior School, under the guidance of Mr Poustie, a dedicated group of children have learnt about taking responsibility for and caring for something that can't look after itself. They have to think about the chickens' welfare, including researching the best food and bedding. They also have to ensure the chickens are properly cared for in the school holidays.

The Federation chickens provide a valuable and lively learning resource for all of our children!

Volunteer Training

Interested in volunteering occasionally or regularly? If so you will need to attend the Federation's 'Volunteer Training'. Sessions are running next week on Monday 24th at 2.30pm and Tuesday 25th at 9.00am.

Please let staff at either school office know if you wish to attend. The training lasts for approximately 45 minutes. We are unable to provide a crèche but have toys and books that can occupy little pre-schoolers.

Parent Workshop

A reminder that this workshop for parents learning English and wanting to help their child with reading and writing is taking place this coming Wednesday 26th between 9 – 10.30am at the Infant School.

Mathletics

Well done to all these children, who have worked hard to earn their **Bronze Mathletics certificates** during the Easter holidays:

Stella, Maria, Finley, Jake W, Oscar S, Charlie J, Alana C, Billy A, Ella S, Jay, Casey H, Josh JB, Elise E-J, Gideon, Alanna C, Davey, Leah H, Daniel P, Sven, Jake A, Caitlin,

A special mention to Ellie YP for earning her Silver certificate.

KS1 Curriculum Evening on May 4th at the Infant School

Spend an interesting and friendly 90 minutes back at school with your child. Enjoying a workshop together will make all the difference to their enthusiasm and your involvement in their amazing learning journey.

Look out for details and sign-up sheets for this forthcoming event in the hall from Tuesday onwards. You can sign up before and after school can also e-mail the school office with your workshop choices if you are not able to come into school to do this yourself infantadmin@stokeill.devon.sch.uk

So, on Thursday 4th, come along **with your child** to two workshops designed to help you both enjoy achieving targets set in your child's recent report. Starting with refreshments in the hall at 5.45pm followed by a brief welcome, there will be 5 workshops to choose from – it might be hard choosing as they will all be practical, interactive and fun. Each workshop will last for 25 minutes.

There will be a crèche for children aged between 2-4 years old – please sign your little one up for this too if you are not able to leave them at home.

More details on flyers around the school and on the website next week.

This term's Hooks across the Federation

At the start of each term teachers plan an exciting activity that they hope will 'hook' the children into their new topic. This term our hooks are:

Nursery are going to be making a 'splash' very soon. The **Foundation Stage** project is just called 'WILD' so who knows what they will get up to...

Year1 have created explorer bags to set off and find out more about 'Beautiful Britain'

Next week **Year 2** are hosting a delicious 'Devon' Cream Tea

Year 3 are flying (virtually) to Greece to familiarise themselves with the country and its history to begin their 'Come Fly with Me' topic.

Year 4 enjoyed a day in the school grounds to enthuse them about their

'Great Outdoors' topic. They even cooked their lunch (soup and bread rolls) outside.

Year 5 will be visiting the Eden Project, focussing their learning on this amazing place. **Year 6** will be learning about the original Glastonbury Festival to kick-start their study of Britain in the 70s and 80s.

