



# Stoke Hill Federation

# NEWS



## Reading, reading everywhere...

Reading for pleasure has been shown to be crucial to life chances. Every piece of research around reading shows that good readers have better chances in life.

To keep your child interested in reading over the summer holidays why not sign up for the 'Animal Agents' Summer Reading Challenge at libraries across Devon?

Good books and plenty of them to read on the beach or in the park, at home or waiting for the bus will inevitably increase your child's enjoyment of reading.

A supply of library books will help build confidence and independent reading and will also prevent the summer reading dip in your child's literacy levels during the long break from school.

Books are free to borrow, what an offer!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Sign up now before the summer break so that your child is interested and ready to start choosing as soon as school has finished.

Children in Miss Taylor's class above say 'reading outside is cool!'

## SnapChat - A Guide to the new app for Teachers and Parents

If your child uses SnapChat there has been an important development this week with the release of a new feature to use in the app. The new feature is called **Snap Map**, which allows users to broadcast their exact location and what they are doing in real time.

Snap Maps reveals a larger world map with animated pictures to represent where friends are and what activity they are doing in real time. Obviously this presents dangers and fears about tracking or stalking, especially with children that use the app.

Fortunately there is a mode called 'ghost mode' which allows users to hide their location and only the user themselves would be able to see their location. Triggering this option would deny any friends or other users from tracking your location or activity, only you would be able to see your location while you would still be able to see where friends are. This is the only way you would have control over who is able to see your location and what you're doing. It is wise that children and parents are made aware of this new feature and how to disable its effects.

If you would like any more information on how to use SnapChat or any other social media app then the NSPCC Net Aware website is a great place for advice and information.

❖ There is a culture where everyone is passionate about learning (even in the holidays!)

## Key Stage 2 National Test Results

On Tuesday morning we received the Y6 children's national test results. We are currently checking these and putting together individual reports for your child.

The results will be sent home next Friday. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about their results, for example clarification about what the numbers mean, please feel free to come in and talk to them at the end of the school day from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

## Inspiring Junior School Musicians

have been performing this week, the Junior School Orchestra played 7 fabulous pieces to the infant children who were delighted to look and listen.

## Junior School

### Open Afternoon

You are welcome to come in and look at your child's books and talk to their teacher on

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
from 3.05 – 4.00pm.

## Ofsted

As you will remember the Junior School had a visit from Ofsted last week. We are very pleased with the draft report, and you should all receive a copy of the final version by the end of next week.

## Discover the *GRAND TOTAL*

raised last Friday at the Infant School. Last Friday we were entertained by swirling Y2 country dancers as they performed the Circassian Circle as our Summer Fete began.

Supported by so very many family and friends, stalls and activities raised an amazing £1500. With other monies coming in later plus sponsorship money from the Sponsored Bounce the Grand Total raised by our wonderful PTFA is an awesome **£2000** every penny of which will be used to enrich learning for the children.

As well as the money raised, a grand evening was enjoyed and I hope everyone went home having had a great hour or so supporting the school.

So, a big thank you to the PTFA who work tirelessly and with big hearts to give their time and efforts into the activities we enjoy and for raising this much appreciated money.

**If you would like to know more about the PTFA then come along next week on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm to their AGM, everyone welcome!**

## Sports Days

Thank you all for coming to watch the children take part in their Sports Days this week. There were some amazing performances, and hopefully your child enjoyed taking part and cheering on their team. The year group winners were **3B, 4HM, 5J, and 6SP**. The overall winners were... **the Grecians.**

## Green Redeem

If you live in the immediate Stoke Hill area, you will probably have been sent details about a water saving scheme with Green Redeem. This encourages water use reduction in the home, and allows South west water customers to donate their reward points to a local scheme, **one of which is the Junior school playground development project.** We would be really grateful if you would choose us as your sponsored partner.

On Wednesday, Green redeem and SWW came in to school to work with our Green Team. The children took part in a workshop about how the water we drink is cleaned and filtered. They had a fascinating and enjoyable time!