



# Stoke Hill Junior School

## Autumn Update 4

10.12.21

### Reflections

As we approach the end of the first term of the school year, it would be easy to look back and just reflect on the challenges brought about by Covid. However, as I write this it is with a sense of pride at just what the Stoke Hill community continues to achieve. Welcoming 90 new children into the school in September and supporting everybody else in returning to 'normal school' seems a long time ago, but something that happened with relative ease. Having whole school assemblies, singing the school song and just seeing groups of children playing in our amazing school grounds has just been super. The children are doing more of their learning outdoors and the staff continue to create opportunities for this to happen. So, as we approach the end of term, it's time to look back on many great times and look forward to creating memories in the new year, whilst sitting back and relaxing over the holidays. I wish you all a happy and safe break and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### Coming up soon

With just a week until the end of term, there is our Winter Festival Day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to look forward to. This is led by our year 6 children, who run stalls and games for year group to visit and take part in. This doubles up as a school fund raising event and we would ask that you send your child to school with a small amount of change on the day. They would be grateful for any cake donations on the day.

### Parenting Smart

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says, 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website can be found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

### Covid Update

In the last 10 days we have had 10 new positive cases in the school. Please continue to book PCR tests as soon as possible if your child is showing any symptoms and contact the school with the result. If your child tests positive in the week leading up to Christmas, please email [junior.admin@stokehill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:junior.admin@stokehill.devon.sch.uk) to make us aware. We will make parents aware of a case in the class, so that they can be extra vigilant.

In light of 'Plan B' being announced by the Prime Minister on Wednesday to combat the new omicron variant, the measures introduced do not mean any changes are needed to the two schools at present, but we will keep you updated should new guidelines be introduced.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

We are in regular contact with the Crossing Patrol team for Devon to try and get a new person to help cross the children over the road. Please see the attachment, with information from them as to the process for appointing a new person.



*An amazing lunch on Wednesday, thanks to Jennie and her team.*

Wishing you a happy and peaceful holiday.

See you all in 2022!

Jamie Sullivan ~ Head of School