**Stoke Hill Federation**

**Weekly Update 20.4.20**

Dear Parent/Carer

Here we are in week 2 of the summer term, we hope you are well.

Please do visit the website today to check-in with the learning planned for your child. With the current ‘lockdown’ continuing for another three weeks at least we hope that learning at home is settling into a bit of a routine and that it you are a critical worker that you remain well and feel truly valued and supported.

We are working hard to stay in touch with the children and so hope you have managed to contact your child’s teacher this week to say hello, plus share some learning or outside fun you have been having in the sun.

Feedback from families has been coming in today, thank you if you have shared an idea or a suggestion. Consequently, we are making some changes as we go along …

* homelearning will be upon the website at the end of the school day on a Friday to allow you, if you wish, to look ahead and get ready for the following week
* we are looking to archive the learning each week so that children can go back to it if they have not competed a task, or if you planned to do something but just ran out of time you can find it on the website still
* we are exploring ways to post more media clips of teachers sharing books, teaching skills
* we are looking to increase access to more FREE books. Try <https://libbyapp.com/welcome>
* to access lots of online books for free, if you have a library card. There seems to be a wait on every book I have tried to access this morning, but the weeks waiting will go by quickly and you can tag several books to enjoy online for free. You just need your library card number and PIN. Scroll though the international libraries across the world with Exeter in their address and you will eventually find Devon Library Services!
* Next week we will make some daily suggestions as on the website, the amount to learn seems to feel overwhelming at times, and some signposting to activities each day sounds like this might help

**Online learning**

Please remember though, that the activities posted on the website are a guide not a prescription and you should only do as many of them as suits you and your child. The most important thing is to make sure your child continues to be happy and feels positive about learning. This will be so important for them when they return to school.

**Help and Support**

Free School Meals -We are working to access electronic supermarket vouchers through the government’s scheme, there are some issues with the roll-out of this, and so we will be continuing to supply food hampers to all eligible families whilst we get through on the government’s website

However, during this difficult period, your financial circumstances may have changed. You may now be entitled to the pupil premium which will mean we can provide you with a food hamper. You can find out if this is the case by visiting the [Citizen Portal](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision and us being notified.

**Stay in Touch**

Your child’s teacher’s e-mail address is available on the website if you need to contact them for any reason. They are always happy to hear from you and will help where they can. Sharing your child’s learning and activities each week is what we really are keen to receive.

I am also happy to answer any queries and to help. You can contact me directly at sarah.mackay@stokehill.devon.sch.uk

Take care, and see you soon,

Sarah Mackay