



Stoke Hill Federation

NEWS



Health and Safety

Our whole school community has been shocked and also saddened by the appearance of two needles, found within our grounds this past fortnight.

Following the discovery of drug paraphernalia on site, the school has been working very closely with Devon and Cornwall Police to ensure our school remains a safe site.

The school has been well supported by the police and are confident that the actions they are taking in the Stoke Hill area will result in a safer community for everyone.

If you have any further concerns please contact the non-emergency line 101 or P.C Shelton who is working with the school.

In school, our staff and caretakers are taking additional health and safety measures, and our teachers are using the curriculum to share safe messages with the children.

We hope this reassures you that across the Federation we are doing everything we can and are true to our vision and values statement ~

- ❖ **We make sure children feel safe and happy, so that everyone can truly shine**

Federation Assembly

On Wednesday all the children from Year 1 upwards got together in the Junior School hall to take part in our Federation Assembly. These are very important occasions, and it is great to give the children the opportunity to share a very special time together.

The focus of our assembly this time was '10-a-day' – things that we can all do every day to keep ourselves healthy in mind and body. See how many of them your child can remember:

Talk about your feelings

Ask for help when you need it

Take a break

Stay hydrated

Eat well

Keep in touch with people you care about

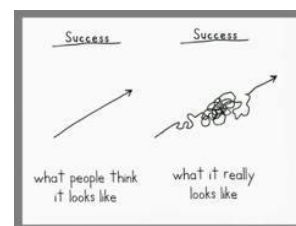
Stay active in mind and body

Do something you are good at and enjoy

Be proud of your very being

Actively care for others

Thank you to all the children who took on presenter roles. They were amazing!



We are so very fortunate to have a Nursery in our Federation. Did you know that the Nursery is just like any of our classes? led by qualified teachers who can and do at times teach across the school. Gill and Clare are teachers and also Early Years Specialists working in the Early Years. Gill and Clare have a passion for getting the foundations of learning right for every young child. They also lead their highly qualified team who are trained to Level 3 in Early Years Education and Child Care. We have a unique and remarkable nursery. Look out for news from the nursery as through research, projects are developed and through tireless grant applications and help from the PTFA, their outdoor environment is changing – our front page photo this week is of the nursery's new tree house.

Reading and Maths

This week's top readers in each year group are...

Year 3 – 3E

Year 4 – 4HM

Year 5 – 5J

Year 6 – 6SP

This week's top Mathletics users are:

1. 5G
2. 5J
3. 6B

This week we have 169 Mathletics certificates to give out in assembly – brilliant work everyone.

Are you
bilingual?

Is your child
bilingual?

Find out ways to help your child succeed with language learning. Open to any Federation family, next Thursday at 2.30pm at the Infants.



Key Stage 1 Curriculum Evening

Parents attending this information evening on Tuesday provided us with lots of encouraging feedback 'great sessions, 'thank you very much', 'well organised and exceptionally helpful!' If you were unable to attend you can download the welcome powerpoint and curriculum leaflets we shared from the website. If you weren't able to attend, we'd really like to know why, so that we can review our timing/contents/arrangements for future curriculum events. Would you click on this link to let us know why you didn't attend ~ thank you <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KN8FBJL>

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Laura Oakes and Tiffany O'Riordan to the Federation staff team, based at the Junior School. They will both be working during lunchtime, with Laura also covering some afternoons in Year 3. We hope they both have a happy and enjoyable time working with us.

Vacancy

We have a further vacancy for a Junior School Meal Time Assistant. Unfortunately Naomi Sussex will be leaving her lunchtime role to spend more time working with our ever-growing Breakfast and After School Clubs.

If you interested in applying for this post please look out for the details on the school website, or have a chat with Mrs McKimm. We need someone with a happy, positive outlook who loves working with children. The post is for 1 hour 45 minutes a day, Monday – Friday, term time only.

School Crossing Patrol Please remember that there will be no crossing patrol outside the Junior School from the 5th October for 5 weeks. If you can help fill in the vacancy on a temporary basis please let us know – your help will be enthusiastically and gratefully received.