

# Stoke Hill Federation

## Newsletter



*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018*



### **Being Mentally Healthy**

Our focus on the ways everyone can stay mentally healthy continues. Through weekly assemblies, displays, conversations and by children developing their vocabulary, we are understanding more about this aspect of our health.

This week a very young child told a teacher that they felt 'a bit nervous' about going to an unfamiliar room in the school. This meant that the listening and understanding adult took a really informed and appropriate approach to supporting the child at that moment.

Choosing words carefully to describe how we are feeling offers children great opportunities to learn. Take nothing for granted and take time to explain to your child what words mean.

### **Federation Assembly**

During Sampling Day all of the children got together at the Junior School for the last Federation Assembly of the school year. These are always joyful occasions that we all look forward to.

This time we talked about the importance of play, and how much the children learn when they have the opportunity to follow interests and ideas for their own reasons.

We then reminded the children about this half-term's Federation Home Learning Task – 'Let's Play'. We're looking forward to seeing what the children have to share in the next week or so.

We really hope your child enjoyed Sampling Day and the Federation Assembly, and that they are looking forward to joining their new class in September.

### **The Infant and Nursery Summer Fete**

A big thank you to the Infant and Nursery PTFA and to our school community for raising an astonishing £2004.00 at the Summer Fete last week.

A warm and sunny evening welcomed us all to stalls, experiences and great country dancing from our Year 2 children.

Money raised will ALL go towards purchasing great equipment, every child will benefit.

**Thank you to the PTFA ~**

### **Coryton Cove, Dawlish**

Year 2 visited this cove on Tuesday to explore rockpools, to sketch and to write.

They keenly immersed themselves in world of the sea ahead of their inspiring leavers concert titled 'Stella the Starfish'.

Discovering fascinating rock fossils and using their senses to capture their seaside ideas resulted in Y2 children having lots to write about.

A little paddling in the sea plus sandy sandwiches were all part of the visit too ... of course!

### **Sports Day Results**

This year's Junior School Sports Days were as fun and competitive as usual. Many thanks to Mr Sullivan and his team for organizing everything so efficiently. Altogether across both days there were 117 races, and hopefully everyone got the chance to take part in every (or nearly every) event that they wanted to.

The final results were:

**Y3 winners ~ 3O**

**Y4 winners ~ 4HM**

**Y5 winners ~ 5J**

**Y6 winners ~ 6SP**

The overall school champions were the **Harriers.**

### **Wildside Residential**

Last week lots of children had the chance to stay away from home as part of our first ever Y4 residential visit. They went to Wildside Experience near Hemyock, and had the chance to 'sleep' in tents and take part in a range of outdoor learning activities.

We are all extremely grateful to the teachers who gave up their time to make sure that everyone enjoyed a positive experience. Thank you to Mrs McCarthy, Ms Hughes, Mrs McKimm, Mr Mead, Mrs Giles, Ms Rynn, Mrs Twitchin, Mrs Doman, and Miss Osborne. An extra thank you to Mrs Edhouse for attending both visits and making sure everything ran so smoothly.