

Stoke Hill Federation

Newsletter



Friday 25th May 2018



A welcome back and a big 'thank you'

Across the Federation we have been pleased to spot not one, but two Special Needs Co-ordinators this week, as Mrs Palmer spent time handing over to Mrs Brealy – who will be returning from maternity leave after the half term.

As her Acting SENCo role comes to an end, we wish to thank Mrs Palmer for stepping up to take on this huge role for the Federation and for doing such a committed and great job these past two terms. Thank you too to Mrs Carthew, who changed yeargroups in September to partner Mrs Palmer in Class 1CP.

A busy Mum now of three young children Mrs Brealy said that this week was like 'coming home'. She is delighted to be back and working with children, families and colleagues again, isn't that nice.

Balancing Our Mental Health

One of the Early Help for Mental Health team's '10-a-Day' is to **'Actively Care for Others'**.

This week our lovely Year 4 children out in action by holding a Jumble Sale to raise money for mosquito nets for children in Malawi.

The children have been learning about children's lives in Malawi and they really wanted to do something to help. The sale was something they could do that will make a practical difference.

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the sale through donating goods or spending some money. In total the children raised £185, which will buy nearly 100 nets!

Early Years Action

This week has seen two activity afternoons for the Federation's youngest children. A beautiful sunny afternoon welcomed Nursery families to their wonderful environment where there were plenty of activities to enjoy with their special grown up.

The Foundation Stage sports afternoon went really well, with everyone trying their very best and enjoying the challenges and the fun.

Getting events like this just right for 50 Nursery and 90 Foundation Stage children takes a level of awesome planning ~ so thank you amazing Early Years staff teams.

As soon as the half term is over it will feel like it soon will be

Summer in the City

and so information about local and low cost/free activities is what we are after to help us create a guide for everyone.

The lovely long summer holidays can have plenty of those quiet 'what-shall-we-do-today?' days where sharing

what's on may really help save the day.

Pop information into the school offices or e-mail in details ~ thank you

Q. What do you do when you see billows of steam outside a school window at 7.30pm in the evening?

A. You call a Caretaker!

Thanks to our unsung caretaking heroes Mr Keith Druce (Juniors) Mr Michael Frampton and Mr Mike Clarke (Infants) for taking such care of our schools and our children and for being there when we need them – even at 7.30pm in the evening.

Accelerated Reader

The children are devouring books with so much more enthusiasm and accuracy than they were before we introduced Accelerated Reader, and so far this year the Junior School children have read an astonishing 12,486 books, totaling 180,649,399 words, between them.

50 children have individually read more than 1,000,000 words, and lots more are really close to achieving that before the end of the school year.

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

~ Dr. Seuss

Year 3 Kite Flying

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members at our kite flying workshop this week. We were really lucky to have perfect flying weather, and it was brilliant to see so many kites in the air. I hope you enjoyed joining us for this very special, memorable event.

