

Stoke Hill Federation

Newsletter



Thursday 8th March 2018



Spring is in the Air

Attached to this week's ParentMail you should be able to open a document detailing our Federation 'Home Learning' opportunity for this term.

It's almost feeling like spring despite strange heaps of greying snow here and there... and so we hope you enjoy this spring themed activity with your child.

Signs of spring are everywhere and poised to overwhelm us with delight. You will be sure to have plenty of spring inspiration!

- ❖ Look out for that row of daffodils along the Stoke Hill, in the Infant's top field.
- ❖ Look out for the crocuses blooming at the front of the Junior School.

*P.S. Thanks to all the parents who planted them several years ago ~
what a legacy*

A Celebration of Reading

We are delighted that the intervention of the weather has meant that we have been able to extend our World Book Day celebrations into a second week.

As Kiran Milwood-Hargrave says,

'Reading opens the world: it shows us other lives, and other ways of living. If you read, you can learn anything, go anywhere, be anyone'.

Across both schools and the nursery, we have read extra books, shared our love of reading as adults, and given the children the chance to see and hear stories they might not have come across otherwise, and we've had a chance to dress up and have a bit of fun together!

Reports

You will find your KS1 and KS2 child's report in their bookbag or rucksack today. We hope you will be pleased with the progress your child has made in every aspect of their behaviour and curriculum.

In addition to the written report there are a range of other ways you can find out about your child's learning. Try 'Seesaw', check your child's scores on Education City or TT Rockstars, pop into the class to look at the learning around the classroom, read the termly 'Learning Letter', ask to look at your child's books or make an appointment to speak their teacher.

Please let us have your feedback on this first 6 months of your child's school year, we value your comments.

Water City

We have been tweeting Water City updates this week. For all our latest Federation news, sign up to follow us on Twitter **@StokeFed** (google [twitter.com](https://twitter.com/StokeFed) to do this)

If you haven't heard the latest, then read below:

'The river bed has been laid and Joff and Jim will be returning in a week or so to assemble the aluminium troughs and basins that will channel the water. This will provide a steady trickle which will be the source of the river'.

The iconic 'spout' is also in and hours of fun, waterplay and physics exploration await!

This term in Year 5 we have been learning about plastic pollution in the oceans. Everyone was asked to bring in some plastic waste from home, and we spent an afternoon recycling the plastic into useful objects. We have also been transforming a famous painting of the sea by adding in plastic rubbish to show how we have been affecting our seas.

We have discovered that people have made a five-mile wide island of plastic in the seas off the Caribbean. We also found out that 13 billion plastic bottles are used every year, and only 3 billion are recycled. You can do your bit to look after our planet, and make sure you always recycle plastic bottles.

By Melina and Becca, 5J

