



Stoke Hill Junior School

Autumn Update 2

Reflections

As we approach the end of the first half term of the school year there is a lot to reflect upon for us all. Despite our ongoing concerns around Covid19 and the impact it has had on the school, the community has come together to show its resilience. Whilst we have had to juggle some staffing issues, the children have been amazing. Thank you to for your support in ensuring your children are in school on time and for your patience with the limited opportunities to get into school as much as we want you to. We are so lucky to have such amazing grounds for the children to use. As the weather starts to become colder and probably wetter, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school each day, so that we can all enjoy the outdoors together.

Coming up soon

There's lots to look forward to over the next few weeks,

- Year 6 parents must apply for their child's High School place by October 31st
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>
- October 20th – Parent Pop In – Sadly due to Covid19, we have postponed this event for this half term
- October 25th – 29th – School is closed for half term holidays
- November 5th – Individual, sibling and family photographs
- November 12th – Children in Need – we will send out details of how the children can raise money for this event after half term

Keeping Safe - Online safety

If you are worried about keeping your child safe online, managing screen time or want to know how appropriate different games and apps are, here are two great websites, written with parents in mind:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics>

Covid Update

In the last 10 days we have had 4 positive cases in the school. Thank you to you all that have kept suspected cases at home and booked PCR tests straight away, meaning that, if negative, the children are back at school as soon as possible. Communication has been the key and you have been letting us know straight away, so that we can inform parents of classmates, who can be extra vigilant. If during the half term week your child tests positive, please email junior.admin@stokehill.devon.sch.uk and then we will continue to let parents know of a positive case.

ParentMail

We send the newsletter and all other paper letters and communications by ParentMail. Please register your e-mail address or phone number so that we can share important information about school - regularly or at short notice. It's a sure-fire way to keep in touch and make sure you don't miss anything. Remembering to regularly check your ParentMail can be a challenge, so why not download the app and set notifications, so that you don't miss anything from booking a Parent's Evening appointment to paying for a school trip. If you have trouble accessing your account, please speak to someone in the school offices.

School PE Kits

This year we have continued to ask the children to come to school in their PE kits one day a week. We continue to rotate teachers around so that the children can all benefit from Mr Poustie's expertise in the outdoors, so this may mean your child's PE day has changed for this coming half term. Please check the attachment and read the guidance on what the children should be wearing to ensure it is a great experience.



School Crossing Patrol

Sadly, Friday 22nd October will be Norman's last day crossing the children over the road outside of the school. Currently there will be no provision for crossing the children over the road from Monday 1st November. If you are interested in finding out more or applying for the job, please follow the link for more details.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/schools/school-crossing-patrols/>

Wishing you a great weekend!

Jamie Sullivan ~ Head of School