

Stoke Hill Federation

Newsletter



Friday 27th April 2018



The Bigger Picture

As there are many ways to be a school, maybe it is helpful to remind you that for two years now the Federation has committed to partnership working with five other schools in the area.

The Stoke Hill Schools, Pinhoe Primary, The Topsham School, Ladysmith Infants and Juniors and St Sidwells Primary are all members of the River Exe Learning Partnership.

Headteachers from these schools meet each fortnight to work together to share school improvement issues and to keep up with current educational change and research. Teachers across the partnership schools have recently shared some training in Art and our school administrators are currently meeting to discuss our data protection protocols. With no CEO or additional costs, the partnership is based on mutual trust and professional generosity. We thought you'd just like to know that.

Stoke Hill Information for Parents (SHIP)

This is a closed Facebook group set up by parents to informally share school information. Never miss out on the next cake sale, homework news, lost and founds, snow alerts and much more. The group is for parents and carers who have children at the nursery, Infant and/or Junior schools. It currently has 334 members and you are invited to join.

To find the group, simply search for Stoke Hill Information for Parents on Facebook and request to join. You will be asked a few simple questions to verify you are indeed a Stoke Hill parent or carer and you will be asked to read and follow the simple group guidelines.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact parent Lucie Hinton luciehinton@gmail.com who is happy to help you get started on the group.

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Grounds Morning

at the Infant and Nursery School is coming up on Saturday May 5th 9.30 – 12.00 noon.

So many people over the years have come along to Grounds Mornings and invested time and energy to help us to develop our outside learning spaces. This is why we have so many! However, to keep them looking great, they need lots of loving attention about NOW, just before the weeds start to win!

So, if you have an hour or so free and can join us to sweep, weed and plant summer bedding you will be very welcome. Just come along wearing stout footwear and look forward to warm cheese scones and chocolate muffins mid-morning.

Car Fumes It is great to have roadside parking so close to our school boundaries, however the impact of cars leaving their engines running is not great at all. These car fumes can harm the health of our school children, please see the poster attached for more concerning details...

Following the delightful Foundation Stage

Grandparents Afternoon

yesterday, we received a lovely e-mail reminding us that as well as our children and families, the wider Stoke Hill community are interested and support us too.

'I'd like to say a very big thank you to everyone involved in today's Grandparent afternoon. My parents really enjoyed it and of course my daughter was very excited to be able to show them her school.'

I think events such as this one really contribute to the wonderful sense of community that we have at Stoke Hill.'

Hot Chocolate Friday and Celebration Assembly

Most Fridays at the Junior School we hold a 'Celebration Assembly'. One part of this involves teachers identifying a 'Superstar' – a child in their class who has stood out during the week by their exemplary behavior or attitude to their learning. If your child is chosen, we send you a text the night before to invite you to join our assembly to watch them receive their badge, and to hear why they have been nominated.

If you are able to join us you will also get to hear about all the children who have gone 'Above and Beyond' expectations during the week; watch the fiercely competitive Times Tables challenge; and to see children collect badges they have worked towards by showing consistent positive attitudes to their work.

After the assembly the 'Superstars' have their photo taken, which is then displayed on the wall opposite the hall. They then join Mr Souter and Mr Sullivan in the Staff Room for a celebration Hot Chocolate.

If you get an invite to a Celebration assembly please come along if you can.