

# Stoke Hill Federation

## Newsletter



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### Say 'goodbye' to lost letters in 2018!

Some of you have given us feedback about how frustrating it is not to know about events or other school details. So, as a result, we are going to make some changes...

From today onwards we will be streamlining our communication with you to 3 ways.

You will be able to access everything you could possibly need to know by checking out:

1. the **Website** (including Twitter)
2. your **ParentMail** e-mail
3. the **Newsletter**

These are THE places to go to find out all the details relating to your child. So no more 'lost' letters ~ hooray!

### Home Learning

At the start of this school year we have changed our approach to home learning to put more of an emphasis on the children practising the key skills of reading, fluency in number work, and times tables.

Please try to help your child with these massively important skills as often as you can by reading with them regularly, and make good use of our online resources. Having a good **attitude to learning**, being a **good reader** and having a great understanding of **number skills** are the most critical keys to success in all subjects, and your help with all three is incredibly important.

**Welcome back!** We hope you all had a fabulous holiday and are ready for an exciting 2018 full of memorable Stoke Hill moments.

### ParentMail

Would you like to keep in touch and stay fully up-to-date with school and nursery information?

If you have an e-mail account, then registering to receive ParentMail is your very best option.

ParentMail is an online system that sends e-mails and/or texts to parent groups. Messages can be sent to a class group, yeargroup or to everyone across the Federation.

We send the Federation's newsletter by Parentmail each week, plus other messages, letters, posters and forms.

### Twitter

Twitter is a quick and vibrant way to share great moments of learning, and inspiration.

Sign up to twitter and follow us **@StokeFed** to receive our almost daily posts.

We hope these give followers an insight into the amazing and widely different things that are happening within our Federation.

Could there soon be 4R's? reading, (w)riting, arithmetic and re-tweeting the good news about our Federation?

### Stars

Thank you so much for the delightful stars you created for the displays in both schools and the nursery.

We are always very impressed with your imagination and creativity, but we have to say that this year we had the best stars ever!

Later on this term we will be setting another creative Federation home learning task with the theme of '**healthy hearts and minds**'.

Look out for the flyer in a week or so for more information.

### Forest School

*'We really enjoyed our Forest School experience. This week we spent some time investigating how different materials degrade when they are buried in the soil, lit a fire, solved some problems, got muddy, and had the time to reflect on how beautiful our school grounds are. We love learning outside!'*  
Emily and Tilly, 6B

Next week 3O get their first taste of Forest School, with 6M and 6SP continuing their programme over the rest of the term. Make sure you look out for alerts on ParentMail for the dates when your child will need their outdoor clothes.