

Stoke Hill Federation

Newsletter



Thursday 22nd February 2018



Communicating with you

We have streamlined the ways we communicate with you and are now using just 3 ways to share school information. To mark this change we have produced a handy leaflet with just a little more detail about how to stay in touch. The leaflet will be coming home to you soon.

You will see that you can now access everything you could possibly need to know by checking:

1. the **Website** this includes our Twitter feed
2. your **ParentMail** e-mail
3. the **Newsletter**

These are THE places to go to find out details relating to your child. We hope these ways are working well for you.

Keeping us updated

Please make sure you let us know as early in the morning as possible if your child will not be in school for the day. We have to speak to someone if a child is not in school and we haven't heard from you – there have been two recent cases in the press elsewhere in the country where schools didn't, with tragic consequences. If you don't contact us it can mean our office staff spending a lot of time ringing, texting, and emailing all of a child's contacts to find out where they are, which is not a good use of school resources.

It would really help us if you **let us know about any changes to your contact details**, especially if you get a new telephone number. It's hard for children if they're unwell and we can't get in touch with you.

Y2 Visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum



Lily-Mae – the best part was the tour around the museum to see all the different areoplanes.

Wajih - I learn't that aeroplanes can only start moving when they see the green flag!

Halle – I liked the helicopter ride, it was like actually being in a helicopter!

Joseph – the best bit was going on Concorde. It was the fastest passenger plane ever built.

The World Book Day Book Swap at the Infant and Nursery School Thursday 1st March

This coming week we hope we might be almost buried in donated books that are no longer wanted. If so we will sort them out and then create the most amazing **FREE BOOKSWAP** on Thursday.

The trouble is... we need some books!

We are hoping the weekend might be a good time to tidy or sort out your child's books with them and bring one, or more than one, into school next week for swapping.

The Stoke Hill World Cup of Books

Over the last few weeks the Junior School children have been taking part in the first ever Stoke Hill World Cup of Books. Miss Byett led the School Council in finding out the school's top 16 books, nominated by children from every class.

The books were split into 4 groups, and votes took place to find the top 2 from each group. We then had two knockout rounds, before the grand final between 'Harry Potter' and 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. The final count was 52% Harry Potter, 48% Wimpy Kid, meaning that **Harry Potter is the very first winner of the Stoke Hill World Cup of Books!**

We carried out the World Cup to bring the children's attention to books that other people like. We also wanted to help the children understand the power of voting and the importance of having their say, as well as realising that their vote might not always be on the winning side. A huge 'thank you' to Miss Byett and our wonderful School Council for organising everything, and to 6B for counting all the votes.

The other semi-finalists were 'The Demon Dentist' and 'The Brilliant World of Tom Gates'. Tom Gates narrowly missed out on the final, losing against Harry Potter by only 8 votes.