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**Stoke Hill Junior School**

**Update 18.12.20**

**Thank you**

You have all been brilliant this term, understanding and supporting the way in which we have had to make so many changes to try and keep the children safe, happy and learning. Hopefully next term will see more of a return to normality, and we are all looking forward to that!

I would also like to publicly thank our wonderful school staff, who have all gone above and beyond to make sure the children have had the best possible school experience this term. They have taken the safety messages really seriously, but have managed to make sure the children have been able to learn effectively, have fun and enjoy being at school. They are all amazing.

**Stars**

Thank you so much for all the star photographs. We had nearly 200 from across the Federation, and we have all really enjoyed watching the film during lunchtime.

**Accelerated Reader**

One of the benefits of the Accelerated Reader scheme is that the children understand the stories in the books they are reading, and to begin to have a real love of books. I like the data that the system gives us, but I love the fact that I get to see so many children who are so enthusiastic about reading.

Reading is such an important part of education! It helps children develop their language and vocabulary, promotes brain development, and helps them gain an understanding of a world outside of their own. One simple way to help your child at school is to read with them as often as you can.

This term, the children have read and understood nearly 90 million words between them, which works out at about 20 books each.

**Next term starts for the children on Tuesday 5th January**.

All the arrangements for the start and end of the school day will stay the same as they are now. I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday, and look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Best wishes

Roy Souter