



# Weekly Newsletter

**Stoke Prior First School**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

This week I have been able to spend more time in classrooms. It was lovely to see all of our children fully engaged and enthused by their learning and there was a calm, focused atmosphere across the whole school.

The School Council will be meeting with me tomorrow to discuss the following questions:

- What do you love/enjoy most about our school?
- What would you like to do more of/start?

An action plan will then be put together based on their answers and we will keep you updated on any new initiatives.

The PTA held their first meeting of this calendar year this week, planning some exciting events for the children and school community over the coming months. Our fundraising focus is the ongoing development of our outdoor playground area, so watch this space for more information on dates and events. A reminder that we now have our permanent clothes recycling bin in the front playground area, and this also raises funds for the school, so if you are clearing out any old clothes, shoes or homewares, please use this bin.

This term's curriculum maps are now on the class pages of the school website, along with other information and photos of each class's recent activities which you can see [here](#). We also love to see any extra work or projects that the children have done at home linked to their learning so please encourage them to bring any work in to share with the class. Last week I shared information on our attendance target which is 95%. I will update you weekly on our whole school attendance and we can work together to ensure children are attending school when they are well enough. To support this, attached to this newsletter is an information sheet about common childhood illnesses with guidance on when to keep your child off school and when to send them in. We hope this is helpful, particularly when your child may feel under the weather but is not displaying a temperature.

Finally, as part of Mental Health Week (5th-9th February), on Friday 9th February it will be a non-uniform day with the theme 'wear what makes you happy'.

Children and staff are invited to do just that, wearing favourite home clothes, sports kits, onesies, fancy dress, or something that reflects a love or hobby like a painting apron, Scout uniform, martial arts kit or dance outfit. Just please ensure children are warm and comfortable and shoes are sensible.

That week is also Heart Week, organised by the charity Tiny Tickers. We will be asking for donations on the non-uniform day towards this wonderful charity, which raises awareness of Congenital Heart Defects, celebrates the heart warriors still fighting and honours the babies who have sadly lost their fight, in support of Evie C whose baby sister, Millie, was born with a heart defect and tragically died at one month old. Evie's family continue to raise funds for Tiny Tickers, having already raised an incredible £15,000 in Millie's memory, and we would like to support them in this. Thank you.

Mrs A Paisley

## Well done! Rainbow Assembly



Well done to Ava Finlay, Louie Hebborn, Grace Hutchison, Baylee Thomson, Harry Dugmore, Rebecca Walker, Cassie Lang, Perry Price, Jack Davenport, Henry Woodward, Ayushi Desai, Teddy Louch, Jude Carter, Charlie Roberts, Brooke Eadie, Poppy O'Donnell, Toni-Rose Chaudhuri, Joshua Rogers, Joseph Hamilton and Freddie Hebborn.



# Week at a glance

<b>Monday 29/01</b>	Tag Rugby – 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Tuesday 30/01</b>	Art & Craft – 3:30-4:45pm Multiskills – 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Wednesday 31/01</b>	Forest School YR and Y1 Swimming Y3 and Y4 Lego – 3:30-4:30pm Dance – 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Thursday 01/02</b>	Violin lessons Y3 and Y4 Singing – 3:30-4:15pm Football – 3:30-4:30pm Martial Arts – 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Friday 02/02</b>	Y2 Family Assembly - 9:15am Musical Magic – 3:30-4:30pm

## Further Ahead:

Y4 Maths coding at AFMS (select children) – 07/02 1:30-3:00pm  
Y3 and Y4 Violin performance for parents/carers – 08/02 2:45pm  
Non-uniform 'wear what makes you happy' day – 09/02  
Family church service '20 is plenty' – 11/02  
Half term – 12/02-16/02  
School re-opens – 19/02

## Class One News

Class One have returned to school ready for the new term. Although tired at the end of the week, they have already begun new topics with enthusiasm. They enjoyed the pantomime of Treasure Island – oh yes they did! It was a good experience for the children to be able to watch and participate in a live performance.

We have begun to read our new text 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We'll continue to use this book as a stimulus for our writing. In PE we have begun a unit of Dance. The children have shared what they know about travelling over and through water and are helping to create a dance about it over the next few weeks.

In some of our end of the day reading sessions, we are starting to think about non-fiction texts and are looking at a variety of features found in them such as contents, index and glossary pages as well as headings, labels and captions. We're spending time looking in books borrowed from our school library and also some of our phonics reading books. The next time your child accesses a non-fiction book, please support them in looking for these features and discuss with them why the features are useful.



## Reminders

- Y4 to bring Fifes every Monday
- YR PE Tuesday
- YR and Y1 Forest School Wednesday
- Y3 to bring Recorders every Wednesday
- Y1 PE - Thursday only this half term
- Violin lesson – Thursday



**Whole school - 95.59%**

<b>Class R</b>	<b>- 96.31%</b>
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>- 95.28%</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>- 95.01%</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>- 96.93%</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>- 95.68%</b>



Please ensure you park safely and considerately during drop-off and pick-up times to help us to ensure the safest possible school run for our children.



## WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

A reminder that wraparound bookings close at 1pm on Thursdays for the following week. As sessions are becoming busier, please book by this deadline where possible, to ensure a space for your child.

## No dogs on site



A reminder that there are no dogs allowed on the school site, so please keep dogs off the school paths and front playground pick up area. Please also ensure dogs are not left unattended by the gates and railings.