



Weekly Newsletter

Stoke Prior First School

7th September 2023

Let me begin this week by welcoming you back to a brand new school year. The sun is shining and the children have returned full of energy, looking extremely smart and very excited to start in their new year groups. An extra special welcome also goes out to all our new Reception children and their families as they begin their school life with us here at Stoke Prior First School. They are doing so well!

Teachers and teaching assistants have worked hard to prepare the classrooms and learning for this term and I am in no doubt that there will be lots for the children to look forward to. We are in the process of finalising all the dates for the term ahead and these will all be published on the calendar on the website by the end of this week. The newsletter will continue to be published every Thursday and the week ahead section is an excellent way for parents and carers to see what is happening.

There is an opportunity for parents and carers of pupils in Years 1 to 4 to come in to school at the end of the day to meet teachers and see classrooms ahead of the new term next week after school. These times are on the week ahead section overleaf.

Over the summer, I took some time to analyse our end of year parental survey. We had 76 responses this year which is the highest yet! Thanks to everyone who responded for taking the time to provide this valuable feedback. I was very pleased with the overall results and I took the time to read all the comments. As always, this feedback is passed to the staff and Governing Body and it helps us when we set out our development priorities for the coming academic year. A copy of the results of the survey is on the website [here](#) along with a written response to the comments where appropriate.

We believe strong communication is at the heart of a really successful school and we work really hard to ensure we communicate all the necessary information relating to your child in a clear and timely way. If at any point you have concerns or worries relating to something in school, no matter how small, please get in touch sooner rather than later so that a resolution can be put in place. Your child will have a school reading diary which you can use to write notes, teachers are on the door each evening, myself and Mr Roberts are on the door every morning, or if you wish to discuss something more privately, please phone or email Mrs Barr in the office for an appointment.

Hopefully you have noticed our new mini police officer signs on the pavement outside school. These were donated by our local councillor Kyle Daisley for which we are grateful. As I write often, parking is always at a premium around school at the start and end of the day and it is important that as a school community we park safely and respectfully so that the safety of the children is maintained and local residents are not negatively impacted. Thank you for helping us achieve this.

Mr L Satchwell

Well done!
Rainbow Assembly



**We look forward to our first Rainbow Assembly
of this school year on Friday.**



Week at a glance

Monday 11/09	Year R start full-time Art & Craft Club – 3:30-4:30pm Archery Club – 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday 12/09	Multiskills Club – 3:30-4:30pm Meet the teacher Y1 and Y3 – 3:30-4:00pm
Wednesday 13/09	Forest School Year 1 Lego Club – 3:30-4:30pm Dance Club – 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday 14/09	Violin lessons start Year 3 and Year 4 Meet the teacher Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 – 3:30-4:00pm Football Club – 3:30-4:30pm Martial Arts Club – 3:30-4:30pm
Friday 15/09	Cheerleading Club – 3:30-4:30pm

Further Ahead:

Online Safety Talk NSPCC – 19/09 2:30pm

Y4 Malvern Residential meeting – 04/10 6:00-7:00pm

Harvest Festival (St Michael's Church) – 06/10 9:30am

Heritage weekend

This weekend, as part of Worcestershire's Heritage Open Days, St Michael's and All Angels Church are holding a heritage event to celebrate and share information about Stoke Prior and its history.

Last term our Year 3 children (now Year 4) learnt all about the local area and history of Stoke Prior in their topic work. As part of the topic, they were visited by the Heritage Friends Group and were asked to create some artwork which will be on display at the event this weekend.

The heritage group will be sharing knowledge of local history including industries, people, buildings and organisations connected with the local area as well as talking about "Stories in the Stones".

On display will be pictorial and physical historical items from the world famous John Corbett salt works, the L.G Harris Brush works, local watercolours from the wife of an early Vicar of St Michael's church, a bell ringing demonstration from the Tower Team – and of course our children's wonderful pieces of artwork!

The free event will take place at St Michael's and All Angels Church on 9th and 10th September from 10am to 4pm.



Reminders

-Wednesdays and Thursdays Y1 to come to school in PE kit

-Wraparound and lunch bookings close at 1pm each Thursday for the following week.



Pen recycling

We recycle pens at school. Please send in any old or unused pens, markers or felt tips to support the scheme.



Online Safety Talk

Tuesday 19th September – 2:30-3:30pm

Rachel Wallace from the NSPCC will visit Stoke Prior to give a talk to parents and carers about Online Safety for 4-9 year olds.

This will include advice on how you can support your child to stay safe when using the internet, including staying safe when using online gaming platforms and on-demand services.



Please register your interest through our online form [here](#).