



Weekly Newsletter

Stoke Prior First School

6th July 2023

At this point in the year, our attention always turns to preparation for the new school year. On Thursday evening this week the final school Governing Body meeting of the year will take place and it is one at which I report on all the development priorities that have taken place across the year. We also begin to plan what will happen next year as we drive continuous improvement in all areas. As part of this, it is very important to have the views of parents and carers and each year we give you the opportunity to do so using a parental satisfaction survey via a straightforward online form.

The questions follow the same format that are asked by an Ofsted inspector during an inspection and this then helps us to evaluate the school's provision in line with Ofsted. There is also the opportunity to add free text at the end so that you can provide feedback on anything else you might wish to. Once the survey is closed, we take time to analyse the responses and report back the results in a transparent manner. I appreciate that you are bombarded by feedback surveys in this day and age but this one I feel is very important. Please take the time to complete the survey as we find it very useful. The survey can be accessed [here](#) and is anonymous unless you require a specific response to questions or points raised. The survey will close on Friday 21st July and the results will be shared in the Autumn. Thank you in advance for your time.

After many weeks of preparation, our new playground equipment was installed on Monday and Tuesday. It looks amazing and as you can imagine, the children can't wait to get on it. We are hopeful that the final safety inspection will take place next week and then it can be used. Thanks again to everyone who made it possible.

Over the last few weeks, many parents and carers have taken the time to speak warmly to me about my decision to step down as Headteacher from Stoke Prior and take up a new position at Meadows First School and for that I am very grateful. I wanted to take this opportunity to also update you on the recruitment process for selecting a new Headteacher as I appreciate this is a question many of you may have. The Governors have been working hard in the background this half term, preparing an extensive recruitment package to find the next Headteacher for our school. Currently, the plan is for the position to be advertised in early September with the view to appointing a new Headteacher by October Half term. I want to reassure you that the Governors of the school are fully committed to appointing someone who has the necessary qualities and experience to lead Stoke Prior as well as providing continuity of leadership for staff, pupils, parents and carers. Once the appointment has been made, I will work very hard to make sure a comprehensive transition takes place before January so that the change-over is successful.

Mr L Satchwell



Well done!
Rainbow Assembly



There was no Rainbow Assembly last week due to Outdoor Day.



Week at a glance

Monday 10/07	Forest School <u>Year 2 only</u> Year 4 Flute concert in school – 2:30pm Art & Craft Club – 3:15-4:30pm
Tuesday 11/07	Year 1 trip to West Midlands Safari Park Athletics Club – 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday 12/07	Lego Club – 3:15-4:15pm Dance Club – 3:15-4:15pm Bellboating Club Y4 – 4:00-5:00pm (Upton Warren)
Thursday 13/07	NO FOREST SCHOOL Year 4 Bellboating Regatta Football Club – 3:15-4:15pm Martial Arts Club – 3:15-4:15pm
Friday 14/07	Violin lessons continue Year 3 and Year 4 Year R trip to Attwell Farm Park School Summer Fete – 3:15pm Cheerleading Club – 3:15-4:20pm

Further Ahead:

Re-scheduled violin lesson – 19/07
Year 4 Leavers Assembly – 9:15am 20/07
Last day of term – 21/07
First day of new school year – 05/09

Class One News

Class One have made a good start to their final half term in Year One – we can hardly believe where the time has gone!

At the beginning of the summer term, the children participated in a Cricket Festival. We met with lots of other schools at Bromsgrove Cricket Club where the children took part in a wide variety of games that all practised different skills associated with cricket and other team ball sports. The children were brilliantly behaved and joined in the activities with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

Class One loved our annual Sports Day, again taking part with enthusiasm. Skills of perseverance and good sportsmanship were evident, making it an even more enjoyable event.

Since just before May half term, Class One have welcomed a small group of children from Chads Grove School to a play session each Friday afternoon. Both groups of children have benefitted enormously from the meetings, including learning some 'Signalong' signing. Sing your child a chorus of ABBA's 'Thank You For The Music' and see how much they can recall! The children from Chads Grove have had good play skills modelled to them and Class One have learnt about diversity and inclusion in a way many have not experienced before. We have been really proud of the children and the way they have welcomed our visitors.

Since half term, Class One have begun a weekly story session with Mrs Warren in preparation for moving to Year Two. We are looking forward to enjoying our last few weeks together and wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer holiday when it arrives.

Reminders

- Mondays YR to come to school in PE kit
- Mondays Y4 to bring Flutes into school
- Wednesdays and Thursdays Y1 to come to school in PE kit
- Wraparound and lunch bookings close at 1pm on Thursday for the following week.



Raffle donations Friday 7th July

Please send any raffle donations for class hampers in with your child tomorrow.

This is also a non-uniform day for all children as a thank you for your support.

Reception – Toy Story (toys, games, garden games, books, crafts and colouring)

Year 1 – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Chocolates and sweets)

Year 2 – Cinderella (Pamper Hamper – pampering treats and toiletries)

Year 3 – Alice in Wonderland (afternoon tea party and picnic items – non-perishable)

Year 4 – Bottles for the Tombola

Thank you!

Family Church Service Sunday 9th July 2023

We'd love it if you could join us at St Michael's Church this Sunday for the '20 is Plenty' family service – just 20 minutes of songs and participation from the children.



SUMMER RAFFLE

Lots of fantastic prizes to be won!

Extra tickets available from the office.

Please return your money and ticket stubs to the office by

Thursday 13th July.

You have to be in it to win it!