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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

As another week rushes by I can't believe we are nearly at our half term break. The children continue to work incredibly hard within class, whilst behaviour and attitudes to learning remain positive throughout the school. I would like to thank you for your continuing support at what is a challenging and uncertain time.

Children in Need

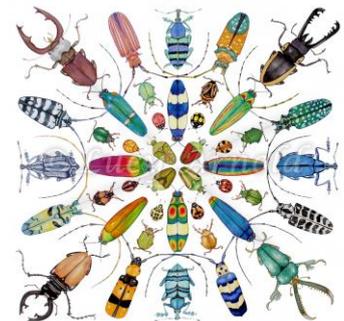


This year the school is supporting the BBC Children in Need theme of 'Five to Thrive' on Friday 13th November. After the stress and worry of the Coronavirus pandemic, children's mental wellbeing is the main focus. 'Five to Thrive' is a unique programme of wellbeing activities, inspired by 5 ways to wellbeing, in order to help children to feel happier and healthier. Led by Joe Wicks, children will have the opportunity to participate in morning energiser events, culminating in Joe's 'Ultimate Feel Good Friday'. Children can wear their own clothes for a £1 donation. The theme is

anything that makes them feel good – their favourite weekend jumper, their PJs or their best party gear! Normal school rules around sensible hairstyles, no jewellery and sensible footwear (not forgetting to bring a coat for the playground) still apply. I hope you will help your child to support this worthwhile cause.

Year 4

Year 4 are continuing their study into mini beasts by looking at famous artists that are inspired about nature and the world around them. Here is a link to one of the artists, Lucy Arnold <https://lucyarnold.com/about/>. All of Year 4 have been impressed by the colourful designs and have begun this week to create their own 3D model. They have created a newspaper structure of a minibeast and have begun using Modroc to make their art work robust. Before half term they will be painting their sculptures to create their own interpretations of the world around them.



Staffing News

Mrs Forrest-Charde, our Teaching Assistant in Hawking class, will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We will miss her, but wish her a long and happy retirement. I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Dominey to work in Year 6 and Miss Jenkins to work in Year 3. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them both to Stoke Park Junior School and we look forward to working with them.

Harvest

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to this year's harvest collection. A member of staff from Eastleigh Basics Bank will collect the donations today.

Calendar of Events

Parents Evening

Next week parents in Years 3 and 4 will receive their parents evening phone calls. You should have received confirmation of your appointment from your child's class teacher. Parents Evenings for children in Years 5 and 6 are after half term

Half Term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October.

Parental Help in School

Sadly, at the moment, we are unable to invite volunteers and parent helpers in to school. We would hope to be able to start this up again in the future. If you think you would like to volunteer to help on trips, read with children, volunteer with FOSP please contact the school office and we can arrange for your DBS to be carried out so that when Covid restrictions are lifted you are ready to go!

I would like to thank all the many parents and grandparents who help out on a regular basis during normal times.

Reminders

Flu Vaccinations

Consent forms should be completed by 24th November at the very latest to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The link to complete the form -

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

Congratulations



This weekend Grace Hughes took part in the National Circuit Time trial event at Thruxton motor racing circuit this was a big event with over 400 competitors from all over the country.

Grace was the youngest female competitor and won her age group doing the 11.7 miles in 55 min in quite windy and cold conditions. The women's overall competition was won by Katie Archibald MBE also competing was Dame Sarah Storey.

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