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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Welcome back after what I hope was a good half term break for both you and your family. It was lovely to have the children back into school and ready to continue their learning.

Despite these uncertain times, I am thrilled to return to school as the Headteacher of Stoke Park Junior School. It is a privilege to continue to lead the school and provide a stimulating and creative education for all our pupils in our care. I truly believe we, as educators at Stoke Park Junior School are able to ensure all pupils have every opportunity to 'Achieve Excellence'. I look forward to working with you.

After consideration, following the Prime Minister's announcement of another nationwide lockdown starting this Thursday, may I take this opportunity to remind you to observe social distancing guidance at all times on the school site. This includes;

- Wearing a face mask when you are on the school site.
- Please do not remain on the school site for any longer than absolutely necessary at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Please keep all children and younger siblings with you, do not allow them to run or play amongst other groups waiting on the playground.
- Please do not sit in the Quiet Area, or on the walls or benches near the areas where the children come out of school at the end of the day.
- Ensure you adhere to social distancing when speaking with any member of staff or other adults whilst on the school site.
- Please do not take your child around the back of the school at the start of the day, as this will directly impact the one way system we have in place. You should say good bye to your child on the playground.

School will remain open from Thursday onwards. Education is therefore compulsory for all children, we will be following up on any absences.

## **FORGOTTEN ITEMS AND MESSAGES**

To minimise contact and reduce the number of parents on site, we will not accept any forgotten items to take to class unless it is absolutely essential.

Please avoid the need for staff to have to take messages to class, again unless it is essential.

# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PUPILS

## Head Boy and Girl and Prefects

Following interviews two pupils were selected as the schools Head Boy and Girl who will act as ambassadors for our school. There are also 18 prefects who support the Head Boy and Girl to carry out roles of responsibility around the school environment. The prefects will also have a year group responsibility.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have already been selected for their roles:

**Head Girl: Emilia Molka**

**Head Boy: Arran Turner**

**Prefects Year 3: Grace Hale, Eloise May George, Olivia Salathiel, Seth Chance, Dylan Webber**

**Prefects Year 4: Rebecca Flinn, Helena Aliaj, Iris Hopper, Megan Townsend, Meena Holloway**

**Prefects Year 5: Bethan Senior, Joshua Norris, James Zubaidi, Tobias Holland**

**Prefects Year 6: Grace Hughes, Brooke Schofield, Louise Bucknell, Sophie Moule-Carter**

All pupils in these roles will be expected to act as role models for their peers and younger pupils.



**Children in Need 2020** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Together, we can make a huge difference in a time when it's needed most. This year, the coronavirus pandemic is having a huge impact on the mental health and wellbeing of UK children, and for those who were already facing disadvantages, life has become incredibly difficult.

This year's campaign sees Children in Need team up with celebrities to help children develop wellbeing strategies. In school, we will be taking part in the daily activities provided as part of the Five to Thrive programme. This will culminate in the "Ultimate Feel Good Friday" where for a donation, children may come in dressed in whatever makes them feel good!



## Bag2School

We have registered with the above company who make donations to schools in return for unwanted clothes. Our collection date is **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** so start filling up those bin bags and we can accept them in school from 30<sup>th</sup> November.

They accept good quality items for re-use including men's, ladies, children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household towels, household bedding.

Bag2school are unable to accept duvets and blankets, pillow and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats, soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with or without logo, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

[www.easyfundraising/causes/fospjuniors](http://www.easyfundraising/causes/fospjuniors)

## Flu Vaccinations

This year, more than ever, the flu vaccination programme is vital to protect families and the wider community from the spread of the flu virus, which is likely to be circulating at the same time as the Covid-19 virus. Please can I encourage you, if you haven't done so already to consent for your child to receive the vaccination.

Consent forms should be completed by 24<sup>th</sup> 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>



Christmas lunch will look a bit different this year, with children being offered a party menu which they will eat in their class. We will let you know further details about dates and how this will work nearer the time, but for now just need an idea of numbers. Please complete the attached form and return it to school by this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## Inset Day

The school is closed for Inset Day on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Congratulations

To Alice Bowler who competed in the BHS riding championship over half term. She had to complete a dressage test and stable management test. She will get the results on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Allison Jenkins  
Headteacher