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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

We are nearly at the end of a busy half-term and the staff, like you, are ready for the break. Please can I take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued support and engagement with school and supporting your child over the recent weeks. Hopefully, we will return to more positive news after the holiday and be ready to welcome children back into school soon after.

Stoke Park Junior School – Half Term Track & Trace Responsibilities

As we are nearing the end of this half term, I would like to update you on the school's Track & Trace responsibilities for half term week.

Schools play a vital role in reducing the spread of coronavirus, within the local community through contact tracing. We have been asked by the government to put the following arrangements in place:

- For the first 2 days after teaching ends (up to and including 3.15pm on Saturday 13th February) if a pupil develops symptoms **and** receives a positive test, you must contact the school.
- You need to email the school on adminoffice@stokepark-jun.hants.sch.uk. This will be checked daily.
- In the email, please tell us when the symptoms started and when the positive test results were received.
- Parents and carers will need to follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace in the event of a positive COVID test result.
- Should we need to contact anyone within the school community, who has been in contact with someone who tests positive, this will be through an initial text and followed up by an email.

I hope you appreciate the importance of working together, in order to keep everyone within our school community safe. I, like you, hope that these arrangements are not needed and everyone has a safe, happy and healthy half-term break. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and as part of our PSHE work, there are some lovely well-being resources that you and your child might wish to share. Also, Mrs Grist recently recorded a presentation explaining how we teach PSHE at Stoke Park Junior School and the resources we use. The planning tool is called 'SCARF'. The information below was sent to me and I thought this might be of interest to you and your family.

Yesterday was Safer Internet Day - scroll down and follow the link to some activities you and your child might enjoy. To further support Safer Internet Day, also attached is a newsletter with useful information.

I have also attached a resource, which includes some useful videos which you could watch with your child, to emphasise the importance of staying safe online. There are a range of videos suitable for different ages and they get the message of staying safe online across in an age appropriate way.

The link to the website is: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/parents-helpsheets/>

As always, if there is anything we can do to support you and your family during the time school is closed, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Parental Workshops

Please also find attached a flyer for some parental workshops that are being run by a lady called Lorraine Lee. Mrs Grist has worked with her before and she has supported many parents in the local area. The link for the training events is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lorraine-lee-training-7910172302>

Parents Evenings

This term's Parents Evenings will take place via a phone call, at some point during the weeks beginning 22nd February and 1st March. Rather than book a specific appointment time, teachers will give you a call to touch base with you, get an update on remote learning and to see how your child is getting on. Should you have anything specific you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, which may require a longer appointment, please let the office know and it can be arranged.

Mrs Gill

I am very pleased to share our congratulations and the good news that Mrs Gill is expecting her second baby in May. She will be supporting Barlow class from behind the scenes until her maternity leave. Mrs Passingham, Mrs Sinclair and Miss Neill will teach the class once we all return to school.

Tucasi Data Breach

We have been informed that there has been an information security incident with SMS messages sent between 1st December and 8th January. The following data items were included:

- Recipients Mobile Number
- Message Body

This means that you may be at a higher risk of phishing attaches, sent via SMS. Please be aware of any potential malicious SMS messages that might pretend to be from the school, particularly if payments are requested.

The scope of the data breach is contained to mobile numbers and the message body, which were all held in the Commify system. At no point was SCO/SCOPAY data at risk. If in doubt about any SMS message that you receive, please contact the school office.

Stubbington for current Year 3 Children

I am pleased to confirm that we have been allocated the week beginning 14th March 2022 for our residential. Payment can be made in instalments through the Scopay account. Please ensure that if you need help with the cost of the trip you let us know now and do not leave it until the deadline for payment.

Condover Hall for current Year 5 children

We have provisionally booked Condover Hall for current Year 5 children to attend when they are in Year 6. If you would like to reserve a place the Scopay account for this trip is now open for deposits of £50.00. Information about this residential was sent out to all Year 5 families yesterday.

Holiday Food Vouchers

For those families entitled to free school meals you will receive your voucher for the half term through School Vouchers. Vouchers for the two weeks beginning 22nd February will come from Edenred.

Pupil Laptops

Many thanks to those families who have collected their allocated laptop, in order to support their child during this period of school closure. We still have a number of devices available for loan. Should your child not have access to a device at home and feel that this would enhance their opportunity for learning, please contact the office to discuss this further.

Pupil Work Packs

New pupil learning will be send via email on Monday 22nd February. Paper copies of year group learning packs will also be available for collection from the school office as before.

Reminders

Finally, a reminder that school will be closed to all children on Friday 12th February. The office will also be closed on this day, so if you need to make contact with us, please do so by emailing adminoffice@stokepark-jun.hants.sch.uk.

School will also be closed for half term from Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February.

No work will be set on either of these occasions and I fully encourage you and your child to take advantage of some (hopefully) warmer weather.

Allison Jenkins
Headteacher