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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

I expect you, like us, are eagerly anticipating the re-opening of school to all pupils on Monday 8th March. All staff have been working hard in order to support both the children returning and also those who have been in school during the last few weeks. Our priority will be re-establishing relationships between both children and adults, revisiting school routines and expectations and taking opportunities to identify how your child can be supported in their return to a busy school environment.

I look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Monday morning.

Please find attached a leaflet from Hampshire Services with some advice for parents.

With our return to school, please can I remind you of the following:

Start and Finish Times

Year Group	Drop off Time	Pick up Time
Year 3, 5	08:45	15:00
Year 4, 6	09:00	15:15

Uniform

- All children must wear their normal Stoke Park Junior School uniform when they return to school.
- Trainers, including plain black trainers, are **not** part of our uniform expectations.
- Children will need their P.E kits to change into for P.E lessons.

We appreciate that it is challenging to replace school uniform at this time due to non-essential shops still being closed. If you are unable to provide your child with the correct school uniform due to them having grown out of it during lockdown, please let your child's class teacher know. Any alternatives should be dark in colour and school appropriate – no logos or sports kit/tracksuit bottoms. When we return after Easter we will expect all children to be dressed in the full uniform.

Home Learning

We will allow the children to settle back into school routines before giving out year group home learning. This will start again later in the Spring Term. However we do expect that the children will carry on reading, learning spellings and times tables at home.

In order to mark the reopening of school and to try and find some positives out of the latest lockdown period. I would like pupils to either send in this week (or bring in w/c 8th) an image, drawing or photo of something positive from their learning. It might be them outside completing a science investigation or PE challenge, a picture of them reading or completing remote learning or a piece of work they are most proud of. It could be anything (positive) which reflects their learning in lockdown. These will form part of a SPJS learning 'collage' display in the entrance, in order to celebrate all the achievements our children have made, despite all the obvious challenges.

Appointments

Should you need to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school by phone so a mutually convenient time can be arranged. Whilst the school is fully open, we are working hard to control access to the school site, in order to keep both children, staff and visitors safe.

Face Coverings

Please ensure that a face covering is worn when you enter the school building, this includes our Reception area. Should you need to make an appointment to meet with a member of staff inside the school building, we ask that the visitor and our member of staff both wear a face covering in order to keep everyone safe. We ask that only one adult comes onto the school site at drop off/pick up times and that no children of Year 7 and upwards come onto the school site, unless they are collecting a younger sibling. Children of Year 7 and upwards must also wear a face covering.

Social Distancing

When on the school site, particularly at drop off and pick up times, please ensure you observe social distancing guidelines. This includes the close supervision of younger children, particularly on the playground. Access to our timber trail equipment is not permitted. For older children, please drop off and pick up your children from outside the school gates to minimise the number of adults on the school site.

Parental Visits to the School Office

Parents should come into the school's reception area, only when strictly necessary. During these present times, office staff will only take forgotten items to children's classes if absolutely essential, as this puts them at risk of entering multiple class bubbles.

We ask that only one parent or family group enter reception at a time. A face covering should be worn, in line with Government Guidelines. If you do not have one, the glass partition will be kept closed. Please use the hand sanitiser provided, upon entry to the school building.

Toilets

Our toilets are not open to parents or siblings.

Pupil Equipment

A reminder that the only equipment children need to bring into school are a coat, full PE kit (including trainers), a water bottle and lunchbag if appropriate. All pupils have been provided with their own set of stationery items, so pencil cases are not needed. Children should only bring bags to school if absolutely necessary, eg if they ride a bike to school.

Should your child have forgotten to bring in an item, such as their drinks bottle, into school, in order to limit contact with staff we are happy to provide them with access to a drink within the classroom and limit the need for you to return onto the school site. The item can always be sent in on the following day.

Unless it is essential, children should not bring mobile phones to school. If they do have to bring a phone they should be left at reception before the child enters the school building.

Safeguarding

Please can you ensure that your children know that if the adult that they are expecting is not there at the end of the day they should return to reception.

Children are not allowed to press the exit button at the front door for any reason. Please do not ask your children to do this – they must ask a member of the office staff.

Dinner Money - £2.50 per meal

Dinner money should be paid IN ADVANCE using your scopay account. You can find a copy of the current menu using the following link

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary>



From Monday 8th March we are offering three options – meat, meat free or streets. We start with Week 1.

Peanuts

Could I please remind parents that the school is a NUT FREE ZONE. Please support this by ensuring that your child does not have any peanut butter or any other nut products in their lunch box. Many thanks.

Fruit Shop

Unfortunately, we cannot run a fruit shop at the moment. You may provide your child with a piece of fruit for break time – no other type of snack will be allowed.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We will not be running any before or after school clubs this term. It is hoped that this can be reviewed during the Summer Term. If you need to register your child at Hedgehogs please contact Steve Wilson on 07746 743172.

Karate

There will be no karate club during the Spring Term but they are running on-line classes. Details can be found with the following link: <https://sama-southwest.com/sama-karate-class-intro-video/>

Year 4 Stubbington Activities

A reminder that children in Year 4 will take part in a range of Stubbington activities at school on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March. Children should dress in warm outdoor clothing as they will be outside all day. They should wear clothes with long trousers and sleeves, as well as sturdy trainers or wellies and bring a waterproof coat and spare shoes for indoors. Please be aware that children will be outside in the school grounds areas of which are very wet and muddy. If your child does not have appropriate footwear or a coat, this may prevent them participating in activities, particularly if the weather is not kind to us.

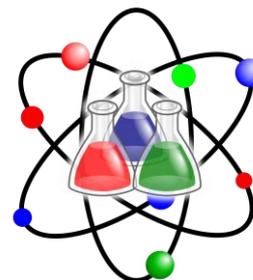
Activities will take place during the normal school day and will be run in class bubbles with all Covid secure measures in place, including regular hand washing. Staff from Stubbington will be required to test negative for Covid before they arrive in school.

Timings for the school day, the way in which the children enter and leave school and school lunches will all remain as the letter from Mrs Jenkins. On the other three days (Monday 8th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th March) children will be required to wear their school uniform.

If you have any questions about this activity please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Science Week 2021

As part of Science Week 2021 we are asking children to complete a home competition, details are attached to the newsletter. Please photograph your inventions and email them back to your child's class teacher by Friday 12th March. The images will form part of a new science week display which will go up in a central area of the school.



Book Week

World Book Day this year is on 4th March and I know that each year group included some home learning around this. Your child will receive their £1 Book Token when they return to school next week.

Laptops

Once the children are back in school, loaned laptops should be returned by Friday 19th March. Please ensure the laptop is returned with the original cable and in its protective sleeve. It is important they are returned promptly, so we can make them available to children within school to enable us to support the recovery of learning.

Covid Winter Grant Scheme

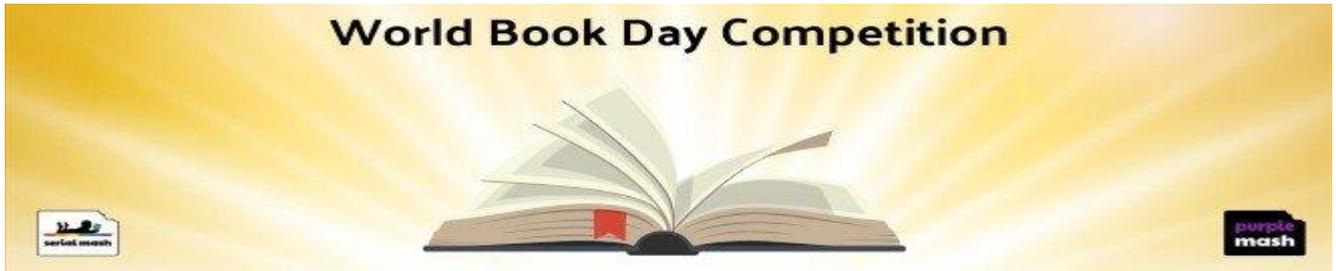
We have a small amount of money available for make discretionary awards to families for assistance under this scheme. This can include, but not be limited to:

- Issuing pre-paid energy cards to pay fuel bills for the purpose of domestic heating, cooking and lighting and/or
- Issuing vouchers which can be used to purchase warm blankets/duvets, warm clothing, heaters, essential toiletries and food.

If you would like to be considered for help, please contact me.

Allison Jenkins
Headteacher

World Book Day Competition



Take Part in Our World Book Day Competition

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 4th March and we're excited to announce that we've launched a writing competition to celebrate!

This is our very first writing competition and the theme is all about hope. The Book of Hope competition is a chance for children to write about what hope means to them.

We want to encourage children to think about the things that make them and others around them happy. There has been a great deal of challenge over the last year but now is a time to look forward with a feeling of hope and expectation.

[Download the Competition Guide](#)

The competition is open until April 2nd. Winning entries will be compiled into a Book of Hope which will be available on Serial Mash and our whole-curriculum resource [Purple Mash](#).

We hope you and your learners will enjoy taking part and we look forward to reading the entries!

Kind regards,
The 2Simple Team

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