



31st March 2021

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

As the days are now longer and hopefully warmer, we are all looking forward to brighter and more positive times ahead. Whilst the children have enjoyed reconnecting with friends and re-establishing school routines they are ready for a break and to take advantage of the easing of restrictions. I wish you a safe and relaxing Easter with your family.



Schools are required to continue to follow up on any positive Covid case in the first part of the holiday. The expectation is that schools need to do this for 6 days following the end of term as this could be the length of time between a pupil being ill on the last day of term, to them developing Covid symptoms, then having a test confirmed as positive. As we finish on Thursday 1st April, any necessary tracking and tracing could be finalised on 7th April.

Can we request that if your son/daughter has symptoms within two days of last being in school and then goes on to test positive, that you contact us through adminoffice@stokepark-jun.hants.sch.uk so that we can implement our tracking and tracing of pupils and staff who would have been a close contact. If your child starts to have symptoms after this time, you do not need to contact school, but continue to use NHS Test and Trace service.

When we return on Monday 19th April ALL our Covid safe existing measures will remain in place. These will be reviewed on a regular basis and will be amended in the light of any new Government guidelines.

New Menu

The new menu will start on Week 1 after Easter.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary#step-6>

Our current Streets Menu will continue until half term, also starting on Week 1.

Please note that the menu choices have now been swapped on the menu so that the Vegetarian Option is at the top.

Breaktime Snacks

We are very happy for children to bring a healthy **fruit snack** for breaktime. Please do not send in anything other than fruit.

Hair

I am sure all the children will want to experiment with different hair styles over the Easter Break. Please ensure that whatever they do their hair can be returned to a style and colour suitable for school by 19th April. As a reminder all long hair should be tied back with a single, plain hair band. Children will be asked to remove any other hair decorations.

School Uniform

I am pleased to be able to inform you that Skoolkit will re-open on Monday 12th April. Please note that they will be observing all current government guidelines, so there may be queues at times and service may take a little longer.

After Easter uniform will also be available once again from the office. You should pay for it using the Scopay account and then simply call into the office to collect. This is the only payment method for uniform – we can no longer accept cash or cheques.

Please can I also remind you that after the Easter holidays, and following the opening of non-essential retail shops, children should return to school in school shoes. Should there be a specific reason why this is not possible (including the fitting of specialist insoles) please inform your child's teacher in the first instance.

Drum Kit and Piano

We have a drum kit and Yamaha Clavico piano (pedals not working) available to a good home, with any donations welcome to the school in return. Please contact the office if you are interested in providing either of them with a good home.

Admission to Year 3 in September

Admission to Year R (reception) and Year 3 (junior) in September 2021

16 April 2021 is the national notification date for parents who applied on-time for a Year R or Year 3 place for September 2021.

The admissions team are expecting an extremely high volume of calls from families with children due to start Year R and Year 3 in September 2021. In order to support parents, they are putting the following arrangements in place:

- the website www.hants.gov.uk/admissions will link to Frequently Asked Questions pages that provide answers to most queries, including what to do if parents haven't received the outcome of their application or if they are unhappy with the school offer received. If possible, please advise parents to look here in the first instance
- they are planning to add webchat to the web pages in order to address straightforward queries quickly
- they will be extending their opening times with School Admissions phone lines open between 8:30am and 7:30pm on Friday 16th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th April. For data protection reasons, they can only speak to the person who submitted the application.

Accepting the Year 3 offer

There is no need for parents to accept their Year 3 offer – acceptance is automatic.

Condover Hall – 7th February 2022

Stubbington – 14th March 2022

Many thanks to the parents who have paid a deposit for our residential activities. We have now confirmed our places with the centres. If you have reserved a place for your child on either of these residential, we will send out further information after Easter.

Spring 1 Calendar of Events

Year 5 Bikeability – week beginning Monday 26th April and Tuesday 4th May. Applications should be submitted by Monday 19th April.

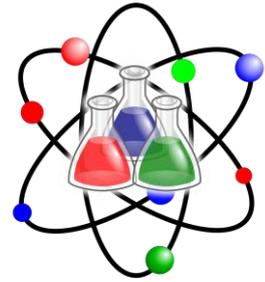
May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Inset Day – Friday 14th May

Half Term – Week beginning Monday 31st May

Congratulations

Thank you to all the children who took part in our science competition – we had over 60 amazing entries which made it very difficult to select winners. Thank you to our Governor, Tabatha McCormick for judging the entries. Congratulations to the following children:



1st – sea cleaning machine by Alyssa Rosas, Potter
2nd – robotic key finder drone by William Frost, Brownlee
3rd – prosthetic leg for a cat by Phoebe Major, Sandé
Commendation – Joseph Holland, Dylan Lang, Ralph Husbands.

Congratulations to Casey Hughes who has joined the X Club.

Allison Jenkins
Headteacher

VACANCIES **Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants**

We are currently seeking lunchtime supervisory assistants to join our happy team. The successful candidates will be enthusiastic, reliable and keen to support the school.

Duties will include

- Supervising children in the lunch hall (or if eating in their classrooms) and helping to promote healthy eating
- Supervising and engaging with children on the playground. Encouraging positive play and listening to children
- Being aware of health and safety to ensure a safe environment for all

The successful applicant will need to:

- Be part of a team, communicate positively with children and other adults
- Enjoy working with children and small teams of adults
- Be a good time keeper
- Be reliable and consistent in promoting good behaviour and the values of the school
- Ensure the safety and welfare of children at all times

Hours of work (term time only): 11.55am – 1.00pm daily
Salary: Grade A, £18,842 pro rata (£9.25 per hour)

For an application pack and further details please contact Judith Young in the school office.

Closing Date: Wednesday 21st April 2021
Interview Date: