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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

As the lovely spring weather continues (hopefully for many more weeks to come) it has been excellent to observe the children out on the school site and starting new games units. This week the school's new Learning Partner from Hampshire Education visited the school for the first time. I am really pleased to say how proud I was of the way the children represented the school.

Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed immersing ourselves in our history topics recently. Before Easter we continued our journey through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and eventually researching an aspect of the Iron Age. Since returning we have been studying the impact of the Roman invasion with a

focus upon the Celtic warrior queen Boudicca. We have been finding out as much as possible in order to write her biography and we were even lucky enough to have had a visit from the lady herself last week!! We are looking forward to learning more about the Romans and will even be cooking up some of their traditional bread.



Year 4

It has been great to see Year 4 return to school after the break full of enthusiasm for their learning, and they have already been involved in lots of fun activities. On the first day back, they practised their surfing technique, discussed fossils and painted some colourful designs onto pebbles as part of a beach themed well-being workshop by Saltwater Creations. They have also been very engaged with the start of our Anglo-Saxon topic and in particular the savage story of the warrior hero Beowulf! As part of this topic, they have produced some stunning Wanted Posters for the beast known as Grendel. Furthermore, in Science, the children enjoyed dissecting lilies in order to learn about the different parts of flowers.

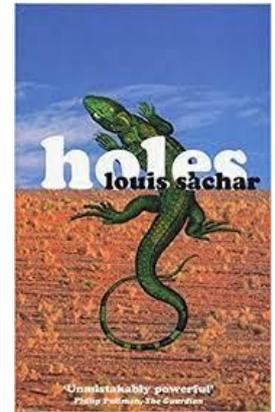


If any children were inspired by practising their surfing techniques or discovering fossils then please see the links below. However, these links are for information only and not promoted by Stoke Park Junior School or Hampshire County Council.

If anyone would like to do surf lessons: <https://www.experiencewestsussex.com/natural-surf-school/>
This is more information on the sharks' teeth that can be found in Bracklesham Bay
<http://www.discoveringfossils.co.uk/bracklesham-bay/>

Year 5

Once again, Year 5 have settled in really well into the school routines after the Easter holidays. They are all looking very smart in their uniforms and are ready to dive into their learning once more. Our new book, Holes, has been very well received by the children and they are all thinking hard about the new species of animal that David Attenborough might find in the desert. They are also all rather intrigued as to why Stanley and his campmates are having to dig all these strange holes ?!



We have lots of other exciting activities to keep us busy this term including improving our cycling skills with Bikeability, learning different techniques to create a clay pot in Art, decoding the new Computing unit that will hopefully teach us all about coding and how to program a simple game (children and teachers will be working very hard on this topic to improve our coding skills!), learning about healthy eating with a twist, as we will be doing so in French and finally, in PSHE, we will be thinking about our own unique qualities and being our best. Another busy half term for us all, which we will hopefully be able to enjoy with continued sunny weather.

Year 6

This Summer term, Year 6, both children and teachers, are very excited to start their World War II topic. Already, we have discussed what life would have been like leading up to the war, listened to the declaration of war given by the Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and discussed the causes of the war. We have now moved on to exploring "Operation Dynamo" - the evacuation of Dunkirk. Currently, the children are researching what happened in the build up to this evacuation, the evacuation itself and the journey of the "Little Ships" to and from Dunkirk. Once this research is completed the children will be writing a first hand recount of the journey. We then move on to the Blitz, D Day and VE Day. In addition, now that Summer term has started (and the sun is shining) we are starting our athletics unit that includes sprinting, discus and javelin - we've already seen some impressive running! We are also looking forward to art, DT, where we will be baking a ration cake, and exploring light and electricity in science.

Curriculum Maps

The Curriculum Maps for each Year Group for the Summer Term is now available on the school website – www.stokeparkjunior.co.uk.

Year 4 Statutory Times Table Check

After half term, all children in Year 4 will be participating in the **national test** called the **Times Table Check**.

In order to help them best prepare for the test, each week they will be receiving some times table practise activities for their homework. Please note this will replace the current maths and reading homework until after half term.

Please support your child to complete their homework but also to **learn all of their times tables**.

Ultimately, regardless of any test, the more each child practises then the more confident they will feel in their maths lessons and be able to use this essential life skill!

May Day Bank Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday 3rd May for May Day Bank Holiday. School will also be closed on Friday 14th May for Inset Day.

Year 5 Bikeability

Bikeability training will now take place for all children who have registered from Tuesday 4th May – Friday 7th May.

Children will spend the first day on the playground and will then take part in four sessions of road training. Please note, your child will need to have a road worthy bike, ie tyres in good condition and pumped up, and working brakes and a helmet (if you haven't requested to borrow a bike or helmet on your application form). Children should wear school uniform, however appropriate trousers for cycling will be needed and a waterproof coat. Your child will be expected to behave impeccably at all times.



Bikes should be taken to the back of the school and they will be supervised in locking them up. If possible please send locks with combinations and write the combination in your child's planner. If your lock has got a key your child will be responsible for keeping it safe.

Children riding their bicycle should be accompanied to and from school by a responsible adult. Please can I remind you that children must dismount from their bike when entering the school site and push it in order to keep everyone on the school site safe.

Music Lessons



If you would like to enrol your child in lessons, please complete the application form and return to school by Wednesday 5th May.

In readiness for work to start on upgrading our music room there is a piano looking for a new home, although the pedals do not work. You would need to arrange collection

Inset Days

I am pleased to be able to provide you with our planned Inset Days for the School Year September 2021 – August 2022:

Friday 24th September 2021

Monday 22nd November 2021

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 16th May 2022

These four dates are the same as the Infant School

Friday 24th June 2022 (Junior School only) Friday 8th July 2022 (Infant School only)

Uniform Orders

I am pleased to inform you that you can now order uniform from school using your scopay account. Unfortunately, we do not get notified when an order has been placed, so you will need to come to reception to notify us of the order and to collect it.

Class Photographs

Your child will have received an order form for their class photograph last week. The closing date for orders is Tuesday 4th May 2021.

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 5th May 2021