



16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

## Lunchtime Stars of the Week

I am pleased to announce last week's winner of our lunchtime Star of the Week. They have been identified as promoting our school values of sharing, respect to all and acting safely at lunchtime. Congratulations to Leo – Wallis Class, Elsie – Peacock Class, Freya – Barlow Class



Well done!

## Stubbington

Year 4 children and staff arrived safely in Stubbington on Monday. They have already been busy building shelters out of natural materials (unfortunately they weren't all waterproof!), carried out pond dipping and have been really lucky to spot both badgers and foxes in the nature hide. In this afternoon's lovely spring sunshine, the children (and adults) enjoyed a lovely activity on the beach.

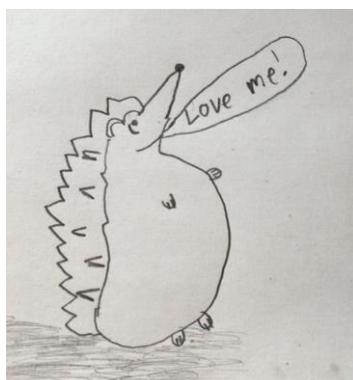
Children in school have been making delicious biscuits and have been making monster puppets.

## Year 5

Year 5 took part in a webinar with author and illustrator Jen Carney. They heard about the process of writing and illustrating, lots about the characters in her stories and most importantly – the correct way to eat a cream filled biscuit (you have to read her books to understand)!



They also had a go at being illustrators; here are some of their fantastic hedgehogs (one of the main characters in her books):



To find out more about Jen Carney and the books that she has written, please go to:  
<https://jen-carney.com>

## Year 6 SATs Breakfast

During SATs week we like to offer children in Year 6 the opportunity to have breakfast at school. This is a good opportunity for the children to start each day during SATs week in a social and positive way, plus enjoy a tasty breakfast! They will receive a letter today with details on how to order. Please complete the reply slip and return it to school by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest if you wish your child to be included.

## Safeguarding Corner

We are often asked by parents how to help children with calming strategies. Please find attached to this newsletter, a simple help sheet which you and your child might like to use. We have also provided copies for class teachers and teaching assistants.

If you have any concerns about your child's emotions, please do contact your child's class teacher. We are very lucky at Stoke Park Junior School that we have a full-time ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Mrs Thomas, who supports many of children with their mental health and emotional well-being.

Ensuring the safety of all children within our care is central to Stoke Park Junior School and forms one of our core values. This is particularly true when considering attendance.

Whilst the importance of regularly attending school cannot be underestimated, there are some occasions (such as an illness or a pre-arranged hospital appointment) which may prevent your child from being in school. In such cases, it is vital that you inform the school as soon as possible to ensure your child's absence is recorded accurately.

Should we not hear from you regarding the nature of your child's absence, you will receive a text requesting you to contact the school. It is likely that your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised, until we hear from you and the circumstances for their absence can be verified.

In the unlikely event that the school continues to remain unaware of the reasons for your child's absence, you will also be contacted by a member of the senior leadership team (and possibly receive a home visit) in order to give you an opportunity to discuss their absence in more detail and their likely return date.

If we have not heard from you by the third day of absence, in accordance with our school protocol and safeguarding duties, we will treat their absence as a potential safeguarding issue and take the necessary next steps. This may include registering your child as missing in education and contacting Children's Services.

Please can I ask you to remain in regular contact with the school in such circumstances, your cooperation is very much appreciated.

## Reminders

### Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

On Friday 18th March, we are inviting those pupils who would like to support the Comic Relief charity, to come into school wearing red clothes, for a £1 donation. That could include a favourite red t-shirt, red sports kit, even red pyjamas. For those children who do not want to participate, they would be expected to be in school in their normal uniform.

We have a supply of red noses in school now that can be purchased from reception at a cost of £1.50. When they are gone they are gone!

## Celebration Drop-Ins

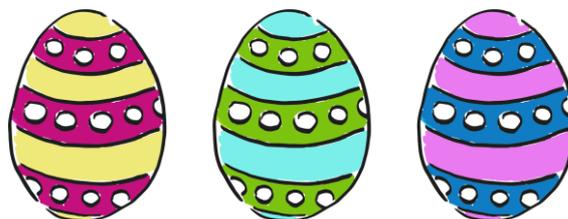
The drop-in for children in Years 3 and 4 is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 3.15pm – 3.45pm.  
The drop-in for children in Years 5 and 6 is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

## FOSP Events

The latest FOSP Newsletter will be sent out today with details of all their upcoming events, including the Spring Fling which will be held at Stoke Park Junior School on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Tickets for the event and raffle tickets can be booked via the FOSP website –

<https://www.spiaevents.co.uk/spring-fling>



## Congratulations

To Oliver Thomas and Imogen Whittington for achieving beginner stage keyboard.

Last week we shared information regarding a fantastic book which was created by one of our Year 3 pupils – Mathilda. Her book is now for sale on Amazon - <https://tinyurl.com/53khyjpd> - you can also order signed copies direct through [www.laurastorey.com](http://www.laurastorey.com) if anyone would like a copy.

Poppy Isaac competed in a members equestrian show jumping competition organised by the stables she attends, and achieved 2nd place and 6th place in 2 respective jump height categories. 2 more rosettes for her growing collection!

Well done to Oliver and Eleanor from Ezra Class who have been awarded Headteacher's Awards for their beautiful poems.

Samantha wanted to show support for the people of Ukraine so she has made Ukraine badges in the colours of the country's flag out of fimo. They are available from reception in return for a donation.

## Cake Sale

Brother and sister Phoebe and Gethin (in Years 6 and 3 respectively) are organising a cake sale on the playground after school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March to raise funds for Ukraine. Please support it if you can. Thank you.

Allison Jenkins  
Headteacher

## **Does your child struggle to open up?**

Mrs Grist sent a letter out last week, outlining a workshop which was run by local trainer, Lorraine Lee. She is running another one which explores reasons why a child might struggle to open up and ways in which you, as parents, can support your child. The event will be held **virtually**.

**When:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 8-9.30pm

**Cost:** £11.37

Follow this link to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-children-who-struggle-to-open-up-tickets-272559832797?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

*If you attend, please do let us know if you found it useful and any strategies we might be able to share with other parents.*

## **Other events you might be interested in:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lorraine-lee-training-7910172302>



### **Yr 11 Easter Revision - Parent & Child Session**

**Tue, Mar 29, 20:00**



### **Exam Anxiety & Exam Preparation**

**Thu, Apr 28, 20:00**