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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

As we come towards the end of the Spring Term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support during what has been a very challenging two years. As we now, hopefully, come to an end of covid restrictions, the Summer Term should look much more like school again, with trips, sports days, assemblies, transition activities all taking place. At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Race, Brownlee class teacher. We wish her all the very best in her new ventures. For the children in Brownlee class they will now be taught full time by Miss Neill.

In order to keep everyone safe on the school grounds, please can I ask that you supervise your younger (and older) siblings at all times whilst you are dropping off and collecting children from school. They should remain with you on the playground at all times. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site AT ANY TIME BY CHILDREN, OR PARENTS. Children must not play on the school equipment, including the MUGA. There have been a number of incidents and near misses recently, with children playing either with or on our equipment. There are members of staff on the playground in the morning and after school so please inform them if you are aware of any behaviours by children or parents that are causing a danger to others on the school site.

A reminder that the car park will be closed to parents at pick up and drop off times, unless you have applied for and received a parking permit from the school office. Could I also please remind you that the school toilets are not for use by parents, or younger siblings.

Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children and families safe.

Last Thursday, we held our first whole school 'Gold Assembly' since 2020 and the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was lovely to come together after such a long time in either bubbles or having virtual assemblies as a school and share in the achievements of children who have been demonstrating our School Values.



## Lunchtime Stars of the Week

I am pleased to announce last week's winners 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 Toby Rich, Jamie-Leigh Lupo, Samuel Cooper, Lylah Lecomber, Philippa McIntyre, Alfie Higginbottom



Well done

## Vocal Festival

On Tuesday 5th April, 30 children from the school choir travelled to Thornden Hall to perform a selection of songs as part of the Wyvern Vocal Festival. The children had a fantastic time rehearsing their 4 songs and an ensemble piece, Here Comes The Sun. A massive congratulations to them all, and in particular our two soloists Alfie and Alba, both from Brownlee. 'It's a real pleasure to work with children so passionate about music. I look forward to more music events in the future!' - Mr Brook, Music Subject Lead.

## School Dinners

A reminder that the cost of school dinners will rise to £2.60 after Easter. The menus are also changing and can be found using this link:

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

The Streets Menu will remain the same, starting back on Week 1.

## Uniform

At Stoke Park Junior School we believe the wearing of a school uniform encourages pride in the school, helps children to feel they belong to the school community and makes them look and feel ready and confident to work.

We expect children to wear school uniform and ask all parents to support us in ensuring that they come to school dressed appropriately.

You can purchase uniform with or without logos. Uniform with a logo can be purchased from Skoolkit or the school office using your scopay account. If you do buy uniform via scopay, please let us know, as we do not get notified automatically.

Could I please remind you that ALL CHILDREN should wear sensible black school shoes. Trainers and boots and not permitted. We may be able to help financially with the purchase of school shoes if this is a problem. Please contact the office for details.

## Lost Property

IF your child has lost (or mislaid!) any uniform, coats, shoes, equipment, particularly a school sweatshirt, please can I ask you to check the lost property box in the reception area. Please ensure that all your child's uniform is clearly labelled, it makes it much easier to return to the children in the event of it being left or misplaced within school. Any lost property left at the end of this week will be disposed of.

## Coin Weigh In

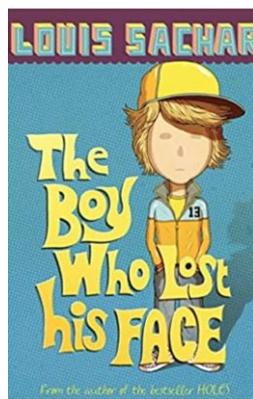
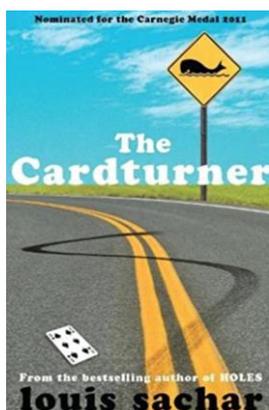
Earlier in the spring term there was a competition between all year groups to see which class could bring in the most loose change and win the Coin Weigh In. Brownlee class, in Year 4 won the competition and were delighted to receive a cash prize donated by FOSP. The children chose to use the money to buy some new colouring pencils for the class. Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Hayball 'topped up' the shortfall following a Dragons Den style presentation from several Brownlee pupils, also donated some extra money to enable them to buy an electric pencil sharpener and a smart tray to keep the pencils organised. Thank you FOSP, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Hayball from Brownlee class. The children can't wait to use their new pencils in the summer term.



## Reading in Year 5

You may have heard from your child that we have been reading Holes by Louis Sachar in our classes. It has been a real hit and the children have been incredibly engaged. We have been thoroughly impressed with the discussions that they have had around the characters and plot.

We just wanted to recommend some other books by the author to encourage children to keep reading.



## Year Group Book Shops

Please encourage your child to visit the fantastic range of free books available in their book swap area before the Easter holidays begin. Every year group has a range of good quality classic and modern texts that are available to the children and perfect for reading over the Easter break

## AGEAS cricket at Stoke Park Junior School.

Last week years 3 and 5 were lucky enough to take part in a cricket session run by AGEAS bowl, where Hampshire Hawks play. Ben the coach, taught the pupils lots of new skills that are needed to play cricket in a fun and fast paced way. All children took home a leaflet explaining about the courses available to them, should they wish to take up cricket outside of school.

If your child is interested please use the websites below to find out more information.

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) (age 5-8)

[dynamoscricet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricet.co.uk) (age 8-11)



## House Cross Country

During the day, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April the whole school participated in House Cross Country. Through sunshine, wind and even snow children ran, skipped or walked two or three laps of the course. Mrs Sinclair was helped by the newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains and the Head boy and Girl. Mrs Sinclair was very impressed with their commitment, positivity and hard work throughout the day and was delighted to see so many children taking part with enthusiasm. At the end of the day Mrs Sinclair asked the Year 6 helpers for their thoughts on the day and below are some of their comments;

"A really fun and challenging event."

Head Girl, Anna Gordon

"Today was amazing. Who knew that the year 3 were so speedy, despite the cold climate!"

Escombe Vice House Captain, Stefania Reeve

"It was a great day!"

Elkins Vice House Captain, Joshua Bradbury

### Results

Year Group	Name	Position	House
3	Rufus Silcock	1st	Sedgewick
3	Henry Polkinghorne	2nd	Escombe
3	Harry Sibbons	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Longmead

4	Joseph Holland	1 <sup>st</sup>	Longmead
4	Flora Graves	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sedgewick
4	Zach Maslin Prothero	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Longmead
5	Jack Sansome	1 <sup>st</sup>	Longmead
5	Harry Bowler	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elkins
5	Jayden Bayley	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Escombe
6	Harrison Long	1 <sup>st</sup>	Longmead
6	Angus Silcock	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sedgewick
6	Louis Howard	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sedgewick



Congratulations to the winning house,  
**Longmead.**

## Message from FOSP

Wow folks what an amazing total we raised on Saturday. £1500!!!!!!!!!!!!

We can't thank you enough for your continued support with these events. You are the ones that make them as great as they always are. Hope you all have a fabulous Easter holiday and we'll see you back in a few weeks.

We have a few unclaimed eggs sat waiting to be nibbled. If you think they belong to you pop us a message on Facebook or email us at [stokeparkinfantassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stokeparkinfantassociation@gmail.com)

Just a quick note for your diary, we have our next PTA meeting booked in for the 5th May from 7pm. We would love to see some new faces. So again drop us a message for more details.

Happy Easter everyone  
The SPIA/FOSP Team xx

This term ends on Friday at 3.15pm. We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing break and look forward to seeing the children back in school at 8.45am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

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, £2,371 per annum

For an application pack and further details please contact Judith Young in the school office on 023 80612789.

## VACANCY- Cleaner

- **Closing Date: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**      **Job Start Date: As soon as possible**
- **Contract/Hours: Permanent, Part-time**      **Salary Type: A1**
- **Hours of Work: Monday - Friday 6.30am – 8.30am or 3.30pm – 5.30pm + cover**
- **Contact e-mail address: [dave.jones@stokeparkjunior.co.uk](mailto:dave.jones@stokeparkjunior.co.uk)**

The school is looking to appoint a reliable and efficient cleaner to join our friendly and hardworking team of cleaners. The successful candidate will work every day, either morning or afternoon, with the ability to cover other sessions.

The candidate will be expected to:

- Take pride in their work and clean the school to a high standard, ensuring our children have a clean and safety school in which to learn.
- Maintain working relationships with colleagues and all school staff.
- Manage workload effectively.
- Ensure correct reporting and monitoring of any health and safety issues.
- Keep designated areas of the school in a clean and hygienic condition, which will include classrooms, corridors, offices, toilets and kitchen areas.

Experience would be an advantage, although full training and support will be provided.

### Safer Recruitment

Stoke Park Junior School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

**NEW DAY & TIME FOR 2022!**



**FAIR OAK CRICKET CLUB  
FUN SOFTBALL SESSIONS  
FOR YEARS 3 & 4**

**DBS Checked  
Qualified Coaches**

**Family Friendly  
Club**

**CRICKET**  
Under 9s

**FRIDAYS 6.00-7.00PM  
FROM 6th MAY  
LAPSTONE PLAYING FIELDS  
FAIR OAK SO50 7PS**

Sessions will run from May to July for just £40  
including match fees & a Fair Oak CC T-Shirt!

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For more details contact [fair oakccjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:fair oakccjuniors@gmail.com)

**No experience or equipment required!**