



Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School Update 12.02.21



Half Term

As we come to the end of this half term, everyone truly deserves a massive 'well done'. You and your child are doing brilliantly just getting through this lockdown and learning at school or at home. We don't know when we will be fully open to all children again, but we can assure you that we will be ready and delighted as soon as we are all able to be together again.

Thank you to everyone for sensible actions taken to ensure school places are only taken when needed. This has enabled us to achieve that very fine balance of providing support for critical workers whilst having safe numbers of children in school. This lockdown has been difficult, and you should be very proud of the work your child has achieved. It represents something to remember during this most challenging of times in their education.

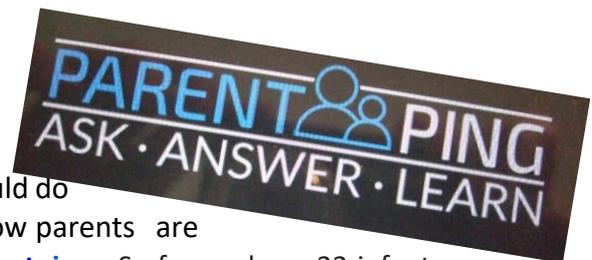
Enjoy the half term however you spend it – we hope it warms up a bit so you can get outside to see encouraging signs of spring. Remember, reading is one of the most important things your child can do. Enjoy reading stories, reading together, and researching topics that interest your child. Read anything you can!

Online Safety

With the majority of children still learning from home, they will be spending more time online doing their school work, playing games or watching videos. Technology is hugely valuable for education, as well as a way to keep in touch with friends and family. However, it's important we all consider how we can support children's online safety during this lockdown, and always. Here's some information from [ThinkUKnow](#) about what your child may enjoy online and what you can do to help keep them safer when sharing pictures.

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first. Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Don't forget to answer questions on **Parent Ping** - even during half term! Answering questions helps you see how other parents are coping, helps us see what we could do differently and helps Everyone understand how parents are feeling. Download the free app: <https://bit.ly/parentping> So far we have 22 infant and nursery parents signed up and are aiming for at least 60! So sign up if you have a moment, we'd be grateful.



World Book Day Cardboard Roll Challenge 4th March 2021

At home and at school we will be reading and enjoying books throughout this special day. We'll be meeting all kinds of great book characters in all kinds of story settings. We challenge children to decorate a cardboard tube to look like a favourite book character!

Please take a picture of your child's character and send it in to school. We will share the pictures via a gallery on the website for everyone to enjoy. Send your pictures to your **class e-mail**. We hope these few photos inspire you...



Have a restful and safe half term.
from all of the staff ~

Sarah Mackay Head Teacher