



Stoke Hill Junior School

Autumn Update 1

Reflections

I cannot believe how quickly the first 3 weeks of the term have gone. From the first day nerves (me too) to now seeing how the children have settled into the daily routines has been fantastic. The children are really embracing all of the outdoor learning opportunities the teachers are giving them using the newly re-surfaced playground, the wooded areas and the large grassy areas. This will continue and I have seen how excited the children are on the days when they don't have to come in uniform. Now that we have been able to remove the 'bubbles' I have loved seeing siblings playing or having lunch together, with the older children keen to be responsible and show their younger brothers or sisters the routines that make the school run successfully. There are many new things happening or being trialled that we will continue to let you about, including these updates, which you will receive twice each half term, along with a letter from our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Hammerton-Jackson.

Coming up soon

There's lots to look forward to over the next few weeks,

- Parent's Evening (via Google Meet) – October 5th and 6th – Book using Parent Mail from 5.00pm on Monday 27th September. We will then send you details of how to join the meeting, via Parent Mail, later in the week. You must make an appointment in advance, you can not just login on the day. Appointments are 10 minutes in length.
- Book Fair – week beginning October 4th, the children will view the books in school and you will be able to order directly online from the company
- October 15th – the next Autumn Update

Keeping Safe



As part of our duty to teach children about keeping themselves safe, we use the NSPCC's PANTS message in school.

You can find more information about the PANTS underwear rule, including how to talk about it with your child and how to answer their questions at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Covid Update

Since the beginning of term, we have had a small number of positive cases. This has meant at times teachers, teaching assistants and admin staff have been covering work for absent colleagues. Please bare with us at this challenging time and we remind you of the following guidance.

- If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home.
- You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell the school the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better.
- If the test is negative, they should come to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

If you have been awaiting the results of a test and it comes back negative, please still contact the school to tell us when your child is returning.

Harvest

This year the Federation is supporting the Community Larder at St Katherine's Priory. Please see the attached document if you would like to donate any items.

Wishing you a great weekend!

Jamie Sullivan ~ Head of School