



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 3



STOKE HEATH PRIMARY
SCHOOL

HEADS NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has this half term gone! Everyone has settled into their new classes amazingly and have been producing amazing work. Thank you all for attending parent's evening, it was a great turn out again this year.

There has been an increase in parents calling or coming to the school office to ask how their children are, this is extremely disruptive to your child's learning so please can I ask parents to refrain doing this as it is affecting your child's learning. We will call you if we need to let you know anything about your child's day.

There are a number of event's happening when we return in November please check the dates for the diary so you are aware of what is going on.

I hope you have a lovely half term break!

Miss Kelman

WELCOME FROM MRS THOMPSON



I have really enjoyed my first half term at Stoke Heath and would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome I have received since joining the school as the Deputy Head in September. It has been a pleasure getting to know the students, staff, and parents. I have been so impressed with how all the children engage with the school values. They work incredibly hard, are respectful and polite and have made me feel extremely welcome. I will be working with Miss Kelman to ensure that your children continue to be supported to learn, grow, and thrive at our school. I will often be on duty at the beginning and end of the day should you wish to come and say, 'Hello.' I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months and sharing the journey that your child takes at Stoke Heath.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27TH OCTOBER

Teacher Training Day

6TH NOVEMBER

Children Return to School
Diwali Celebrations all Week

WEEK COMMENCING 13 NOVEMBER

Kindness Week

WEEK COMMENCING 20 NOVEMBER

Road Safety Week

22ND NOVEMBER

Year 4 York Meeting - Timings TBC

24TH NOVEMBER

Year 1 Activity Day and Year 2 Sleepover

WEEK COMMENCING 27 NOVEMBER

Best of British Week

1ST DECEMBER

Teacher Training Day

8TH DECEMBER

Clubs Finish

14TH DECEMBER

PTA Movie Night - Timings TBC

WEEK COMMENCING 18TH DECEMBER

Christmas Activities

After School Clubs

Please see below the timetable with the finishing times as there has been some confusion this week.

As the clubs are so popular, we are asking that if your child does not want to go to the club, please let us know so the place can be allocated to someone else. Likewise, if your child misses three sessions in a row we will allocate their place to someone else.

If you have any questions on clubs please speak to the office.

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|-------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mon | Dance Years 1 to 3 4.00pm | Girls Multi Sports Years 5 to 6 4.15pm | Arts and Craft Reception 4.00pm | Multi-sports Years 1 to 2 4.15pm | Scratch Code Club Years 4 to 6 4.00pm |
| Tues | Dance Years 3 to 6 4.15pm | Football Years 1 and 2 4.15pm | Instruments Years 3 to 6 4.15pm | | |
| Wed | Multi-sports Reception 4.15pm | School Football Team 4.30pm | | | |
| Thurs | Dodgeball Year 3 to 6 4.00pm | Basketball Year 5 to 6 4.15pm | KS2 Football 4.15pm | Art & craft Year 3 to 6 4.00pm | |
| Fri | Multi-sports Year 3 and 4 4.15pm | | Art & Craft Year 1 - 2 4.00pm | Match Days | |

Important Messages

Please can we ask parent to avoid parking near the school gates. This is for your children's safety as they come too and from school.

This includes parking on the yellow lines outside the school, over the staff car park entrance and on the curbs.

Year 1 Charity Project

Year 1 were raising money for their chosen charity, The RSPCA, at parent's evening. They did really well and raised £.....

IQ Christmas Cards

We will be doing the IQ Christmas Cards again this year, the children will be designing their Christmas cards on the first week back. They will be sent off IQ Cards for them to create order forms for you to order directly through their website! The orders will then get delivered to school!

Eerie-sistible Monster Discount offer on Brigade Website!

From Saturday 28th until midnight Tuesday 31st October 2023
15% off all parent online orders
Discount code: HALLOWEEN23
<https://www.brigade.uk.com/>

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approaches, West Midlands Police would like to encourage you to talk to your child about staying safe and sensible during this time.

Remember...

- Stay visible at night by wearing fluorescent clothing or head torches
- Supervise children with sparklers and at firework displays
- Warn your children about stranger danger and only trick or treating in well-lit, known areas
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

You can download our free parents' guide of safety tips here:
<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/campaigns/darker-nights/asb>

If you want to report something suspicious call 101 or 999 in an emergency. For more information about how West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween, search 'WMP Darker Nights'.

Important Messages

The Community shop will be open during half term on Wednesday. Please check study bugs on the day for the timings.

We are hosting "Stay, Play and Learn" sessions for children aged 0-5yrs on Monday mornings 9-11, in the family centre. This will start on Monday 14th November for 5 weeks. Everyone who is not in morning nursery during this time, is welcome to attend.

The Family Centre are offering free counselling for adults in our community. Please get in touch if you would like to book some sessions.

We are working together with Coventry University who will be delivering the anxiety management program called Boomerang. The students will be working with both parents and pupils to help manage anxieties and give parents a toolkit they can use to support their child in the home and community. This will be available to years 4,5 and 6. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact the office or put a message on Study bugs and Miss Bowen will get back to you.

Please check whether you have any books at home with SLS (School library service) on the spine. Return these books to school as soon as possible.

Help keep your family safe online.

Google Family Link is an app that you can download onto your device and your child's device. It helps you to set parental controls on your child's device, including what apps and content they can view on the internet. Google Family Link also enables you to set screen time limits for the apps that your child uses. You can also track their location.

Click this link for more information:

<https://families.google/familylink/>

Diwali Celebrations



At Stoke Heath, we will be celebrating the festival of Diwali on the first week back after half term, the week beginning 6th November.

Children will be offered the opportunity to have Mehndi done on their hands with henna and they will get to taste traditional Indian foods (not prepared by the school kitchen). Both of these activities require consent from parents.

We will also be providing a Diwali themed school lunch on Monday 6th November. Please see over the page for allergen information for each of the options.

Main Options

Red Option - Tikka Masala Vegetarian Curry with Rice and Onion Bhaji

Green Option - Vegetable Samosa with Rice and Onion Bhaji

Pudding Options

Yellow Option - Strawberry Ice-Cream Tub

Blue Option - Mango and Orange Iced Smoothie Tub

If you would like your child to have a Diwali school lunch, please talk to your child about which option they would like and they will choose on the day as usual on the morning of 6th November. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 there is no charge. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and doesn't usually have a meal there will be a charge of £2.30 unless you are in receipt of free school meals. Please pay on My Child at School (MCAS) under the dinner money section.



Attendance - Every Day Counts!

Here at Stoke Heath Primary, we know that good attendance is vital to ensure children are able to achieve their full potential. We really want to work with you to ensure that your child is able to make the most of all the opportunities we can offer in school each and every day.

This attendance ladder shows you what we are all trying to aim for:

| How days of learning lost in a year? | Percentage | What does this mean? |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| Fewer than 4 days missed. | 98%+ | Excellent. Let's celebrate! |
| 7 schools days missed. | 96% | Good. Keep it up. You are doing well. |
| 9 school days missed. | 95% | On track but let's aim higher |
| 13 school days missed. | 93% | We need to work together to make improvements. |
| 16 school days missed. | 92% | We are worried. We need to make a plan to make this better. |
| 20 school days missed | 90% | We are really concerned. We need to take formal steps to turn this around. |
| More than 20 days missed. | Below 90% | We have serious concerns. The Local Authority will advise us of what steps we need to take. |

We have some exciting attendance competitions coming up after half term, so watch this space!

In the meantime, if there is any way we can support you with attendance, then please do get in touch with Alison Jones or a member of the Families Team.

New Menu

After the half term the menu will be changing slightly. Please see it below and talk to your children about the options they can and can not have, if they have dietary requirements.

You can get a copy of the new menu at the school office.

Stoke Heath Primary School Dinner Menu



Below are choices of our new menus. You may pick one choice **only** from each section for each day, **Red or Green AND Yellow or Blue**

| Week One | | | | | | |
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| | | Meat Free Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Mains | Red Option | Cheese and Pepper Roll (Contains Wheat and Milk) (V) | Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans (contains milk) (V) | Roast Chicken Breast with Yorkshire Puddings and Vegetarian Gravy (Contains. Wheat, Egg, Milk) | Tomato and Basil Pasta and Garlic Bread (Contains Milk, Wheat) (May Contain Soya) (V) | Jumbo Fish Finger (Contains Fish, Wheat) (V) |
| | Green Option | Vegan Sausage (Contains Wheat) (V) | Cheese & Tomato Pizza (contains milk, wheat) (V) | Vegan Fillet with Yorkshire Puddings and Vegetarian Gravy (Contains. Wheat, Egg, Milk) | Vegetable Samosa and Onion Bhaji (Contains Wheat, Gluten) (V) | Cheese Salad Wrap (Contains Milk, Wheat) (V) |
| Both Dishes will be served with | | Crispy Diced potatoes and Peas (Contains Wheat) | Baked Jacket Wedges and Peas and carrots (Contains Wheat) | Roast Potatoes, Peas and Sweetcorn (Contains Wheat) | Spiced Potato Cubes and Sweetcorn (Contains Wheat and Milk) | Chips and Peas |
| Puddings | Yellow Option | Rice Pudding (Contains Milk) | Biscuits (Contains Wheat, Milk, Soya) (May Contain Nuts) | Cheese and Crackers (Contains Milk, Wheat, Gluten) | Yoghurt (Contains Milk) | Fresh Fruit |
| | Blue Option | Jammie Dodgers (Contains Wheat, Sulphites) (May Contain Milk) | Syrup Sponge and Custard (Contain Milk, Eggs, Wheat) | Vanilla Ice Cream Tub (Contains Milk) | Lemon Sponge (Contains Wheat, Egg) | Angel Delight (Contains Milk) |
| Week Two | | | | | | |
| | | Meat Free Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Mains | Red Option | Mac and Cheese (Contains Wheat, Milk) (V) | Chicken Nuggets (Contains Wheat) | Chicken Korma Curry (Contains Milk) | Beef Burger in a Bun (Contains Celery, Gluten, Wheat) (May contain Oats, Rye and Sesame) | Fish Finger (Contains Fish, Wheat, Soya) (V) |
| | Green Option | Quorn Vegan Sausage (Contains Wheat) (V) | Vegan Nuggets (Contains Wheat) (V) | Vegetarian Korma Curry (Contains Milk) (V) | Quorn Burger in a Bun (Contains Barley, Gluten, Egg, Milk, Soya, Wheat) (May contain Oats, Rye and Sesame) (V) | Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans (contains milk) (V) |
| Both Dishes will be served with | | Fries, Peas and sweetcorn | Spiced Wedges and carrots (Contains Milk) | Rice and Naan Bread (Contains Milk, Wheat) | French Fries and Veggie sticks | Chips and beans (Jacket potato will not be served with Chips) |
| Puddings | Yellow Option | Tropical Fruit Salad | Biscuit Assortment (Contains Wheat, Milk, Soya) (May Contain Nuts) | Chocolate Ice Cream Tub (Contains Milk) | Yoghurt (Contains Milk) | Fresh Fruit |
| | Blue Option | Vanilla Artie Roll (Contains Wheat, Milk, Egg, Soya) | Hot Chocolate Sponge and Custard (Contains Wheat, Egg, Milk) (May Contain Nuts) | Fresh Fruit | Ginger Iced Sponge (Contains Wheat, Eggs) | Crackers and Cheese (Contains Milk and wheat) |

In addition squash is served along with bread and salad

Please note we do not use Halal Meat

(V) - Vegetarian Meals

Dodgeball Competition

This week some of our Year 5 pupil took part in a dodgeball competition at the AT7 Centre. Below is what they thought about the experience

On the 25th October 2023, I was invited to a dodgeball game. First I was very nervous but as time passed I got used to it! It was very fun you need to be very active. The part of the game was to be respectful, honest and inclusive. We got all of those but we came 3rd place! Mr Somal said Stoke Heath have never got that far before! I was happy for everyone but mostly my team! I'm was so happy with what we achieved. I can't wait for another dodgeball game so we can try to get silver or gold! Everyone should try dodgeball, try not to be afraid, it is so much fun!

Aaleyah 5B

Our school, Stoke Heath was invited to a dodgeball game, there was two groups. The first group (The Lions) was Aaleyah, Kai, Lucia, Muhammed and Klay and they got a certificate. The second team (The Wolves) was Mia, Allen, Arjun, Jade and Efraim. They got a medal and a certificate. Both teams got the highest score year 5 have ever got! We would like to thank Mr Somal and Mr Rigden for taking us!

Mia 5B



Behaviour and Rewards

The picture below is the total overall number of house points given to each house! This shows that we are praising amazing behaviours all of the time.

The current house scores based on the average house points per person are as below.

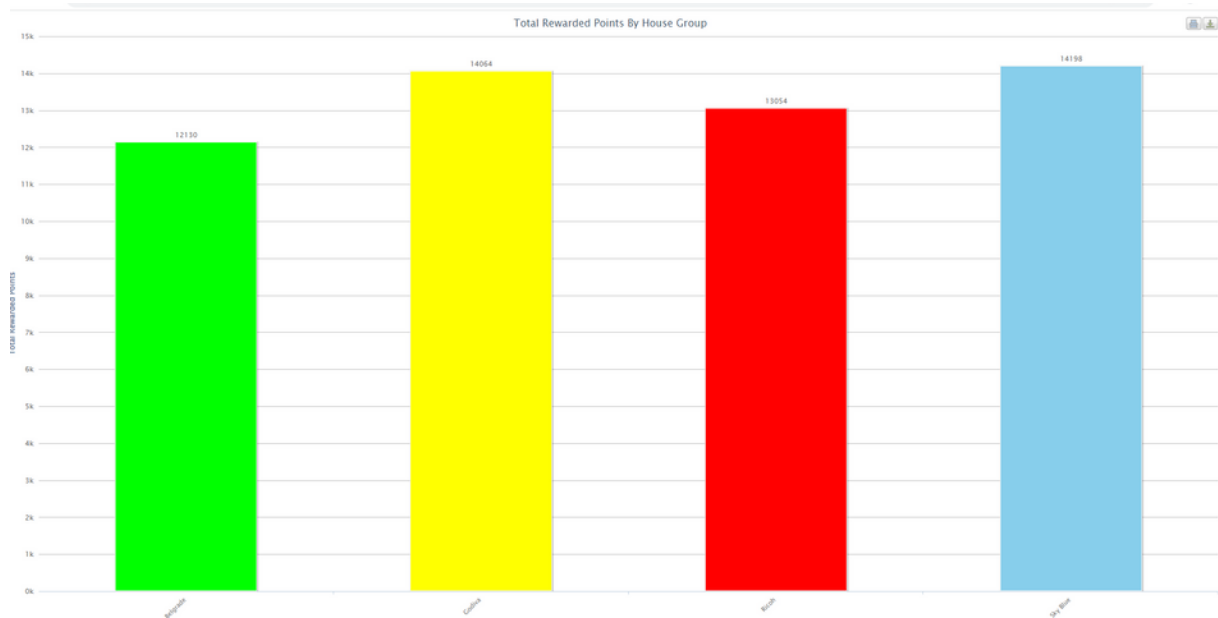
4th place with 131.84 per person - Belgrade

3rd place with 143.42 per person - Ricoh

2nd place with 154.28 per person - Sky Blue

and in the lead after the first half term with 157.98 house points per person - Godiva !!

Keep up the positive behaviours during the next half term to help your house to the top!!



Author Event

We were lucky enough to host an exciting author event on Tuesday 24th October with the author Derek Keilty talking about his new fantasy book for children aged 6-8 called *Ivy Newt and the time thief*.

The children heard about his work as a writer and ask any questions to him!

