



Stoke Holy Cross Primary School

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September 2021

Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to academic year 2021-22

Welcome back everyone and hello to all our new children and families! School has such a positive atmosphere and it was lovely to be together as a community again. The weather definitely helped!

The children are settling well and adjusting to different routines and procedures in school.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting school in our endeavours to keeping our community safe in the pandemic. The simple act of wearing a mask on school premises really does make our staff feel safer in carrying out their duty to keep everyone safe in the course of their work.

Hello to new staff

We have three new staff who joined us at the beginning of September.

There is a new team in our Reception class. Mrs Greenwood has taken up the teaching position in our Reception class, after moving from Oxford over the summer holiday.

Miss Smith has joined the Reception class as their Teaching Assistant, after relocating from Leeds.

We also welcome Miss Laniado, who is covering the maternity leave position in Y3, as well as leading Forest School activities on Wednesdays.



Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistants
YR	Mrs Sian Greenwood	Miss Smith, Mrs Tetley
Y1	Mrs Gorman/Mrs Spencer-Smith	Mrs Harl, Mrs Tetley, (Mrs Medland)
Y2	Mr Scott	Mrs Mahoney
Y3	Mrs Bateman/Miss Laniado (Mrs Swinton)	Mrs Roe, Miss Galante, Mrs Hydes
Y4	Mr Claxton	Ms Walwyn
Y5	Mrs Lockley/Mrs Axon	Mrs Wilson, Mr Graveling
Y6	Mr Berry	(Mrs Sheldrake)

Daily Mile Track and Gym

School was busy over the summer holiday having our long awaited for perimeter track and outdoor gym installed. The project went relatively smoothly, apart from the groundworks for the gym being dug in the wrong place initially!

The children will use both facilities during PE, the Daily Run and at break times, so this will increase children's enjoyment of fitness to support our vision for life long healthy attitudes towards health and exercise.

The project has been funded through the PE and Sport Premium, school budget and the School Association. School is very grateful for the School Association supporting this project.



Live Music Week September 2021

During the first week of term, the Y3 and Y4 children were lucky to experience a live performance by musicians from the Norfolk Music Hub.



The children were taken on a musical journey, starting in Britain and visiting the Caribbean, Africa and China. The musicians shared so much information about the instruments and musical skills. A highly educational and interactive event.

Incidentally, the visitors were very complimentary about our children's behaviour, participation and their singing ability!

I really liked the music because they explained all about the instruments and all the music was very creative and it was so much fun because they took us on a journey around the world showing us all the different music from Africa, China, England and the Caribbean. The best thing was that everyone joined in together.

Iris

I liked the music assembly because we haven't had one in such a long time thanks to Covid 19. It perked us up and took worries off our minds. The music quality was amazing as they took us on a journey around the world.

Amelie





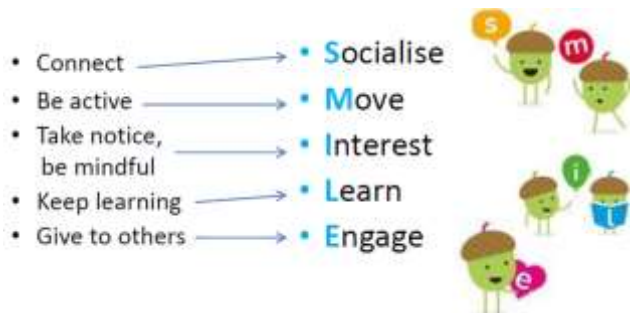
We Are A Nut Free School

Please remember that we have a number of children with food allergies and so ask that no products containing nuts are brought into school. Please check ingredients lists on chewy bars etc. to be certain. Thank you.

SMILE Curriculum

All classes are including SMILE curriculum activities to support Emotional Well Being and Mental Health (EWBMH). These were introduced last year, as part of the leadership focus on wellbeing. They are short activities, included throughout the week, addressing the '5 steps to wellbeing':

Adapted from the NHS 'Five Ways to Mental Wellbeing'



Attendance and Absence

We encourage all children to have excellent attendance to benefit from all the experiences the school offers.

Thank you to everyone for making a huge effort to arrive at school at the correct time. We have noticed, in the last two weeks, there are fewer children arriving late, than there were last year. Keep up the great attitude to punctuality!

Just as a reminder, holidays are not permitted although occasional absences are needed at times – we understand that. If your child unfortunately needs to be absent, please leave a message on the answer phone prior to school starting, on each day of absence. If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be absent for 48 hours after the last bout.

The office account for the number of children late and logs their minutes so please aim to be on time daily. Attendance figures are presented to the Governing Board for scrutiny and action. Persistent absenteeism (below 90% of the available days in school) will be discussed with parents at the earliest opportunity.

Reception Baseline

Mrs Greenwood is starting the new Reception Baseline w/c 20th September and this needs to be completed in the first six weeks of the children being in school. The results go to the Department for Education (DfE) and are used to measure progress at the end of Y6.



Contacting school



Teachers are always happy to see parents to discuss concerns so they don't turn into serious worries. If you need to see a member of staff, please call the office and Mrs Ward or Mrs Foulger will be happy to assist.

Please avoid the start of school, where possible, as this is a very busy time for settling the children into a productive day.

Staff will take phone calls after school, written notes and emails sent via the head's email address or the office address, both of which are on our website.

Healthy Schools and Water



We are proud to be a Healthy School. To help us maintain this, please send your child to school with a water bottle which can be refilled from our taps and water coolers and taken home each day for cleaning. We ask for your help in ensuring it is water rather than squash in the water bottles.

Upper school children can bring a snack of fruit or vegetables in for morning break, fruit is provided for lower school children.

What's on the horizon?

2021



Meet the teacher

15th September - Year 2

16th September - Year 4

17th September - Year 5

21st September - Year 1

22nd September - Year 3

23rd September - Year 6

24th September - Foundation

24th September 2021 until 3rd December, Year 3 – 6 Choir starts at 12.15pm

24th September 2021 until 3rd December from 3.15pm - 4pm, Year 3 – 6 Music Club starts

5th & 6th October Year 6 Bikeability - Group 1

13th & 14th October - Group 2

20th & 21st October - Group 3

7th October 'Street Food', Special menu

7th October Van Cols Photographs – Individual and sibling groups (school children only)

8th October Whole School Flu Vaccine

13th October remote Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm

14th October remote Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm

25th October – 29th October Half term

8th December Lower school Christmas lunch

9th December Upper school Christmas lunch

8th December KS2 Carols by Candlelight 6pm – 7pm