

Newsletter - 1st December 2017



Stoke Gabriel Primary School is a fantastic place to work and this week has proved it yet again. Thanks to Mrs Letten, Mrs Clarke, Mrs McGovern and Sue Roach, Butterflies were able to spend a day in Totnes on Wednesday researching the influence of the Saxons on Totnes. They were really engaged with the topic and have produced some amazing work in school based on their findings. Photos will be on Facebook soon. I am immensely proud to be able to say that a member of the public stopped one of the adults and commented on the exemplary behaviour of the children as they walked through the town. What more can I say? The children are always the best advert for a school and Butterflies didn't disappoint. Today has seen the fundraising event organised by Mrs Lewsey for the little baby Martin who has Krabbe disease, a rare generative disease. The children in Spiders have been so keen to help and contribute in any way that they can. It has been lovely to see the school community come together to help others in the wider community. I know that Mrs Lewsey has been really touched by your support.

I am thrilled to say that earlier in the week FOSS purchased ten HP laptops for the children's use. This is the start of a complete renewal of the hardware in school and follows on from the purchase of the six i-pads last year by FOSS. We are well on the way to giving the children superb computing opportunities thanks to the generosity of the school and village community.

Do check the calendar in the newsletter and on the school website for upcoming events. The Key Stage 1 Nativity starts at 2pm on Tuesday the 12th of December and the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert is at 6pm on the 14th of December.

Thank you for your support and have a restful weekend.

Please note that we break up on 15th December at 2.30 pm.

Weekly Attendance		Days Missed	Lates
27/11/17 - 01/12/17 2017			
Whole School	95.92%	20.5	14
Spiders	98.00%	3	4
Butterflies	97.59%	3.5	1
Ladybirds	94.44%	4	6
Dragonflies	92.59%	10	3

Well done to Spiders for great attendance!

Non Uniform Day on 15th December for Save the Children

On our last day of term, we shall be having a non uniform day and asking for a donation of £1 for Save the Children.

Operation Encompass

Next week sees the launch of Operation Encompass across Devon. This is coordinated by the Police and ensures that every school knows about any child who has witnessed domestic abuse the night before or over the weekend. Further details can be found here <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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Or

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For more information, please visit our website
<http://stokegabriel.thelink.academy/safeguarding/>

Diary Dates

8 Dec	Christmas Fayre at 3 pm
12 Dec	Spiders Trip to Bristol Science Museum
12Dec	Nativity for Ladybirds and Dragonflies at 2 pm
13 Dec	School Christmas Dinner
14 Dec	Christmas Carol Concert (Butterflies and Spiders)
15 Dec	Non Uniform./Christmas Jumper/Festive wear Day Please bring in a donation of £1 for Save the Children
15 Dec	Last day of Term - Finish at 2.30 pm
3 Jan 2018	First day back to school for pupils



Ladybirds

We have been very busy practising our nativity play this week, learning our parts and songs! Please ensure your child's costume is in next Thursday at the latest and is clearly labelled with their name. We have also been exploring ice and salt as part of our 'Winter' topic. In phonics, we are learning to quickly read high frequency words and have learnt the new sounds 'sh' and the tricky word 'she'. In maths, we have been matching numicon to numerals and some of us have been finding one more than a given number to 20. Our Christmas Fayre is next Friday at 3pm, I look forward to seeing you at this fantastic event! Please come and see me if you have any questions. Mrs Yeo

Dragonflies

This week in Dragonflies, we enjoyed writing a diary entry about Monty the Penguin. We did lots of practise for our nativity play. In maths, money was good fun even though it was a little tricky. We learnt about different houses in history, it was very interesting. We enjoyed making houses for different animals in Mucky Monsters. What a busy week!"
Elsa Ward and Esme Nash.

Butterflies

This week we have been busy finishing off our Firebird story books. We all enjoyed our trip to Totnes and we got to look at a Saxon map which was very interesting.
In maths we have been looking at different shapes and perpendicular lines.
In PE we are doing Netball.
Written by Isla and Isabelle

Spiders

Year 5s have been learning about the angles of shapes and how to measure them. We are writing up a neat copy of our version of the Princess' Blankets.
We have started practising our Christmas carols with Butterflies.
In PE we performed our versions of West Side Story dances.
Written by Scarlett

STARS OF THE WEEK

Abi and Elodie
Dragonflies

The Whole Class
Butterflies

Connie and Cornelius
Spiders



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