

Newsletter - 10th November 2017



Your child should have brought home their various tea towels, coasters, cards, cushions and whatever else you ordered for them. Please do check in their bags before contacting school about any missing items.

Next Friday is Children in Need day, details of which are below.

As a school we buy into the School Nursing Services. They are also available to parents without a referral from school and can be contacted on 0333 2341901. They run a monthly clinic in Dartington and offer support for a range of issues including speech and language, hearing, bladder and bowel control and healthy lifestyle. Please ensure that your children are bringing healthy snacks into school. Fruit is the best snack but please try to avoid items with a high sugar content if you prefer to provide your children with biscuits or bars.

Today saw the start of our 'Fitness Friday Challenge'. Spiders are running this on a Friday afternoon with the help of a student from South Devon College. Every child will be given a simple physical challenge such as skipping or star jumps and their progress will be measured over time.

We have another date to add to our busy diary. Mrs Letten will be taking the children in Butterflies to Totnes on Wednesday the 29th of November. This is part of a commitment that the teachers of Butterflies and Spiders have made to offer an educational trip to their classes every term. It takes a lot of time to organise school outings and I am very grateful to the teachers for taking on the commitment so enthusiastically.

I hope that you and your families have a lovely weekend

Weekly Attendance 6 th - 10 th November		Days Missed	Lates
Whole School	95.11%	20	9
Dragonflies	97.07%	6	4
Spiders	97.00%	3	3
Butterflies	95.17%	6	2
Ladybirds	93.01%	5	0

Well done to Dragonflies for great attendance!

Children in Need - Friday 17th November



Our School Council will be co-ordinating Children in Need this year and have decided: Ladybirds and Dragonflies pay £1 and come to school in pyjamas or any form of dressing up that they choose (remember they will be carrying out their normal school activities in this outfit!)

Butterflies and Spiders pay £1 and come in their pyjamas and/or silly/creative hair styles.

There will be a pop-Up cafe in the school hall, opening immediately after morning registration selling milk or squash and a cookie for £1.

We do hope that you will be able to support your children in taking part in these fun activities and raising money for very worthy causes.

FOSS Meeting

FOSS will be holding a meeting next Tuesday at the Castle Pub in Stoke at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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Or

Local Authority designated Officer - 01392 384964

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

Cake Sale and Raffle on 1st December

Mrs Lewsey is holding a Cake Sale in aid of Martin, a little local boy who is just one year's old and has been diagnosed with Krabbe's Disease. This untreatable condition will cause Martin to progressively lose his ability to see, hear, feel, eat and smile. His life expectancy is less than two years. As you can imagine, this news has been life-changing for the whole family. Any monies raised from the cake sale will help allow the family to spend quality time together and to purchase specialised equipment that will allow Martin a slightly better quality of life. Any cakes would be greatly appreciated as well as any gifts for a raffle and of course your company on the day.

Diary Dates

16 Nov	Butterflies - Athletics at Paignton College
23 Nov	Spiders - Athletics at Paignton College
14 Nov	FOSS Meeting at the Castle at 6.30 pm at The Castle
17 Nov	Children in Need
24 Nov	Whole School Art Day
24 Nov	Open Day from 3 pm - 5 pm
29 Nov	Butterflies' Trip to Totnes
1 Dec	Mrs Lewsey's Cake Sale 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
8 Dec	Christmas Fayre at 3 pm
12 Dec	Spiders Trip to Bristol Science Museum
12 Dec	Nativity for Ladybirds and Dragonflies (PM)
14 Dec	Christmas Carol Concert (Butterflies and Spiders)
15 Dec	Last day of Term - Finish at 2.30 pm
3 Jan 2018	First day back to school for pupils

