



Newsletter - 8th December 2017

This will be the last newsletter of what has been a very busy term. We started off with 'Out and About Week', have had a whole school art day, expert visitors to the school, several sports events at Paignton Community college (including Indoor Athletics, where Butterflies came second out of all the schools attending and Luca was the fastest runner at the whole event!), a visit to investigate Saxon Totnes and a trip to the Bristol Science Museum next week. In between all of this, the children have been working incredibly hard. We have just had a subject monitoring week where the teachers ask the children about their learning and all of the children who were interviewed said how much they enjoyed their learning and how the teachers always tried to make the lessons challenging. We do have a set of dedicated, caring and inspirational teachers here and I am grateful for the opportunities that they give the children. Thank you teachers and Assistant teachers! Thank you also to Lisa and Tanya in the office who keep everything running smoothly and support the organising of so many things behind the scenes.

Last Friday saw Mrs Lewsey's fundraising event for Baby Martin, who suffers from Krabbe disease. The school community raised £340 pounds and Mrs Lewsey would like to pass on the heartfelt thanks of the family. The money raised will make a real difference to the quality of life that they can give to Martin.

The laptops purchased by FOSS have arrived and children are already using them to enhance their learning. They have made a real difference so thank you to FOSS and to all of you who support their events. I know that the committee are always looking for more volunteers so feel free to get in touch with them at foss.sgps@gmail.com. All of the money raised comes straight back into the school to benefit the children.

FOSS are paying for the entertainment at the Christmas party next Thursday afternoon and we will be sending out more details for this event in a separate email.

Next week is a jam packed week for the children. Ladybirds and Dragonflies are performing their show to the rest of the school in Monday afternoon's dress rehearsal before their performance to parents and families on Tuesday afternoon. Spiders are off to Bristol on Tuesday before we have the Christmas lunch on Wednesday. I would like to thank Barbara and Suzie and our Meal time Assistants in advance of what is their most stressful day of the year! Thursday is the Carol Concert for Butterflies and Spiders starting at 6pm in the church. Friday, the last day of term, will be a mufti day. The children have earned it with all their hard work this year but if you would like to make a contribution to Save the Children we will be collecting money on the day. Please remember that we finish at 2.30 pm on the last day of term. Christmas jumpers are entirely optional! I don't have one and am not sorry to say that I won't be buying one! Tracy Clarke (Butterflies) will be taking up her permanent post at Bearnas School after Christmas. We would like to wish her the very best of luck and thank her for all that she has done for Butterflies. She has been a fantastic asset to our school and even helped out with the trip to Totnes on her day off.

I hope that you all have a restful and peaceful Christmas (jumper or no jumper) and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas performances next week. Thank you for your continuing support.

Parking outside of school has once again become an issue. It is a very generous community here in Stoke Gabriel but there is some very selfish parking outside of school which is putting the safety of children at risk. Particularly with the darker mornings and afternoons. The yellow zig zag lines outside school and double yellow lines are there for a reason so please respect them. If you have any concerns about parking then phone 0345 1551004. The more of us who phone, the quicker the response from Devon.

Weekly Attendance 4 th - 8 th December 2017	Days Missed	Lates
Whole School	96.76%	16
Dragonflies	99.29%	1
Butterflies	97.59%	3
Spiders	96.33%	5.5
Ladybirds	91.00%	6.5

Well done to Dragonflies for great attendance!

This time last year, our attendance for this term was 93%, we are pleased that this year it is 97%. Thank you all for your continued support in helping to improve our attendance.

Diary Dates

12 Dec	Spiders Trip to Bristol Science Museum
12 Dec	Nativity for Ladybirds and Dragonflies at 2 pm
13 Dec	School Christmas Dinner
14 Dec	Christmas Carol Concert (Butterflies and Spiders) at Stoke Gabriel Church at 6.00 pm.
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

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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For more information, please visit our website

<http://stokegabriel.thelink.academy/safeguarding/>

Please note our early
finish time next
Friday of 2.30 pm

Ladybirds

We have been so busy this week preparing for the Nativity play and Christmas Fayre. The children cannot wait to show you what creations they have made to sell! In phonics, we have continued our phase 3 sounds and tricky words. Please see your child's zippy wallet for new words to practise at home. We have started our new book 'Stick Man' and the children all made their own stick families in 'Mucky Monsters' and will write about who is in their families. In maths, we have been counting and matching numerals. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday for our fayre. Don't forget next week is our Nativity Play at 2pm on Tuesday 12th December. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Dragonflies

Ask your child about the homes they have designed.

Butterflies

Ask your child about what was surprising when we used onion skin for dye.

Spiders

Ask your child to find the volume of a cuboid in your kitchen.

Can they also explain how to use a protractor accurately?

From our text, 'Coming Home', can they describe the Robin's journey from the tea pot and then tell you about the reward he gets at the end?



STARS OF THE WEEK

James Ayres

Ladybirds

Noah and Angel

Dragonflies

Lillie and Daisy

Butterflies

Josie and Daniel

Spiders

