



Newsletter - 12th January 2018

It has been a bit of an eventful week with the power cut on Monday and the cancellation of the swimming on Wednesday. The children and staff were great during the power cut and just got on with it as we do here at Stoke Gabriel. Barbara deserves a huge thank you for getting the lunches out under very difficult circumstances. When the power is cut off it automatically shuts off the school gas supply for safety reasons so it was a bit of a double whammy for Barbara. She still managed to feed everybody and then ran her cooking club for a group of year 5 children on Tuesday afternoon. We are very lucky to have her!

I was really pleased that the year 6 children were able to attend the lunch club held at the village hall on Tuesday afternoon. They were a real hit with the guests at the annual lunch and it is great that the children were able to play a part in a community event. The children are also the best advert for the school and it is important that they have an opportunity to engage with different generations from the wider community.

All the children in years 1 to 6 are now involved in keeping the school tidy. At the start of the afternoon session they descend like ants on areas around the school to keep them tidy. Hopefully you will have noticed the difference with the welly racks and the playgrounds. It is all part of teaching the children to take pride in their school. Uniform also plays a part in this and I am grateful to you for keeping your children in the correct school uniform.

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the consultation on a new set of school values. Your views are really important and it is not too late to send in your thoughts. Staff are also working on a pledge to guarantee experiences that the children will have during their time at Stoke Gabriel Primary school. More details to follow.

The Wassail is fast approaching and your child should have brought home some raffle tickets to sell as part of the event on Saturday January the 20th. Your support in selling these will be very much appreciated.

Appointment sheets for parent and carer consultations will be in the hall at the start and end of the school day from next week. If you can't make it into school then please email or phone the office and they will be happy to arrange an appointment for you.

Next Thursday 18th January is school census day. The number of key stage one children having school dinners on this day affects the funding we will receive. In view of this we have swapped the menu around and fish & chip day will now be on Thursday to hopefully encourage more diners! Friday will be west country sausages.

I have not been in school for much of the week and I am really looking forward to getting back to the children and staff. I have missed them!

Ski and Snowboarding Club

This club starts this evening at Torquay Ski Club. For further information, please contact Emma Yunnie 01803 782051
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| Weekly Attendance 8 January – 12 January 2018 | | Days Missed | Lates |
|--|---------|-------------|-------|
| Whole School | 97.59% | 12.5 | 4 |
| Ladybirds | 100.00% | 0 | 0 |
| Dragonflies | 96.87% | 2 | 1 |
| Spiders | 96.67% | 5 | 1 |
| Butterflies | 96.21% | 5.5 | 2 |
| Well done to Ladybirds ! | | | |

| Diary Dates | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 18 January | Dragonflies - Multi-Skills at PCSA |
| 20 January | Stoke Gabriel Wassail |
| 23, 24 and 25 January | Parent Consultations |
| 25 January | Butterflies - Outdoor Education at PCSA |
| 1 February | Spiders - Outdoor Education at PCSA |
| 12 - 16 Feb inclusive | Half Term Holiday |
| 21 February | Butterflies - Swimming at Totnes Pavilion (5 weeks) |
| 22 & 23 February | Year 4 Residential |
| 22 March | School Photographs |
| 30 March - 16th April | Easter Holidays |
| 23 - 25 May | Year 5 and 6 Residential |
| 28 May - 1 June | May Half Term |
| 22 June | Sports Day |

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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

Ladybirds

It's been a busy week in Ladybirds. We have continued our learning on dinosaurs and have been enjoying our focus book 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'. We have also learnt about the four seasons and what we would expect to see during each season, particularly on deciduous trees. In maths, we have been focusing on number and what numbers represent. We had a lovely time for Mucky Monsters on the field with the children all going on a treasure hunt for natural resources. In phonics. The children have been recapping their taught phase 3 sounds and have learnt the new phonemes 'ng', 'ai' and tricky word 'was'. Please support your child by reading with them at home and reading tricky words in the zippy wallet.

Dragonflies

This week in Dragonflies we have been using our story Traction Man is Here! By Mini Grey to investigate sentences and how to make them really interesting for readers. We have acted out the whole story and Miss K-B has filmed it. In maths, Year 2's have finished off looking at money word problems and Year 1's have been investigating counting in 10s. We started our topic finding out about all sorts of wheels and planning our Roly Poly wheeled toys D&T project.
By Bessie, Blythe, Sol and Abi.

Butterflies

This week we have been reading 'Tell Me a Dragon' and with Miss Foley we performed the whole book with actions and musical instruments.
We made papier mache eggs and today we are painting them and turning them into dragon's eggs.
In maths, we have been learning about lines of symmetry and cutting out shapes.
Today we are going to get "Spuddies" (spelling buddies) to help each other in spelling.
Written by Betty & Issy

Spiders

This week we were very lucky to see the school's old minute and punishment books from the early 20th Century. We all enjoyed looking through these and thought that the punishments were quite creative and brutal.
In maths year 5s were taking temperatures whilst year 6s were converting time.
We are looking forward to swimming next week!
Written by Otto and Freddie

STARS OF THE WEEK

Elle
Ladybirds

Mimi and Jake
Dragonflies

Ava and Eva
Butterflies

Aurelia Thorpe and Edie Hallam
Spiders

