

Newsletter - 26th January 2018



Thank you to all of you who came to our parent and carer consultation evenings this week. I am sure you find the meetings useful to see how the children are progressing and to find out about the next steps in their learning. The learning objectives that we sent out for every year group at the start of term should also help you to know about what your child is learning in school. I would like to thank the teachers for the time and effort that they put into giving such a clear picture of the children's learning. Do remember that we have an open door policy in school and that you are welcome to come and discuss any concerns or queries that you may have at any time. Please don't feel that you have to wait until a consultation evening to raise any concerns.

A huge thank you to the organisers of the Wassail last weekend. Myself and Mrs Medd had a wonderful time although some of the children seemed a bit shocked to see me! The event raised over £2600 pounds for the school which will go towards more laptops for the children. In these days of austerity the school is so lucky to have such an active PTA and I know that FOSS are always looking for volunteers.

Please could I ask you not to send your children into school with any toys or games. They are just too distracting for the children and tend to cause upset and arguments. They can also get lost and broken which the children find very distressing.

I hope you and your families have a restful weekend.

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

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

Weekly Attendance 22/01/2018 - 26/01/2018		Days Missed	Lates
Whole School	93.61%	33.5	11
Ladybirds	97.30%	2	0
Dragonflies	96.00%	6	2
Butterflies	94.00%	9	2
Spiders	89.00%	16.5	7
Well done to Ladybirds for great attendance!			

Dish of the Day

Thank you for all your wonderful menus, they were a delight to read. This time, I have chosen to use Andi Coyle's creation, 'Andi's Happy Meal'. This will be served on next Thursday. I will then choose another of your menus to prepare. If you would like to create your own menu for the school to enjoy, please let the office have your menu.

Barbara

Andi's Happy Meal - Thursday 1st February

Beef and Cheese Burger
Sweet Potato Fries
Salad - Lettuce and Tomatoes

Mac & Cheese
Garlic Bread and Carrots

Chocolate Sponge with Custard
Fresh Strawberries

Diary Dates

30 January	Ladybirds to visit Dinosaur World
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
23 March	Community Café
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

School Committee

The School Committee will be meeting next Tuesday - if you have anything you would like them to discuss or be made aware of, please speak to your class parent representative who will pass this on.

Ladybirds

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening and discuss your child's progress. For those I didn't see, I look forward to seeing you in the next week or so.

We have had a great week in Ladybirds and the children have been story making our Dinosaur Roar book – why don't you ask them if they can show you some of the actions. In Maths, we have been investigating addition with the children adding 1 and 2 to single digit numbers. The children have also made dinosaur fossils this week and have learnt about similarities and differences between the dinosaurs.

Please can I ask that NO TOYS are brought in from next week, other than on a Wednesday for Show and Tell – it's a constant problem trying to find toys that have been left somewhere, or that someone has borrowed and there's always the risk that they can get broken.

Show and Tell items should be able to fit in book bags, so they can be kept safe and secure and not left on the side to be fiddled with by other children.

Dragonflies

This week in Dragonflies we made our Roly Polys and tested them in the hall. The highlight of the week has been starting to write our own "Action" stories. We have chosen our own heroes, our own villains and make our own sidekicks with Miss K-B's googly eyes! In maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers using dominoes.

By Elsa, Bessie, Cyrus

Butterflies

In English, we have been creating dragons, inspired by Jackie Morris' book, 'Tell Me A Dragon'. Our Dragon eggs look amazing and are mostly finished. In Maths, we have been learning more about Place Value. On Thursday, we went to Paignton Community Sports College to do Multi-skills. We did a range of activities from Archery to Memory Pictures...ask us about it!

PS. Mrs Letten wants us to practice our tables at home, and to read every day!

By John and Daisy

Spiders

This week in Sensational Spiders, we've been looking at some mysterious art from the unknown artist Banksy. Banksy's paintings aren't just any old paintings - he writes what he thinks in graffiti which is a great value that no one can congratulate him for since his identity is anonymous. Later on this week we went swimming in Totnes Pool - we had so much fun. We have also been designing our own scratch stories and making our character speak and fly in their own mythical fairy tale.

Written by Jenna and Hollie

STARS OF THE WEEK

Sasha Ager

Ladybirds

Belle and Angel

Dragonflies

Isabelle and Lillie-Mae

Butterflies

Hollie and Ernie

Spiders

