



# Newsletter - 20th July 2018



It has been a fabulous year at Stoke Gabriel. I want to thank you all for the support that you have given the children and the staff. I wish all of those moving on, children and adults, the very best of luck for the future.

I would also like to thank Paul Bedford who has resigned as Parent Governor. He has been a tremendous help and support in my time here and I am very grateful for all of the time that he has given to the school.

I am always so grateful for the many volunteers who give their time freely for the benefit of the school and the children. Thank you to Mike Webster for the bellringing, Faye Ward for the drumming club, Anne-Marie Curor and Mrs Johnson for listening to our young children read, Anna Compton and Martha Bedford for the library, Lynne Aspinall for the gardening, Sue Roach for School Council, Sheila for helping in Dragonflies (we are looking forward to welcoming Sheila back in September) Zoe for helping in reception class and Jess in Dragonflies.

I am so appreciative to all the members of FOSS. You all make such a difference!

Thank you to Steve Nash of Paignton Zoo who popped in to judge the designs for the Zoo enclosures that the children in Butterflies had made for homework. I know that he was very impressed with all their ideas and the models looked fantastic.

Monday is a mufti day and also we will be going on our whole school walk. You are all very welcome to join us. Like last year, if you could wait in the front playground and join the children as we come out of the front door.

Building on the success of 'Out and about week', the Ladybirds, Butterflies and Spiders will be kicking off their learning next year with a topic based around the book, 'Where my Wellies take me'. This will lead to exciting adventures around Stoke Gabriel and some wonderful shared learning outcomes across the school.

Don't forget 'Duck a Teacher' on Sunday 29th - I am 'looking forward' to seeing you all there!

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing summer and that this wonderful weather continues. I look forward to greeting the children on Wednesday the 5th of September and hearing about their summers. They make the school what it is and they are such a pleasure to be with.

## Safeguarding During the Summer Holidays

Keeping children safe relies on the support of the whole community and I am very grateful to those of you who do report your concerns to school. The summer break is a time when children can be vulnerable as we don't see them or their families for weeks. If you have any safeguarding concerns you can ring Devon Social Services on 0345 155 1071 or email them

at [mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk). If you feel a child is at immediate risk then phone the police. You can also report any criminal activity anonymously at <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>

## End of Term Finishing Time

Please note that our finish time at the End of Term will now be 2.15 pm!

### Academic Year Attendance 2017/2018

Whole School	96.05%
Dragonflies	96.40%
Spiders	96.31%
Butterflies	96.10%
Ladybirds	94.65%

### Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

Mr Matthew Medd, Head of School - Designated Safeguarding Lead 01803 782469 [mmedd@thelink.devon.sch.uk](mailto:mmedd@thelink.devon.sch.uk)

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Anna Neville, Governor - Safeguarding Governor 01803 762113

Local Authority designated Officer - 01392 384964

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

### Diary Dates

23 July	Non Uniform Day
23 July	Whole School Walk at 9.30 am
24th July	Last day of term - finish at 2.15 pm
5th September	Return to school after summer holiday

## Ladybirds



## Butterflies



## Dragonflies



## Spiders







# Calm & Create

## Family Workshops

Sensory Woodland Walk • Creative Crafts  
Mindful Moments • Family Chill Zone

At  
West Town Farm,  
Ide, EX2 9TG

August  
2nd, 9th  
16th, 23rd  
10.30am-3.30pm

4 - 14 yrs  
Family ticket £40  
(1 adult & 1 child)  
Child ticket £5  
(up to 2 extra per family)  
Adult ticket £10

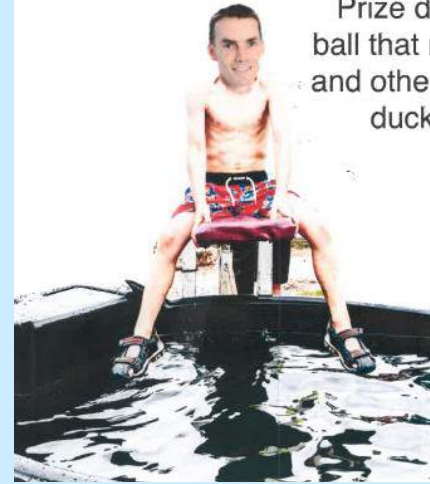
Book your places today at [www.openmindsdevon.co.uk](http://www.openmindsdevon.co.uk)

# Dunk a Teacher

£1 per ticket 4pm 29th July



Prize draw to throw the ball that releases Mr Medd and other teachers into the ducking stool pool



 **THE BIG PICNIC**



*an afternoon of craft activities and fun finishing with a picnic tea*

**SATURDAY 25th August 2018**  
2.30 - 5.00pm  
all children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**OLD SCHOOL ROOM. Church Walk**

**COME! JOIN THE FUN!**

**STOKE GABRIEL PIRATE DAY**

 Saturday 28th July  
2pm-5pm

**Stoke Gabriel Scout Field**  
£2 per child  
Treasure Hunt  
Fancy Dress Competition  
BBQ  
Bouncy Castle  
Face Painting  
Games  
Crafts


In aid of Stoke Gabriel Preschool



Please can you have a look around at home to see if you have any school library or any school books that need returning .

Many thanks



If you shop online, please try and remember to use the FOSS just giving link. It could be a real money-spinner for the school.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/friends-of-stoke-gabriel-school/>



### Welcome to Stoke Gabriel School's lottery!

A ticket costs £1 per week and all funds raised go directly to our school. Each ticket will also enter you in **TWO** draws:

A jackpot prize draw for **£25,000.00**.

A local draw with a **guaranteed** prize for one of the supporters of our school. The size of the prize will depend on the number of tickets bought for the school that week.

The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next £25,000 winner!

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stoke-gabriel-school>

### School Shoes

As we move towards the summer break and the buying of uniform for the next year, can I remind you that school footwear should be black in line with our uniform policy. Black trainers will be allowed although it is best for young children's feet if they wear properly supportive shoes.

### Term Dates Autumn 2018 – Summer 2018

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<b>Autumn Term 2018</b>	
Term commences	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Half term	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Term ends	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	
Term commences	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Half term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
Term Ends	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Summer Term 2019</b>	
Term commences	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019
Term ends	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019
<b>Non pupil days</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September and Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018, Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
<b>Occasional Days</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2019