



Newsletter - 14th September 2018



We have certainly been bringing our value of Community to life this week. The wonderful teachers and teaching assistants that we have here took the children in years one to six on a walk around Stoke to see where their wellies took them. Along the route the children developed their map reading skills, learnt about the history of the village and the church, made natural paints, practised their landscape sketching and observed wildlife to name just a few of the activities that enriched their experience. Year six children attended the games club at the village hall for the older members of the village and all of Spiders have been making the most of the chance to try sailing thanks to Stoke Gabriel Boating association. It is such a great place to be and the children are incredibly lucky to have adults who are willing to give them such amazing experiences which I am know will lead to some superb learning outcomes.

If you have a child in years one to six you should have received the key objectives for that year in Reading, Writing and Maths. These give you an idea of the curriculum coverage over the year and will form the basis for discussion of your child's academic progress at Parent Consultation Evenings. Teachers will be sending out learning journeys for this term outlining the curriculum coverage for the term across all the subjects. You will see that they are packed with enriching and thought provoking opportunities which encourage the children to become independent and curious.

We look forward to having our young Ladybird children with us full time from next week. They have settled so well into school with the help of Miss Gaskin and her brilliant team.

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that we need to clear the Forest School area so that Miss Middlebrook can start to deliver some outdoor learning sessions for the children in Butterflies and Spiders. We have set a date of Saturday the 6th of October to lop tress, clear out brambles and reclaim the seating. We will need your help for this - as always food and drink will be available for any willing volunteers. Your time would be very much appreciated. I am desperate for the sessions to begin as outdoor learning plays such an important role in mental wellbeing, friendships, team building....I could go on.

A great start to the term with attendance too - I am sure we can continue with this!

Library Help

Our wonderful volunteer Librarian, Anna Compton, has asked if any parents would be able to offer any assistance with the library - maybe for one hour every fortnight. There are quite a few books that need sorting. If you are interested, you can have a chat with Anna in school or give her a call on 07877113084



Weekly Attendance 10 th – 14 th September 2018		Days Missed	Lates
Whole School	99.27%	3.5	4
Butterflies	100.00%	0	0
Dragonflies	99.31%	1	0
Spiders	98.97%	1.5	4
Ladybirds	97.33%	1	0
Well done to everyone for great attendance especially Butterflies!			

Diary Dates

13th, 14th and 17th September	Spiders' Sailing Sessions
Saturday 6th October	Garden clearing of the forest school area
9th and 10th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 12th October	Harvest Festival at Stoke Gabriel Church at 2 pm
22nd - 26th October	Half Term Holiday

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities in our School

Mr Matthew Medd, Head of School - Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Local Authority designated Officer - 01392 384964

For more information, please visit our website

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

Miss Katie Kerr-Brown will take up the role of deputy designated safeguarding lead in due course.

Ladybirds

Ladybirds have been busy settling into the school routines. They have especially enjoyed eating their lunches in the school hall. Ask your child what their favourite lunch was this week?

We have also been developing our fine motor skills through a range of different activities. Get your child to tell you all about Dough Disco.

Dragonflies

Ask your child about:

The Yew Tree

Where we had our packed lunch on the welly walk

In science we have been starting to explore living things and their habitats. We have been looking at the characteristics of living things. Ask your child what 'excretion' is.

Butterflies

Ask your child:

What was your favourite part of our fabulous welly walk?

What did we make in science? What did we investigate? What did we find out?

Can you remember how to write your birthday in Roman Numerals?

Spiders

What an amazing 'Welly Walk Wednesday' we had!

Please ask your child to tell you all about it.

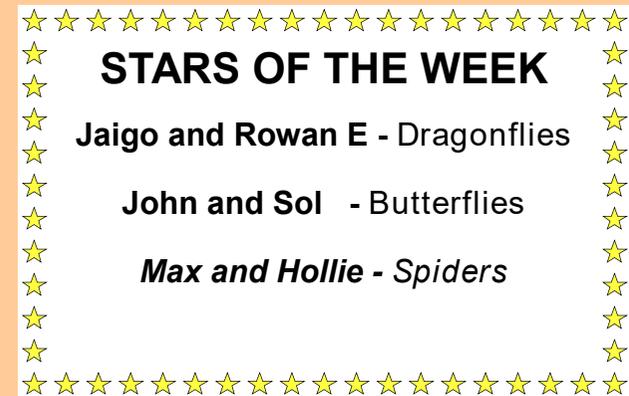
What did they find interesting in the graveyard?

How many wild blackberries do they think they picked and ate?

What could they see from the grassy hillside of Byter Mill Hill?

How was the walk similar to Pippa's walk in the book, 'Where My Wellies Take Me'?

If their wellies could talk, what adjectives would they use to describe the sections of the walk?



Our Welly Walk



Sailing



Useful Information

Year Six Secondary School Applications

The application system to apply for year 7 in September 2019 is now open. You can apply by making your application [online now](#).

There are many open days at our secondary schools at the moment to help you make your choice.

Kevicc's are listed below.

Brixham School has an open day on Monday 17th September from 9.00am.

Paignton Community & Sports Academy's Open day is on Tuesday 2nd October from 9.15 until 11.00am and their Open Evening is on Thursday, 4th October from 6.00 until 8.00pm

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

Useful Website

Do have a look at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> . This is a great website with lots of information about how to keep your child safe online.

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OPEN EVENING:

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 6PM-8PM

OPEN MORNINGS:

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 9AM—10.45AM

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 9AM—10.45AM

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 9AM—10.45AM

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 9AM—10.45AM

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.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stoke-gabriel-school>

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/>