



Stonehouse Park
Infant School

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Weekly Newsletter

Monday 26th November - Friday 30th November 2018



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Nursery News

Acorns

We have had a good week in Acorns.

We have been doing lots of arts and crafts in preparation for Christmas. We will be continuing this over the next coming weeks too.

The children have helped us get into the Christmas spirit by assembling and decorating the tree.

We have also explored lots of construction activities, helping with our maths language.

Conkers

We have been very busy in the Conkers group this week.

The children have participated in a number of craft activities for Christmas activities for Christmas, Calendars & Envelopes.

We have continued with the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt', the children have learnt the key events and phrases.

Flour with diggers have been very successful, foam blocks were also successful, children have been building tall towers and comparing sizes.

Please note, there will be a letter sent home about our Christmas Party on 18th December.

Reception

This week in Cherry and Apple class we have looked at the story 'Peter and the Wolf'. We have listened to the music that accompanies this tale and have used our imaginations to draw the characters from the story.

In Literacy, we have been learning wolf facts and have had a go at recording what we know.

We have used Numicon in our Maths lesson. It was very exciting!

In Phonics this week, we had a visit from Inky the mouse. He wrote words on our bananas! We have learned the following sounds **r**, **h**, **b** and **f**.

The tricky word that we learned is... go.

Next week we will be doing lots of exciting activities based around the 'Stick Man' story book.

Year 1

What we have been learning about this week in school:

This week we have been writing descriptions of the characters in the story Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. In DT we have been making calendars and Christmas cakes and in maths we have been subtracting one and two digit numbers

What we will be doing next week in school:

Next week will be making Christmas hats, putting marzipan on our cakes and learning about the Christmas story. We are looking forward to visiting Sherborne House to sing our Christmas songs to the residents.

A special thank you to Sarah Collins who very kindly donated the ingredients and gave her time to help the children make their Christmas Cakes.

Please make sure the children have coats and wellies in school, especially now the weather is starting to change. Thank you
The Year 1 team

Year 2

What we have been learning about this week in school:

This week we have been writing a character description based on the main character from our key text. We have been learning how to subtract in Maths and in Science we have been finding out about the habitats of the world.

What we will be doing next week in school:

Next week we will be completing our work on our focus text 'Into the forest' by writing a book review.

In Maths we will be learning about statistics and creating charts to represent information.

We will be thinking about internet safety in computing and we will begin making Christmas tree decorations.



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Did you know:

Smart phones and tablets can cause mental health and behaviour issues in children as young as 2?

Just an hour a day using a tablet, phone or other device can be enough to make children more likely to be anxious, depressed, less able to concentrate and less able to regulate their emotions. Children who use phones, tablets etc. for more than an hour a day are twice as likely to lose their temper and 46% more prone to not being able to calm down when excited or angry.

Researchers from Oxford University found that children can easily become addicted to tablets and smart phones. These children have problems sleeping are more likely to be obese and more likely to fall victim to cyber-bullying. They also have poorer communication and social skills through the lack of real face to face contact and playing real games with friends.

We are concerned about the impact of too much screen time on children's well-being and learning. Please take time to think about how much time your child spends on a tablet or similar device and limit it to no more than an hour a day. Please also ensure that children do not play on a tablet or phone before going to bed as this stimulates the brain and means that children find it difficult to go to sleep and stay asleep all night.

Friday 21st December 2018

In line with Park Junior School and Maidenhill School our Governors have agreed that parents can collect their children from school after 1.15 pm on Friday 21st December.

If you do not wish to or are unable to collect your child at this time school will still be open until 3.15 p.m.

Thank You

Closure of Trutex Shop in Stroud

On 10th December 2018 The Trutex Shop in Stroud will be closing and uniform supply for our school transferred to Bateman Sports Ltd, Kendrick Street, Stroud

The handover has been planned so that the process is seamless and it will simply be a case of collecting uniform from a new location.

Following the hand over you can expect the same high level of service and both price and quality will be maintained.

For the next few weeks a closing down sale will be held at Trutex Stroud where you will be able to purchase selected items of uniform at discounted prices. Thank you.

Our 'Stars Learners of the Week'

