

STOKE FLEMING PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Set sail in the world...

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

15th—Y6 Junior Life Skills

24th—Cake Sale Class Endeavour

24th-26th—Dartmouth Food Festival

27th—31st—October half term

NOVEMBER

4th—Individual school photos

4th—EYFS Open afternoon

6th— EYFS Open morning

18th & 19th—Parent meetings

DECEMBER

1st—Non Pupil Day

10th—Christmas Lunch

12th-14th—Stoke Fleming Christmas Tree Festival

19th—Break up for Christmas holidays

JANUARY

5th—Back to School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The weeks are flying by, and it's hard to believe we're already well into the term! It's been a little quieter around school this week without our Year 6 children, who have been away on their residential. We are so proud of the determination, enthusiasm, and resilience they have shown throughout their adventures — they have been fantastic ambassadors for Stoke Fleming Primary School. We can't wait to hear all about their experiences and to welcome them back next week!



Harvest Festival

Next Friday, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school. As we did last year, we are once again supporting Dartmouth Food Bank, which provides vital assistance to individuals and families in our local area who may be struggling to make ends meet.

Food banks play an essential role in our communities — ensuring that no one goes hungry during difficult times. The demand for their services has grown significantly over recent years, and every donation, no matter how small, makes a real difference.

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Our vision: Set sail in the world
Our Values: Considerate, Confident, Creative and Cultured.

Our mission: Our 'charted curriculum' inspires everyone to explore, dream and discover the world around us



This week cont'd

Harvest Festival cont'd

Last year, we were blown away by your generosity, and we hope to show the same wonderful community spirit again this year. If you are able to contribute, Dartmouth Food Bank has shared the following list of items that are most needed:

Most Needed Items:

Baked Beans, Tinned Spaghetti/Macaroni, Tomato Soup (Tins or Powdered), Coffee, Tea (Loose or Bags), Sugar, Jam/Marmalade, Tinned Meat or Fish, Meat/Fish Paste, Ketchup/Sauces, Pasta/Rice, Tinned Vegetables, Gravy/Stock Cubes, Pasta Sauce, Cooking Oil, Cereals/Porridge, Biscuits, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Custard, Sweets/Crisps, Long Life Milk, Fruit Juice/Squash, Herbs, Curry Powder/Paste, Lentils, Shower Gel, Cleaning Items, Toilet Roll, Washing Up Liquid, Detergents, Sanitary Products, Shaving Products

Thank you, as always, for your continued kindness and support — together we can make a real difference to those in need within our local community.

Parent Survey

On Monday, you will receive an email containing links to our Parent Survey. This survey plays a key role in helping us understand what we are doing well and what you, as parents, feel we could improve as a school. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in shaping our priorities and guiding future developments. I would really appreciate you taking the time to complete it — your voice truly makes a difference.

Finally...

Thank you for your ongoing support and positivity throughout what has been a busy start to the term. It's been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. I have also had the pleasure of showing several potential new families around the school recently, and each one has commented on the calm, purposeful learning environment and the friendliness and politeness of our children. They make me proud each and every day!

I hope you all have a restful weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week ahead at Stoke Fleming Primary School.

Best wishes,

Mr Harrison

Headteacher



Celebration



Attendance Matters

This week's attendance by class:

Challenger - 79.80%

Invincible - 97.31%

Victory - 95.71%

Discovery - 99.26%

Endeavour - 96.67%

WOW! Well done

Discovery

Best attendance this week!

School attendance for the year
so far is currently **97.81%**

Please keep supporting our attendance
target of 96% or above

Certificate of Excellence



Challenger— Flynn & Oscar

Invincible— Ayla, Jaxson & Millie

Victory— Emma & Mona

Discovery— Alexandria & Archie

Endeavour—



Class Victory

Here are some examples of artwork from Class Victory. The children have been exploring spiral art, focusing on the use of colour, precision with straight lines, and creating visual impact



Friends of Stoke Fleming School



Friends of Stoke Fleming School Join us for our AGM



Friday 17th October



Meet in reception after drop off

We urgently need a treasurer plus other roles for the
year ahead.

The Friends of Stoke Fleming School invite you to come along to our AGM, to hear about the success of last year's fundraising, to elect new committee members and plan the coming years events.

All welcome, we would love to see you there!

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along, baked, drank tea, bought cakes and kindly donated for the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 26th September. You all helped to raise £152.00 to support the incredible work of the Macmillan Care Charity.

A special thank you to our Friends of the School for helping to run and organise this worthwhile event.



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



SEND Signpost



Helping Children Through Parental Separation

The Netflix movie *Spellbound* tells a story about a girl whose parents turn into monsters after they separate. It uses fantasy to show what divorce can feel like for kids—confusing and scary—but it also sends a hopeful message: **Even if parents separate, their love for their children remains.** This kind of story helps kids understand that big changes in their family are not their fault, and that they are still deeply loved.

Why Children Need Emotional Support

Children going through separation often **don't know how to express what they feel.** They may not have the words to explain their sadness, anger, or confusion. That's why it's important they have a space—whether it's through stories, play, or conversation—where their feelings can be **seen, heard, and accepted.**

When we give them that space, we help them feel safe and supported, even during hard times.

What Parents Can Do: Advice from Parenting Expert Dr. Vanessa Lapointe

Dr. Vanessa Lapointe, a parenting educator and psychologist, offers simple but powerful ways to support children through divorce:

Stay Calm and Reassuring

Divorce is stressful for children

They need at least one adult to stay calm and steady

Even if parents don't agree, children should feel like both are working together

This helps them feel safe and loved by both parents

SEND Signpost cont'd

Be Careful With Words

Don't speak badly about your ex-partner in front of your child.

Negative comments can make kids feel like they have to choose sides.

It makes it hard for them to love both parents freely.

If you make a mistake, it's okay—just reset and show you're back in your "grown-up" role.

Watch Your Own Reactions

Divorce can bring up old emotions in parents too.

Sometimes, adults react from a "hurt child" place, not their mature self.

Noticing this helps you respond with more calm and care.

Don't Put Kids in the Middle

Children should never be used as messengers between parents.

Don't ask them to carry messages, deal with scheduling, or talk about money.

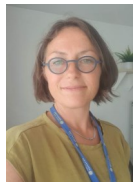
This puts pressure on them to act like adults—and that's not their job.

Final Thought

Children going through separation need more than just explanations—they need connection. They need parents and caregivers who **see their feelings**, even when they can't put them into words. By being calm, kind, and emotionally present, we help them feel secure and loved—no matter how the family structure changes.

To read in more detail, visit: www.drvanessalapointe.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/SS-Divorce-1.pdf

Emily Risby—SENDCo





DARTMOUTH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

NEW MEMBERS EVENING!

**COME AND JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING FULL OF GAMES AND
FUN!**

*Find out more about us and what we do.
Come and join our club!*

14 OCT

06:30pm

@Moreleigh Village Hall

**YOU DONT HAVE TO BE A FARMER TO BE A YOUNG
FARMER !!**



THE
4!

SUNDAY

*family
service*

12 OCT

4pm

**ST PETER'S CHURCH,
STOKE FLEMING**



**Kids Matter is a free,
friendly group for
anyone with children
aged 1-10 years**



**6 week programme starting
soon in your area**

Contact Heidi via email:
youth@dartmouthanddittisham-anglican.org

or via WhatsApp:
07880553081

Karate



Self defence for
women and
children



KIDS KARATE CLASS

Sign up for Karate Club on Monday
after school at Stoke Fleming
Primary School. It will keep your
child fit and active.

Paid activity

Message Caroline to book

E: carocariad@icloud.com

ENROL NOW 

 **07492681677**



<https://www.chillingtonselfdefence.club/index.htm>

Year 2 - 6
From October
6th



**SPOOKY FUN
AT LEONARDS COVE!**

**HALLOWEEN
SCAVENGER
HUNT**

**31ST OCTOBER
FROM 4PM**

£2 PER CHILD

Job Vacancies

Cleaners – [Stoke Fleming Primary School](#)

2 x 15.00 hours per week x 41 weeks per year

£12.65per hour

Stoke Fleming Primary School are seeking to appoint cleaners to assist with maintaining a high standard of cleanliness and presentation throughout the school. The main duties of the role are: vacuuming, mopping, dusting and cleaning communal areas. Previous cleaning experience an advantage but not essential. You may be required from time to time to work in other schools within the Trust.

As an employee of Education South West you will be entitled to the following benefits: **access to the Trust's Employment Assistance Programme**, Company Pension scheme, and free on-site parking

Stoke Fleming Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

References will be taken up for all shortlisted applicants, and the successful candidate will be subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure and other employment checks.

For more information about the post, please contact Janet Sedgeman on: 01548 852641 ext 1140 or to apply for the role, please email your CV to Janet.SEDGEMAN@educationsouthwest.org.uk



Farming and the Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy:

Thursday 16th October 6-7.30pm

Find out how farmers and land managers can use the Devon LNRS to understand the species and habitats in their area and the actions that could support their conservation and recovery. We'll run through the LNRS website and interactive map, followed by a Q&A session.

[Register for a free ticket: Farming and the Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy webinar on Microsoft Teams](#)