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DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY

22nd - Y6 Youth Speaks

FEBRUARY

13th—Break up for half term

23rd—Back to School

MARCH

10th—Eden Project trip for classes Invincible & Victory

16th—Non Pupil Day

APRIL

2nd—Break up for Easter Holidays

3rd—Good Friday

5th—Easter Sunday

6th—Easter Monday

20th—Back to School

23rd—Class Photos

29th—1st May—Y4 Residential Forest & Beach

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Stoke Fleming, and the Spring Term really does seem to be flying by!

This week, our children in Year 4 began their swimming lessons at Dartmouth Leisure Centre. These lessons are a vital part of the curriculum and are particularly important given the beautiful coastal surroundings we live in – and the associated risks. The aim is to ensure that all children can confidently swim at least 25 metres and know how to safely rescue themselves should they ever find themselves in difficulty in water.

On our Facebook page this week, I also shared photographs of our refreshed entrance area and new displays – and they look absolutely fantastic! Our entrance has been transformed into a bright, vibrant and welcoming space that really sets the tone the moment you walk through the door. Even more excitingly, it has become our very own gallery, where we can celebrate children's work, creativity and achievements.

Currently on display are photographs of the bridges designed and built by Class Explorer as part of their Design Technology learning. The children worked incredibly hard on these projects, and it is wonderful to be able to showcase their thinking, teamwork and final outcomes so proudly. Els has completed the first stage of her work at school, and we cannot wait to share further developments and enhancements with you. Next on the list: classrooms, the library and the hall!

Reading at Stoke Fleming

Reading is a very high priority at Stoke Fleming Primary School. Over the last twelve months, we have worked hard to improve our library and provide children with access to hundreds – if not thousands – of high-quality texts. Our aim is to develop a genuine love of reading, which is so key to children's long-term success.

Reading is the first lesson taught across the school every day, from our youngest children to our oldest. However old your child is, we would strongly encourage you to support reading at home – whether that is practising sounds with early readers or sharing several pages of a reading book with more confident readers. Regular reading really does make a significant difference to a child's progress and confidence.

During our Friday celebration assemblies, we also take time to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, effort and achievements with regards to reading.

Online Safety

Online safety is more important than ever. Research suggests that over 90% of children aged 5–15 regularly use the internet, and many encounter online content or tools powered by artificial intelligence without realising it. While technology offers many benefits, it also brings risks, particularly around privacy, inappropriate content and misinformation.

To support families, the NSPCC has shared helpful guidance for parents on keeping children safe when using AI-powered tools. You can read the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr Harrison



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



Celebration



Attendance Matters

This week's attendance by class:

Compass - 85.83%

Navigator - 98.88%

Mariner- 99.31%

Explorer - 94.29%

Voyager - 97.42%

WOW! Well done

Marnier

Best attendance this week!

School attendance for the year so far is currently **96.49%**

Please keep supporting our attendance target of 96% or above

Certificate of Excellence



Compass— Lily & Mattias

Navigator— Bobbi & Jaxson

Mariner— Ettie & Seb

Explorer— Finley & Flossie

Voyager— Alex & Teddy



Little Lanterns

In Little Lanterns this term we have been looking at Winter and enjoying jumping in muddy puddles!



On Wednesday the children went Wassailing in the field, this is celebrated to awaken the apple trees and encourage a bountiful crop. They put food on the trees for the birds, made crowns and played instruments.

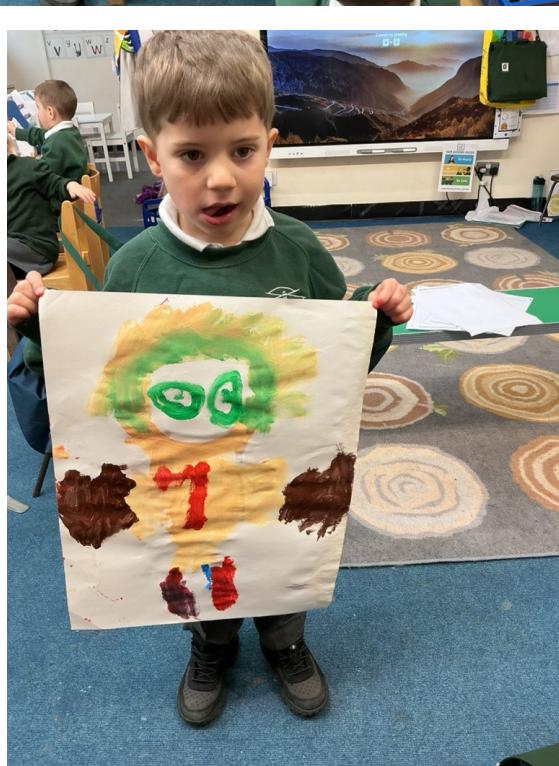
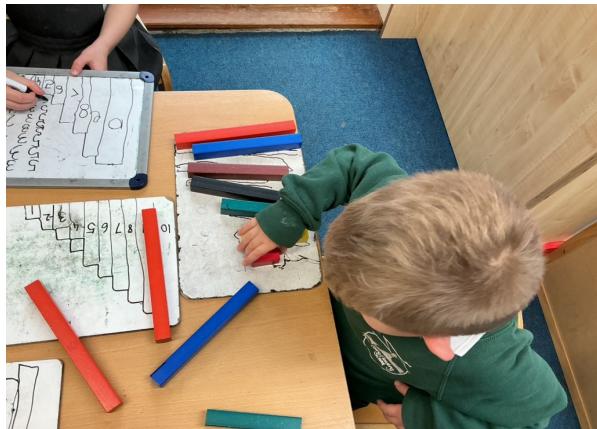


Class Compass

This week Class Compass have been continuing to read 'How to catch a star'. We have been learning new vocabulary from the text, discussing the text and talking about our wishes. We have been looking closely at Van Gogh's painting of 'The Starry Night' and started to create our own.

In Maths we have been practising counting to 15 and ordering numbers.

We have been performing a Pirate dance to the tune of 'He's a Pirate'.



Friends of Stoke Fleming School

FRIENDS MEETING

We shall be planning fundraising events for the year ahead As there are lots of exciting projects for the school!

- Meet other parents
- Volunteer to help at events
- Have ideas or suggestions?
Come along to bring new views or see what we do!



30th

JANUARY

**8.45am
Meet in reception**



Call Us
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Email us
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Friends of Stoke
Fleming School

Wow! Your incredible generosity from supporting the Christmas raffle, Christmas card designs and performance refreshments raised a fantastic **£1,337.50**

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*Raised in
December!*



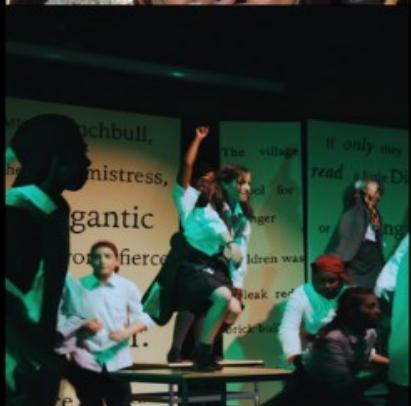
Thank you to the family and friends of the children who helped raise this wonderful amount!
This will be spent on...

New books for the school library 

New Maths Resources for EVERY class

 Pantomime performance booked for the whole school '26 

Pupils in years 4-6



Say So Collective

Drama Club INVITES NEW MEMBERS!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our after school Drama Club begins again on Tuesday 13th from 3.15 - 4.30.

We are looking for a new cast member to play a crucial role in our production.

This is a great opportunity for anyone keen to have fun and create something brilliant with a friendly group.

The club are working on an exciting play called 'The Missing' about a group of children who get mysteriously washed up on a desert island. It includes lots of great lines, funny moments and creative techniques.

**The club meets every Tuesday 3.15 -4.30pm.
£10 per session.**

You can **book a place for your child using the link below or email / whatsapp me directly.**

Best wishes,
Lydia

Lydia@saysocollective.co.uk
07792188440



Karate starts again Monday 12th January



Karate Club at Stoke Fleming School

When: Mondays After School

Paid Activity

From Year 2 - 6

Contact Caroline to book

E: carocariad@icloud.com

Mobile: 07492681677

W: <http://www.chillingtonselfdefence.club/index.htm>

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The safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Chris Harrison (Headteacher), or Deputy DSLs Mrs Kelly Barraclough and Mrs Andrea Hall.

If you have an urgent concern about a child or young person in Devon and need to speak to someone outside of school hours, please contact **Devon's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** on **0345 155 1071 | mashsecure@devon.gov.uk**

Immediate danger: **Call 999**

Blow away the January Blues and join us at

Winter Warmer Community Natter

Thurs 22nd Jan 10.30 am –2pm

**Hosted by Dartmouth Community Chest @ Townstal Baptist Church,
Carey Road TQ6 9LT**

- 10.30** Doors open, refreshments served
- 11.15** Community Natters with Clive & Dawn: tell us about living here, what you love and what could be better!
- 12.00** Lunch served ...whilst the team theme your important issues
- 1.00** Feedback on your priority issues and outline next steps with the relaunch of TQ6 community partnership
- 1.30** Raffle draw with prizes

SEE YOU THERE, EVERYONE WELCOME, ALL FREE