



The Communicator

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High School Applications are now CLOSED
Applications for Reception 2021 are now CLOSED

Applications for Nursery 2021 OPEN on 1st December 2020 and
CLOSE on 31st January 2021
Please apply at www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions

As lockdown week 3 comes to an end, I would like to congratulate all our children, families and staff for the hard work, patience and kindness our school community continues to show. All of our children continue to join in very well with lessons at home or at school and it is a pleasure to see their smiling faces and wonderful work, whether on TEAMS or in the classroom. I will continue to provide information to all families through the Communicator as we remain one community, wherever we are. It was lovely to see so many children and families in assemblies this week (in spite of my technical difficulties on Monday!) Links to join assembly each Tuesday and Friday are emailed to parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2.

Children attending school

Well done to all our children in school who are working hard and doing their best. Please remember that critical worker places are to enable parents to work. Please keep your child at home if possible on the days that you are not working. Your child should join in with the remote learning for the class on any days they are at home. Please continue to advise us if your child is unwell, unable to attend school or anyone in the household has covid symptoms or your child needs to isolate as a close contact.

Children learning at home

A special thank you to all those parents who are supporting learning at home as well as juggling their usual responsibilities. Many of our staff are working parents themselves and understand the strain that this can cause. I know that some of our children and parents at home have found this week difficult. It is not surprising that after more than two weeks of lockdown, people are feeling a bit fed up. The weather and doom and gloom from the news don't offer us much good cheer at the moment. If you are finding things tough, please remember that it is a completely normal reaction in a very difficult situation and we can only do our best. If you need any help, advice or support, please contact school and we will be able to offer a listening ear if nothing else.

The routine of the school day at home will help bring a little normality; it is important that children are going to bed and getting up at their usual time. We have amended our behaviour policy to reflect remote learning and a copy is attached. Please remember that your child needs to attend all lessons and submit work in order to be marked present in the register. If your child is unwell or unable to attend lessons, please advise the school office in the usual way. We would prefer children to complete their work on lined paper or squared paper for Maths where possible to help them present it neatly but understand that you may not have this at home. We are happy to provide you with some if you would like to collect it from school. Work should be submitted on TEAMS if at all possible.

WOW award School



Nursery - Prince-Elior Mbianda
Reception - Callum Wheeldon
Year 1 - Tiffany Jones
Year 3 - Ryan Osborne
Year 4 - Bella Nixon
Year 5 - Max Moran
Year 6 - Leila Lesti

WOW award Home School



Reception - Lisa Quinn
Year 1 - Nicholas Ingram
Year 2 - Sebi Mirou
Year 2 - Alfie Potts
Year 3 - Scarlett Grimes
Year 4 - Matilda Hallawell
Year 5 - George Goldspink
Year 5 - Acacia Zhang
Year 6 - Sienna Gilbert-Edwards

Values and Virtues (Grateful & Generous)

Nursery : Rory Castrey-Peters

Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

Nursery - Georgie Malkin
Reception - Elsie Meakin
Reception - Roya Mahmood
Year 1 - Elsie Meakin
Year 1 - Grace Gilbert-Edwards
Year 2 - Layla Grace Bradley
Year 2 - Aiden Tramaloni
Year 3 - Lexi Jones
Year 3 - Ava Kearney
Year 4 - Phoebe Gilbert-Edwards
Year 4 - Quinn Jenkinson
Year 5 - Jack Ingram
Year 5 - Charmain Eshun
Year 6 - Cody Till

Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully before school starts and after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt. Children should not be playing on playground equipment after school- please support us by ensuring that your children stay with you after collection. Thank you.

Resources

We can provide wifi vouchers, data sim cards and routers to help families access online learning free of charge. If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing or paying for internet access, please contact the school office.

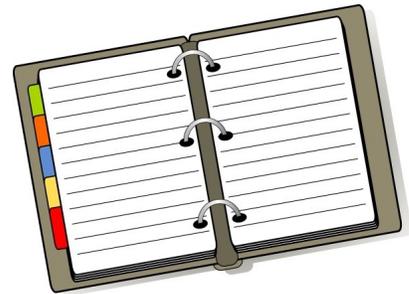
Speak Up Space (www.speakupspace.org.uk) has information and resources for parents concerned about their own or their children's mental health and also offers a messaging support service for children.

Tunstall library has a click, call and collect service for children's books, ebooks, audio books and e magazines

<https://librariesonline.stoke.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?p=7d3d1c0a-3760-11e5-bfe1-03ba06ef7900&v=c9dc7b41-daa0-406a-bde6-9c5e518c32dd#Click Call and Collect>

Dates for the Diary

Friday 12th February	-	School closes for half term
Monday 22nd February	-	School re-opens
Wednesday 17th February	-	Ash Wednesday
Monday 1st March	-	St David's
Wednesdays 17th March	-	St Patricks day
Friday 19th March	-	St Josephs Day
Thursday 4th March	-	World book day
Monday 8th—12th March	-	STEAM Week



Prayer of the Month for January: Early Years and KS1

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.



Prayer of the Month for January for KS2: Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, send labourers into your harvest.

Inspire in the hearts of your people
vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity.

May those whom you call to the priesthood and religious life
have the courage to give themselves to your Church
as co-operators in your work.

St. John Vianney: Pray for us



As we spend more time than ever with our own household, this family prayer may offer some comfort.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Heavenly Father,

Please bless our families with
Your love and protect us from
harm. Give us grace to forgive,
strength to overcome the
difficulties we face, and keep
us together when the world
tries to pull us apart.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

I wish you a peaceful weekend. Please remember to follow the current restrictions so that they can be reduced as soon as possible. As always, we are here to support all our families in whatever way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us.