



Little Stoke Primary School

30th June 2023

Key Dates:

Monday 10th July 1pm – Re-arranged Sports' day date.

Tuesday 11th July – Transition morning, children will spend the morning with their new teacher.

Thursday 13th July -Children's University Graduation

Monday 17th July – Reports going out

Wednesday 19th July – Leavers' assembly for Y6 parents

Friday 21st July – End of term 6

Friday 1st September 2023 – INSET day, school closed to children.

Monday 4th September 2023 – term starts.

Please see term dates below and the website:

<https://littlestokeps.co.uk/parentscarers/term-dates/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now nearing the end of the school year. In classes, staff will be beginning to prepare children for moving up to their new classes, preparing them for a smooth and successful transition. Information will be sent home via email about your child's new class before the end of the term. Please spend some time looking at this information with your child.

Please see the updates and information about staffing next year further on in this newsletter.

FOLS

Because of a lack of support, the FOLS school summer fair will not be happening this year.

As communicated on several occasions, we are desperate for more parents and carers to join our Friends of Little Stoke organisation. **Currently, it is looking like this organisation will cease to exist.** The FOLS do an incredible job of organising events and raising money for the school. Recent improvements which would not have happened without FOLS funding include:

- New chairs for every child
- New basketball hoops for playtimes
- New playground equipment
- Time table Rock stars subscription
- Ice lollies for events such as sports day

Unfortunately, without the FOLS, events will not be able to go ahead and vital funds, which improve our school, will not be available. If you would like more information or wish to give your time to help please contact: fols.team@outlook.com

Social media updates

News and announcements are now shared across both Twitter and Facebook. I hope that this means that more of the school community will be able to see the updates and celebrations shared on social media. The addresses can be found below. You can also see current Twitter updates on the home page of the school website – you do not need a Twitter account.

Best wishes,
Mr Dan Ross – Headteacher
Twitter: @LittleStokePS
Facebook: @littlestokeprimary
www.littlestokeps.co.uk



Class teachers for September 2023

<https://littlestokeps.co.uk/our-school/meet-our-staff/>

Class	Class Teacher
R	Teacher: Mrs Heather Taylor TAs: Miss Leanne Park, Mrs Di Spencer
1	Teacher: Miss Sarah Huck TAs: Mrs Sophie Johnson, Mrs Leigh Woodward
2	Teacher: Miss Olivia Schwartz TA: Mrs Claire Fowler, Mrs Karina Cifuentes Rugeles
3	Teacher: Mrs Hannah Cook TAs: Mrs Tamara McGregor, Mr Ben Reeves
4	Teacher: Miss Jaimie Bradwell TAs: Mrs Katie Hurrell, Miss Mel Elsworth
5	Teacher: Mrs Izzy Potterton (Monday and Tuesday) Currently undergoing recruitment for Wednesday – Thursday) TAs: Mrs Kalena Hodge
6	Teachers: Mrs Becki Glover (Mon, Tue, Wed) Miss Alex Hull (Thurs, Fri) Mrs Jennie Courtier
SENCo/Inclusion lead	Mrs Helene Sutton
Pastoral Role	Miss Jess Day (Monday – Wednesday); Mrs Rachel Parker (Thursday and Friday)
Breakfast club staff	Mrs Vishakha Sonkamble, Miss Sacha Beech, Mrs Kim Roberts
After school staff	Mrs Sandra Bennetts, Mrs Vishakha Sonkamble
Support staff: Every class will have TA support in the morning. Afternoons are used for targeted support as required.	

We welcome:

Congratulations to Mrs Annette Pittaway, who will be taking on the role of school business manager from September.

Congratulations also to Miss Olivia Schwartz who has been appointed to a full time position.

TERM DATES FOR 2023-2024

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Friday 1 st September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023	Friday 15 th December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2024	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

School closed for Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

INSET DAYS 2023-2024

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 25th September 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June 2024

Good bye and thank you!

We are saying good bye to a few staff at the end of this academic year. A huge thank you to the staff for the difference they have made in the time they have been at Little Stoke Primary. Wishing them the very best of luck for the future:

Miss Maria Martinez

We wish Miss Martinez the very best of luck as she takes up a teaching role in Bath.



Mr Mitch Taylor

We wish Mr Taylor luck as he moves to take up a new post in a Bristol school.



And special goodbye and thank you to Mrs Ruth Abrahams, who is retiring this year and has worked in the school for 11 years! Ruth has made a huge contribution to the school in very challenging financial times. Thank you Ruth, we wish you all the best for the future



Attendance

Further to the recent government guidance 'Working together to improve attendance', we shall continue to work with SG Education Welfare Consultancy Ltd and our local council Attendance team to support our pupils with regular attendance. Our dedicated Education Welfare Consultant is Sukhi Singh, should you require any support with your child's attendance needs please contact the school office and they will arrange for Sukhi to contact you.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations regarding pupil attendance:

- Pupils should arrive in school by 8.55am (at the latest) – the doors open at 8.45am.
- Medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours, or in the school holidays where possible, and evidence needs to be provided if this is not the case.
- Holidays should be arranged during non-term time and any request for time off during term time should be put in writing via e-mail to admin@littlestokeys.co.uk.
- As stated in our attendance policy, if more than 5 days (10 sessions) are missed within a 7 week period, then it is likely a fixed penalty fine will be issued.
- Late after registration closes (9.15am) could also lead to a fixed penalty fine along with school attendance meeting. Again this is if there are more than 10 sessions missed within a 7 week period.
- Poor attendance, without medical proof, along with unauthorised absences could lead to school attendance meetings and potentially towards legal prosecution.
- It is **the parent's responsibility to call the office or e-mail admin@littlestokeys.co.uk** for every day of your child's absence.

We understand it has been a couple of difficult years with regards to covid. Because of this, there will be a push for good attendance and we hope you understand the reasoning for this as so much education has been missed. Better attendance leads to higher levels of attainment and achievement.

For more information, please see our Attendance policy on our website <https://littlestokeys.co.uk/parentscarers/policies/>.

Uniform

It is great to see so many of the children regularly wearing the correct school uniform – it looks very smart and helps to create a sense of community. We have included the key information relating to uniform below but the full policy can be found here:

<https://littlestokeps.co.uk/parentscarers/policies/>

At Little Stoke we expect all children to wear their school uniform each day. Please find details regarding school uniform below.

General Uniform

- **Royal blue** jumper/cardigan/fleece (with logo if possible)
- **Royal blue** or white polo-shirt (with logo if possible)
- Blue checked summer dress
- Grey or black school skirt/pinafore
- Grey or black school trousers or grey school shorts
- All black shoes or all black trainers (shoes should not have a heel or any logos or stripes)
- Black, grey, navy or white socks/tights (plain, block colours)
- Navy reversible waterproof/fleece coat (optional)

Occasionally we have non-uniform days, but we will always let you know in advance.

Forest School Uniform

If the children have forest school in the morning, they arrive in forest school clothes with uniform in a bag to change in to before lunch. If they have it in the afternoon, they come in school uniform and have forest school clothes to change in to after lunch.

- Old jumper/t-shirt/trousers
- Wellies/Sturdy old trainers
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Seasonal: woolly hat, gloves, scarf, cap, suncream

PE Uniform

PE uniform is worn to school and the children keep this on all day for PE.

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain navy blue or black sports shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- **Royal blue** jumper/cardigan/fleece (usual school jumper)
- Black trainers or plimsolls

Swimming

Children will need to be provided with a swimming kit when it is their turn for swimming. Girls need an all in one swimming costume and boys need above knee swimming shorts or trunks. Earrings and jewellery must be removed for swimming. If children cannot remove their own earrings, they should be taken out before school. It is advisable for children not to get their ears pierced in the term prior to swimming lessons taking place.

Please ensure each item of uniform, including forest and PE uniform, is labelled with your child's name. Sewn labels are best these can be purchased from a number of suppliers.

Uniform (continued)

Hairstyles, Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are;

- plain studs in pierced ears
- a small watch without sound effects
- small objects of religious significance.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons or cover with tape to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair

- Long hair must be tied back and should not impede vision
- Hair should not be dyed unnatural hair colours
- Children should not have extreme hair styles, such as logo designs shaved in or anything that draws unnecessary attention and detracts from the learning in class.
- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be moderate in size and hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Jewellery/watches are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded/replaced.

Where to purchase it

Our school uniform, with logos on, can be purchased from;

Monkhouse

Unit 1 Simmonds View

Stoke Gifford

BS34 8HR

tel: 011179620011

(www.monkhoue.com).

The majority of our school uniform can be purchased from all many major supermarkets and retailers.

At various points throughout the year, we will organise second-hand uniform sales. If you have any good quality uniform that your child may have grown out of and would like to donate, please let the office know.

It is parent and carers' responsibility to ensure that children arrive in school with the correct uniform as detailed above.

If a child is not in the expected uniform, the parent/carer will be contact via letter in the first instance with a reminder of the expectations. If the problem persists, parents will be invited in to meet in order to resolve the issue.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.