



Little Stoke Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to wish you and your families a very happy summer break. Thank you to all who have supported learning this year by attending events such as parent evenings, forest school workshops, performances, celebration assemblies, sports day and any other way you have contributed to the success of your children and the wider school community.

Please see a few pre-holiday updates from school:

Building works

There will be some works happening at school over the summer: a permanent shelter is being constructed outside the year 1 and 2 classroom to help create more outdoor learning opportunities, the dining hall windows are being repaired and we hope that a concrete base will be installed ready for the installation of new scooter and bike storage.

Summer reading challenge

On Monday this week, South Glos Library service delivered an assembly about the summer reading challenge. Expecting your child(ren) to do some reading and engage with Times Tables Rock Stars/Numbots over the summer break will have a significant positive impact on their learning when they return in September. The summer reading challenge will help provide some motivation to engage in reading. There are also many free activities on offer at Libraries across South Gloucestershire. More information can be found on the South Glos website:

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/holiday-activities>

Arbor App

Thank you to everyone who has already engaged with the Arbor App. You have been sent log in details directly from Arbor. We would ask that all parents download the app or go to the website to log in. Next year, we will be using the app for trip permissions and parent evening bookings so every parent will need access.

Summer holiday clubs

A reminder that the Council have a page with a directory of clubs available over the summer break. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, then they may be able to attend these clubs for free. Please see the link below for more details:

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=Y50nS-iHMK>

Safeguarding over the holidays

If you have any worries about the safety of a child, or need support yourself, please contact the Access and Response Team (ART). The details can be found by following the link below:

[South Glos Access and Response Team](#)

Free school meals

You will be aware that free school meals are given to all children until they reach the end of Y2. Only children who are eligible for free school meals will continue to receive a free school lunch when in year 3. If any of the list below apply to you, we encourage you to apply, regardless of the year group your child is in. Any child who is eligible for free school meals brings vital additional funding to the school.

"Your child may be able to get free school meals in Year 3 and above if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit."

[Apply online for free school meals](#)

Labelling school uniform

Any unlabelled and unclaimed uniform will now be included in a 'nearly new' uniform sale in September. Please can all items of clothing which come into school be labelled so that if misplaced it can be easily returned to its owner.

Finally...

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing children and families when we return to school on **Monday 4th September 2023** ([Term dates link](#)).

Best wishes from all the LSPS team.



Mr Dan Ross

(Headteacher)