



Little Stoke Primary School

March 2024

Key Dates:

Monday 15th March – start of term 5

Monday 13th – Friday 16th May
- Y6 SATs assessment week

Thursday 23rd May, 4:40pm -
Meeting for current Y6
parents for 2024 residential

Friday 24th May – End of term 4

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June – INSET days, school closed to children.

Wednesday 5th June – Start of term 6

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June – Y6 residential

Monday 24th – Friday 28th June – Y5 swimming block

Tuesday 25th June – Class Photos

Tuesday 23rd July – End of term 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of term 4, I would like to extend my thanks to the children and staff at Little Stoke Primary for their hard work this term, culminating in our Ofsted inspection in week 5. We await the official report, which will be shared with parents and the wider community once it has been published.

Please see some of the key dates we have coming up over the next few terms. Also, some key reminders about safety – both in our car park, but also further on in the newsletter, online safety. It is more important than ever for parents to support their children to engage positively with the benefits of online platforms. Recent data shows that children have access to devices from a younger age. We teach the online safety to all children, but this will not keep the children safe in isolation. We need parents to engage in conversation with their children about keeping safe online. Parents must check devices with their children regularly and have an open discussion about what to do if they feel worried or unsafe about anything they have seen online. We have a range of tools on our website; there is more information further on in the newsletter.

Car park – health and safety

As has been communicated before, a reminder that the car park is for visitors and staff only. **No parent should be coming onto site to drop their child to school** unless they have a specific need and have organised this in advance with the school. This is an important health and safety issue and we need all parents to follow these rules.

On behalf of the school, I wish you all a very restful Easter Break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th March, ready for the start of term 6.

Best wishes,

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Staffing updates



We have a number of staff changes to communicate. Recruitment remains a challenge across the education sector, so we are so pleased to share that we have successfully recruited to a number of roles and are really looking forward to welcoming the new staff members to LSPS after Easter. Many of the staff members have already started induction with us ready to hit the ground running after the Easter break. The time spend inducting and handing over is important as it helps both the staff members and our pupils to have a successful transition.

Miss Beth Rudkin – EYFS teacher (taking up the post on 22.4.24, Miss Brikell to continue covering until then)

Miss Tessa Alabaster – Year 3 teacher, taking up the post when Mrs Cook starts maternity leave (19.4.24)

Miss Joey – Y1 teaching assistant

Mrs Kay – After school Club assistant

Mrs Hiba – Breakfast club assistant and lunchtime supervisor

Miss Abby Osborne – Y1 teaching assistant, lunchtime support

We are therefore saying goodbye and thank you to a number of staff:

Miss Vishakha (breakfast club, lunch time supervisor, TA and after school club supervisor) – has now left us to take up a new role within a doctor's surgery

Miss Johnstone (Y1 TA) – Is leaving us to start maternity leave.

Mr Moreish - Student teacher in Y1, who has completed his placement with us

We thank them for their hard work and dedication to LSPS and wish them the very best of luck in their next endeavours.



FOLS – Easter Event

Huge thank you to FOLS and the school community for the amazing fundraising at the Easter event.

Safeguarding update – Parental controls on Smart devices



Children and young people are growing up in a world where mobile devices are fully integrated into everyday life. Almost all children will have access to either their own or use of a Smart Phone or Mobile device in their day-to-day interactions.

There are many benefits that these devices bring; but there are risks too. There is lots of useful information and resources which can help minimise these risks. Please see the links below to learn more about how to add parental controls and support your children to keep safe whilst using mobile devices.

How to guides from EE for adding parental control to iPhone and Android devices:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/online-safety-tips/guide-to-parental-controls/>

The NSPCC have a wide range of advice and guides for keeping children safe on a range of devices:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>