



Little Stoke Primary School

September 2024

Key Dates:

Friday 27th September 2024:
FOLS cake sale after school

Monday 7th October 2024:
Trussell Trust assembly for children

Tuesday 8th October 2024:
Parent workshop at LSPS – introduction to MHST and wellbeing.

**Wednesday 16th October
3:30 – 5:30pm:**
Parents' evening (booking will be through Arbor, details to follow)

Thursday 17th October 4 – 7pm:
Parents' evening (booking will be through Arbor, details to follow)

Monday 21st October 2024 - AM
KS2 Online Safety Workshops - Police

Tuesday 22nd October 2024:
Individual Pupil Photos

Wednesday 23rd October 2024:
Harvest Assembly (we will be collecting donations for Trussell Trust again this year)
KS1 9:15am
KS2 10am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 1. A very warm welcome to our new families who have started with us in 2024. We have had a great start to term 1 with some great improvements to the school building (see more information below).

School Uniform:

School uniform is compulsory and important that Parent and Carers support their child and the school by sending children into school with the correct school uniform. The overwhelming majority of children returned to school in full school uniform looking smart and ready for learning – thank you to parents and carers for helping the year start so well.

A reminder that school **shoes should be all black**. For PE the children should wear black trainers. If your child currently has white trainers, we don't expect parents to buy new, but when new shoes are purchased, please provide black. Brightly coloured trainers are not part of or school uniform, including PE.

We wish to help the children get into good habits around wearing the correct uniform. Parents may be aware that when children get to secondary school the expectations are likely to be much tighter – children may receive sanctions or even be sent home for not wearing the correct uniform.

The school uniform policy can be found on the policies section of the school website:

<https://littlestokeps.co.uk/parents/carers/policies/>

If your child has forest school in the morning, **they must come to school with their correct school uniform to change back into after.**

Finally, please label all uniform – this is the best way for lost items to be returned to the right pupil.

Smart watches:

Smart Watches should not be worn into school. There is no way of the school knowing that cameras or sim cards have been disabled – this poses a safeguarding risk. Also, these are very expensive pieces of equipment for a school environment. We would encourage children to wear an analogue watch as this is often the type of time telling children find to most difficult so would be good practise.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Mr Dan Ross – Headteacher
Twitter: @LittleStokePS
Facebook: @littlestokeprimary



Building updates

As you may have seen from the school social media posts, over the summer the large hall ceiling has been replaced, the KS2 toilets have been renovated, new blinds have been installed in KS2 and volunteers have painted the playground fencing. We continue to work hard to make improvements to, and invest in, the school building to ensure that the children have access to a welcoming learning environment.

KS2 toilets:



School hall:



KS2 blinds:



Playground fencing:

Huge thank you to the North Bristol @TSB team for volunteering their time to paint our fencing in the main playground today!



Supporting Mental Health

You are invited to attend a workshop and coffee morning with Daria, our EMHP. This will take place on Tuesday 8th October at 9:15am. It is a very informal way of finding out more about how parents and carers can support the mental health of children at home.



Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Daria

Hi I'm Daria (she/her) from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school each week, say hello next time you see me!

Starting from this term I will be working at Little Stoke Primary every Tuesday. I am going to be supporting students with anxiety, low mood, and other struggles with wellbeing. I will be using a type of therapy called low-intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). The support I will be offering will include:

- Working with students on a 1-1 basis to show them ways that they can take care of their mental health.
- Working with parents to give them new ideas for supporting their child's mental health.
- Supporting a 'whole-school approach' to Mental Health, supporting student wellbeing by delivering group workshops, creating resources and lots more!

If you think your child could benefit from some support please speak to a member of staff in school, they will reach out to me and we can discuss how we can best help you. If we can help, we will arrange a 'meet and greet' session, where I can tell you a little bit more about the support I can offer.



FOLS

All FOLS event information can be found on the “Little Stoke Primary Parents Info Group”.

There is also a WhatsApp Group, which you can join by scanning the QR code to the left.

FOLS will be running a cake sale the last Friday of the month.

FOLS have already supported the school to purchase a new reading scheme to help to continue to improve reading in Little Stoke. Thank you to all the fund raising efforts to FOLS and everyone who supports the events. As school budgets are squeezed, the support the school receive from FOLS funds make a huge difference to the offer for the children.

Attendance

Good attendance is key to supporting children to do well at school. We have seen a positive start to term to term 1 for attendance, currently **above our school target of 96%**. Further to information about the changes to “Working together to improve school attendance” guidance, which was updated in August 2024, please see some reminders about attendance processes at Little Stoke:

- 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@littlestokeps.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@littlestokeps.co.uk for every day of your child's absence.
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For more information, please see our Attendance policy on our website <https://littlestokeps.co.uk/parents/carers/policies/>.



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Ofsted, April 2024

EYFS SEPTEMBER 2025 STARTERS OPEN DAYS:

Wednesday 25th September 2024 - 9:30am

Thursday 26th September 2024 - 5:30pm

Thursday 7th November 2024 - 9:30am

Thursday 7th November 2024 - 5:30pm

Thursday 9th January 2025 - 9:30am

Thursday 9th January 2025 - 2pm

Scan the QR code to book a space:

