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DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

21st—25th—Half term
break
28th Mon—Back to school
31st Thurs—Book People
Bus at school

NOVEMBER

1st Fri—Friends meeting
08:50am Community Cove
1st Fri—Class Invincible
Cake Sale
4th Mon—Classes Invincible
& Victory trip to Golden
Hind in Brixham
8th Fri—Class Victory Cake
Sale
12th Tues—Class Photos
13th Weds—Flu vaccina-
tions for children in school
YR—Y6
15th Fri—No After School
Club on this date
15th Fri—Class Discovery
Cake Sale
22nd Fri—Class Endeavour
Cake Sale

DECEMBER

20th Fri—Break up for
Christmas Holidays

STOKE FLEMING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Explore, Dream, Discover

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Happy and Caring

'Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.'
Theodore Roosevelt

As we draw to the end of this half term we are looking forward to the next half term and the run into Christmas. As a community school we endeavour to share what the children are learning and experiencing with you and the wider community therefore we are planning a whole host of opportunities for this to happen between now and Christmas.

Tuesday 5th November there will be a parent meeting about our aim to become a Rights Respecting Gold School. This will take place at 3:15 in the school hall.

Friday 15th November we will have an open morning where parents and carers are invited into school to share in their children's learning. This will run from 8:40 – 9am where the children can show you what they have been doing in their books and highlight work around the classroom.

week beginning 18th November there will be parent's consultation meetings where you can discuss with your child's teacher how they are getting on.

Wednesday 11th December is the Early Year's Nativity which will take place from 2pm in the school hall.

Monday 16th December is the Year 1,2,3 panto performance of Cinderella at Stoke Fleming Village Hall.

Wednesday 18th December Parent/Carer – children activity afternoon with Father Christmas

Thursday 19th December we will be holding our Year 4,5,6 carol concert at St Peter's church in Stoke Fleming from 6pm

We look forward to seeing you there. Have a lovely half term.

Our vision: Set sail in the world

Our Values: Considerate, Confident, Creative and Cultured.

Our mission: Our 'uncharted curriculum' inspires everyone to explore, dream and discover the world around us

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Attendance

What is good attendance?

The national average is 96.2% attendance.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school. Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Attendance Matters

This week's attendance by class:

Challenger: 95.83%

Invincible: 95.00%

Victory: 93.95%

Discovery: 93.50%

Endeavour: 97.69%

WOW! Well done

Endeavour

Best attendance this week!

School attendance for the year so far is currently **96.51%**

Please keep supporting our attendance target of 96% or above

Code	Attendance	Impact
Green	100%	No lessons missed
	99%	Missing around 10 lessons
	98%	Missing around 20 lessons
	97%	Missing around 30 lessons
Amber	96%	Missing about 8 days of school, up to 40 lessons
	95%	Missing about 2 weeks of school, up to 48 lessons
	93%	Missing 14 days of school, up to 66 lessons <i>A significant amount of education lost.</i>
Red 1	90-92%	Missing more than 3 weeks of education, up to 95 lessons <i>A significant amount of education to lose.</i>
Red 2	86-89%	Missing between 4-6 weeks, Up to 133 lessons missed <i>A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on achievement.</i>
Red 3	81-85%	Missing between 6-8 weeks, up to 180 lessons missed <i>A serious loss of learning.</i>
Red 4	80% and below	Missing more than 8 weeks, more than 200 lessons missed <i>A serious loss of learning.</i>



Wellbeing

Parents Survival Guide—Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-survival-guide/>

Parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children grow, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work.

You and Your Child

Make sure they know you love them and are proud of them. Even when things are busy or stressful, and it feels like you are in survival mode, a word or a hug can reassure them a huge amount. Praise them for what they do well, and encourage them to try new things.

Be honest about your feelings - you don't have to be perfect. We all get things wrong and shout or say unkind things from time to time. If this happens, say sorry to your child afterwards and explain why it happened. They will learn from you that it's OK to make mistakes and that it doesn't make you a bad person.

Be clear about what is and isn't acceptable - and tell them why. Children need to know what is OK and what isn't, and what will happen if they cross the line. Follow through on what you say as otherwise they may get confused or stop respecting the boundaries.

Own your own role - you are the parent, so don't be afraid to take tough decisions. If your child sees you are scared of their reaction and always give in to them, it can make them feel very powerful, which can be frightening. Children need to know that you are there to keep them safe.

Find out more at: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>



YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Harvest



This year Harvest a low key occasion with the Open the Book team performing the parable of the sower at St Peter's church:

"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ... And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundred-fold."

The children sang some songs they have been learning from the 'sing up' resources we kindly had donated from the Dart Music Foundation. We understand that some parents would have liked to have celebrated this with us, we will bear this in mind for next year.

Thank you so much for the donations kindly given this had been given to the Dartmouth Food Bank.



Class Challenger

Please note the following dates. We hope you may be able to join us for some of these:

Monday 28th October – 1.30-3.05 Reading workshop and Diwali activity afternoon

Friday 8th November – Forest School afternoon

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Nativity 2pm

After School Club

Please be aware that there will be no After School Club running on **Friday 15th November** so if your child normally attends on a Friday please can you make alternative arrangements, we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

The Book People Bus

During the day on Thursday 31st October we have the Book People visiting us with their bus full of fabulous books for the children to buy. The children will be taken out in their classes by the teachers to look around the bus and purchase books if they so wish. Look out for the flyers that will be coming home on the first Monday back to school.

Devon appeals for adopters to come forward as number of children waiting increases



Adoption agencies in Devon are working together this National Adoption Week (14-20 October) to appeal for potential adopters to come forward. This comes as numbers of adopters drop to an all-time low in the county and the number of children waiting continues to grow.

Local figures published to mark National Adoption Week, suggest that 40% of the children in Devon waiting for adoptive families are brothers and sisters in groups of two. Figures from the national adoption information service show that sibling groups wait four times longer than single children to be placed with an adoptive family.

Kath Drescher, Adopt South West Service Manager, says:

"The majority of people adopting for the first time choose to take a single child into their family rather than considering siblings. Also, it is often in the best interests of the children that a sibling group finds a family together rather than experience further trauma by being separated. This presents an extra challenge for social workers and these factors account for the high proportion of siblings in our region waiting for an adoptive family.

"We're asking anyone who may be considering adoption to think about whether they could parent siblings. There's no denying that having more than one child comes with real challenges, but it also has advantages and brings great rewards and we'll be there to support you all the way."

Regional Adoption Agency, Adopt South West, and independent adoption charity Families for Children are specifically looking for adopters who will consider adopting a sibling group. If adoptive families cannot be found soon then it is likely that these brothers and sisters will be separated.

Adopt South West want potential adopters to know that:

the adoption process can prepare you for becoming an adopter within as little as six months;

there are children who need new permanent families now;

anyone over 21 can adopt and there is no upper age limit;

LGBTQ+ and intersex people can adopt;

single people can adopt;

adopters can be of any religion or none;

disabled people can adopt;

adopters will be fully trained before the child is placed;

adopters are supported throughout the process and beyond.

During National Adoption Week, there are a number of information events being held across the county to inform and discuss the process of becoming an adopter and the vulnerable children who are currently waiting.

If you're interested in finding out more, please get in touch with us at Adopt South West.

Many thanks Sarah Simnett—SENDCo



Thursday, 31st Oct. 5-6.30pm

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Party

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