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July Newsletter

Welcome to the July edition of the Stobhillgate Newsletter!

As the end of the academic year quickly approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you.

This academic year has been extremely challenging but your support has really helped. From following our Covid19 guidelines, taking your children to get tested when necessary, staying at home with your isolating children or even just asking how we are and giving us a smile- we appreciate it all!

At Stobhillgate, we see ourselves as a family, and just like a family, in times of crisis everyone rallies together and supports each other, and this has certainly been the case this year.

As the government roadmap continues and national restrictions look set to change it will be at this point that, as a school and a Trust, we review and evaluate what life will look like in September. Seven weeks, in the world of an international pandemic, is an awfully long time. We will therefore contact you before September to make you aware of what to expect when your children return.

This is always an emotional time of year, when we say goodbye to pupils and on this occasion staff also. Our Year Four children have been incredible, they have been extremely resilient and over the last few months have really developed a 'can do' attitude. It has been a privilege to see them develop, grow and succeed. What they have achieved, in difficult circumstances, is outstanding and has proven that even when things are difficult, if you believe, work hard and stick together, there is nothing you can't achieve.

I hope that everyone has a very relaxing and enjoyable Summer and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7th September.



EYFS

We have had a wonderful summer term in early years. The unit has been filled with joy and laughter and the children have loved exploring and learning together.

Our core book 'Barry the fish with fingers' was a huge hit and we even welcomed our very own pet fish Barry to our classroom. The children have created the most amazing story maps about Barry the fish and his friend Puffy the puffer fish.

Even though we had to isolate, it didn't stop us from taking part in some fantastic home learning for our new story 'The tiger who came to tea' and completing some wonderful tiger challenges. We are all very excited for our own outdoor tea party with the tiger!

Animal Antics was a huge success with the children, we all thoroughly enjoyed stroking and holding the animals. We had the pleasure of meeting a mouse, rabbit, owl, chicken, bearded dragon and snake!

Sports day was a lot of fun too. Reception had a great time with Bave joining in with relay games and our favourite dances. Nursery were very good at the welly throw and sack race.

Our graduation was a huge success as we sat around the fire pit to celebrate our year together and collected our certificates. We hope you like your photos and goodies.

The new nursery children have made a fantastic start to their learning journey at Stobhillgate. Children transitioning to reception have had the opportunity to meet their lovely new teacher Mrs Gentry digitally but are excited to meet her in person in September. Children moving into year 1 had a wonderful time with Mr Henderson and were very excited about exploring the secret garden. They really enjoyed sharing one of our favourite stories 'Peace at last' with Mrs Roberts too.

As we look back at the challenging but wonderful year we've had, we would like to thank all of the children and parents for being stay at home superstars and teachers. You have done an amazing job. It has been lovely sharing our learning journey together.

We have enjoyed such special times such as: dressing up for Halloween, making poppies for remembrance, singing in our school nativity, taking part in some amazing science experiments, going on and Easter egg hunt, building snowmen and making snow angels to name a few. Not forgetting Forest Fridays where we have loved wading through puddles, getting very muddy, building dens, climbing trees and toasting marshmallows on a real campfire.

The grand opening of our new outdoor area is another highlight. Miss Taylor and her dad have given us the most amazing learning space to explore and investigate and we would like to thank them very much.

With a heavy heart we have to say goodbye to Miss Francis who is moving on to a new and exciting teaching post. We would just like to take the opportunity to thank her very much for all her hard work and effort this year. She is an absolutely amazing teacher and she will be dearly missed by the children and staff alike. Good luck Miss Francis!

Lastly we just wanted to say that we are so very proud of you all. We have loved seeing your happy, smiling faces each day. We are really going to miss the children moving up to year 1 but know you will continue to grow and flourish.

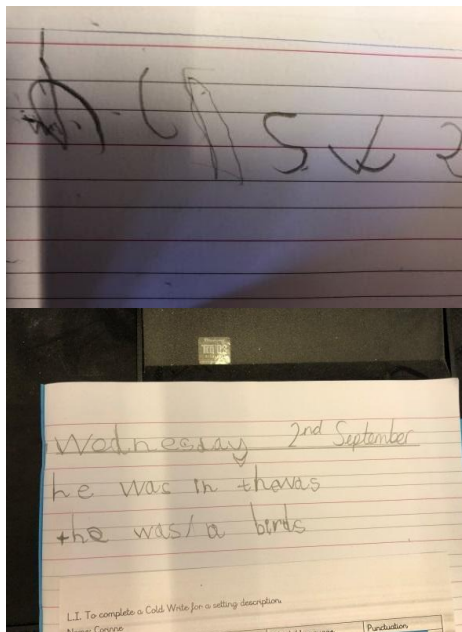
We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday, love from your Early Years teachers.



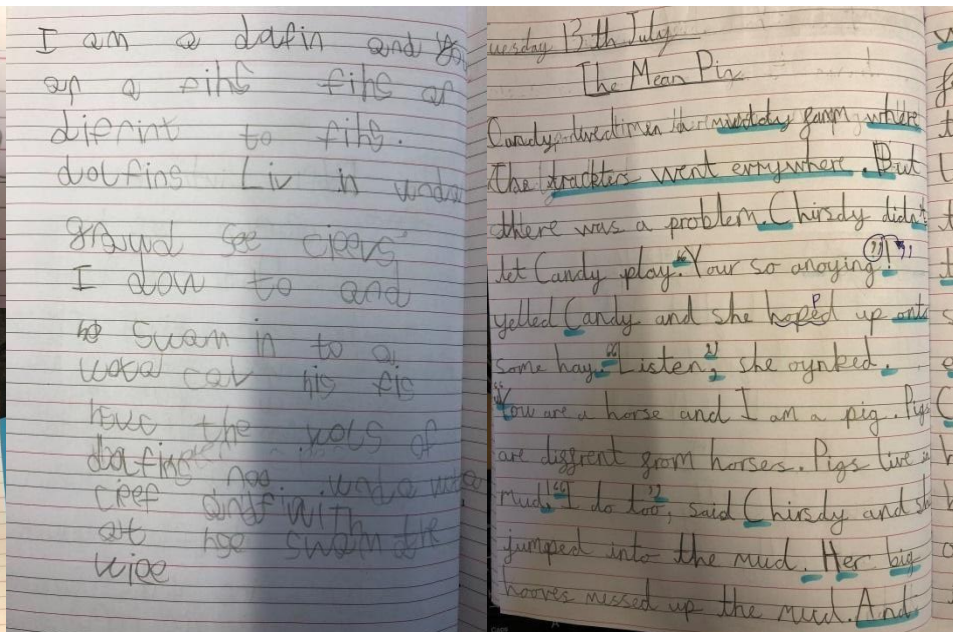
Year 1

What a fantastic time we have had in Year 1 this year. We have absolutely loved being your son and daughter's teacher as they have been the perfect class. From the pupil's immaculate behaviour when playing, through to their wonderful attitude to learning in the classroom, they have been a delight. The progress we have seen in their abilities has blown us away. Check out some examples of the before and after writing!

September



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Last week we had a fabulous educational visit to Warkworth Castle and Druridge Bay beach. Their curiosity, questions and engagement was a pleasure to see. At the beach the squeals of excitement and happiness warmed our hearts through the rain and wind!

Our DT week has been a great round off to a wonderful year. The children produced fantastic finger puppets, which they couldn't wait to take home.



Year 2

Well, what a year it has been! I could not be more proud of Year 2 and the incredible progress they have made. We have had a jam packed year full of lots of exciting learning and hard work. Year 2 have moved to reciprocal reading this year and have absolutely loved the discussion approach to reading. Mr Majeika has definitely been a firm favourite! Year 2 have also moved onto Accelerated Reader and it has been amazing to see how much the children's love of reading has blossomed.

This term we also learnt how to play the recorder! Who knew that all 25 children would be able to play (and stop) the note B at the same time correctly? Very impressive. We had a fab time in History this year learning all about the Space Race between Russia and the USA and Nelson Mandela's fight for equality. The children really impressed me with their empathy and consideration of others. I know they are all going to flourish into such kind adults in the future!

All of our DT weeks have been a huge success, with the children making chairs for Baby Bear, moving pictures and pouches. The children learnt a vast range of skills, from drilling and sawing to using linkages and sewing a running stitch. I have loved seeing the children getting stuck in and showing such enthusiasm to their projects. We ended our year with an amazing trip to Alnwick Gardens. The whole day was perfect and the children made me extremely proud. We had so much fun getting wet in the fountains and eating our lunch with the ducklings.

Finally, we come to Sports Day. A day that perfectly summed up Year 2's team spirit, enthusiasm and kindness towards each other. Our day, like most days, was full of laughter, smiles and fun (oh, and ice-lollies). Year 2, I have absolutely loved being your teacher for the last two years. You have all made me so proud each and every day and I wish you all the best of luck for the future.



Year 3

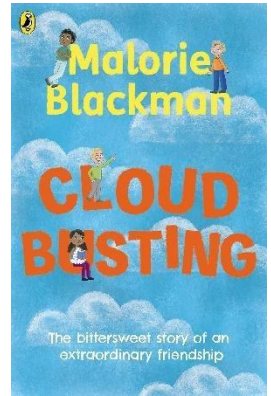
What a year it has been! Year 3 have worked so hard throughout, grown enormously in confidence and learnt so much.

We have read some fantastic texts as part of our reciprocal reading – we particularly enjoyed *Cloud Busting* and the powerful message it conveyed. We were all curious about the fact that it was written in prose, rather than the conventional narrative. We all learnt a lot through the characters and it really made us reflect on the way we treat others.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Jarrow Hall – despite the miserable weather - and it really brought our learning about the Anglo-Saxons last half term to life. We saw the importance of the farm and its animals, and just how resourceful the Anglo-Saxons were. None of the animals went to waste – and they were not just used for food as you might think. We came up with our own herbal remedies to a range of ailments, enjoyed riddles and a story around the campfire and even tried some of our classmates using the questionable Anglo-Saxon justice system. It was a great day!

In science we have conducted lots of enlightening experiments, learning about different light sources, the cause of shadows and how periscopes use light and mirrors to help see around corners and over obstacles.

Year 3 have matured and grown enormously this year and are ready for year 4. I am so proud of how far you have come! Miss Bulloch



Year 4

T'was the last week of term and all through the land,
Children were crazily sanitizing their hands!
Teachers hushing and shushing throughout registration,
Crossing fingers and toes for no more isolation!

It's only a paper cut, you'll be absolutely fine,
Will you PLEASE use a ruler to underline?!
Miss Owens are we doing fun things today?
It's our very last week and we just want to play!

I can't sew! I've lost my needle and thread!
DT week is really hurting my head!
We've a leavers show to sort without much time,
Sports day medals to award at the finish line.

Miss O, it's silent in class today, it feels really strange,
I have a theory and is all about change,
You've transformed overnight from Year 4 to Year 5's,
You're ready for the next milestone in your lives.

Chantry are lucky to have you, good luck for September,
Before you go, just try to remember,
Inspiration, Excellence, Empathy and Collaboration,
Will hold you in good stead for your next step in education.

Goodbye and Good Luck to our Year 4 children. We hope you take with you many happy memories of your time at Stobhillgate!



Farewell and Goodluck

'Addio e buona fortuna!'

It is an emotional day for all of us as we wish farewell to Miss Reeves, after working at Stobhillgate for 6 years, both as a trainee and a qualified teacher. In this time, Miss Reeves has become such an important part of Stobhillgate life. We are very grateful for the contribution she has made and the care and support she has provided our children. Miss Reeves has played a significant role in our schools development over the last few years, including revolutionising our English curriculum and delivery and establishing our beautiful new school library.

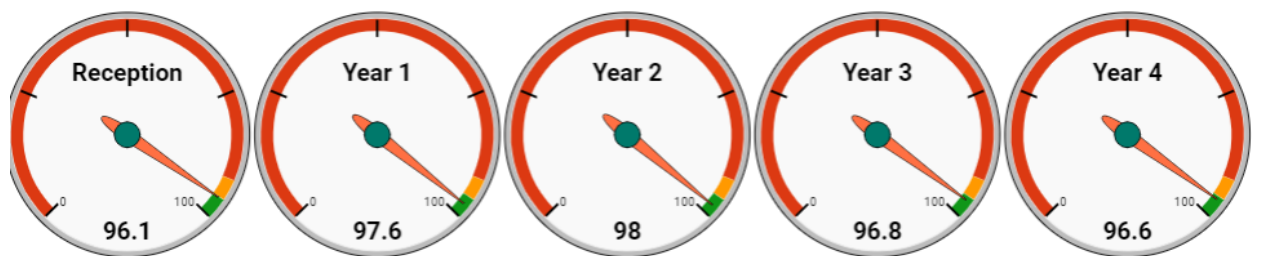
As I am sure you know by now, Miss Reeves will soon move to Rome, Italy, where she will continue her teaching career. We wish her every success in her next adventure, we know you will be amazing

Governance Guru!

In September Mrs Ewart will move to her new role, in which she will take responsibility for governance across all 8 Trust schools and also the Board. Luckily for us, Mrs Ewart will be mentoring her replacement, Mrs Mungall, next academic term and will continue to be involved in our governance (so you're bound to still see her smiley face around school). Mrs Ewart has done a sterling job at Stobhillgate and has gone far and above the role of a Business Manager. I would like to thank her for everything she has done and wish her luck as she embarks on this exciting promotion.



Attendance



School Gateway

A reminder that all school related communication such as newsletters and reminders and before and after club bookings and payments go through School Gateway so to stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download. You can also login to the online version of School Gateway.

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You can now book sessions for Before and After School Club in September.

Summer Activities



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