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*Stobhillgate*  
FIRST SCHOOL

# July Newsletter

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year! What an actioned packed year it has been. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Stobhillgate First School is a brilliant school and you play a big part in that. Your commitment, enthusiasm and collaboration are vital to our success. Thank You.

We hope that you have an amazing summer and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in September!

Kindest Regards

The Stobhillgate Team.



## Incredible Key Stage One SATs results!

Over the last 5 years, we have worked extremely hard to develop our curriculum and our teaching and learning approaches. We are very proud of the curriculum we now offer and our lessons are very well structured, engaging and allow our pupils to succeed.

I am very proud to share the outcomes of this year's KS1 (Y2) SATs. Our children have made brilliant progress and have all come so far! Well

done to all the pupils and also to all of the staff for their hard work and dedication.

You will see the children have performed amazingly when you compare them against national standards. This provides our children with a strong foundation that will enable them to continue to go from strength to strength.

	% of <u>our</u> children achieving age-related expectations or above at the end of Year 2:	% children nationally achieving age-related expectations at the end of Year 2 (2022)	Difference (+/-) Compared to the 2022 national average
Reading	79% (33% at Greater Depth)	67% (18% at Greater Depth)	+12% (+15%)
Writing	75% (29% at Greater Depth)	58% (8% at Greater Depth)	+17% (+21%)
Maths	79% (41% at Greater Depth)	68% (15% at Greater Depth)	+11% (+26%)
Reading, Writing & Maths Combined 2023	75% (25% at Greater Depth)	54% (6% Greater Depth)	+21% (+19%)

## EYFS

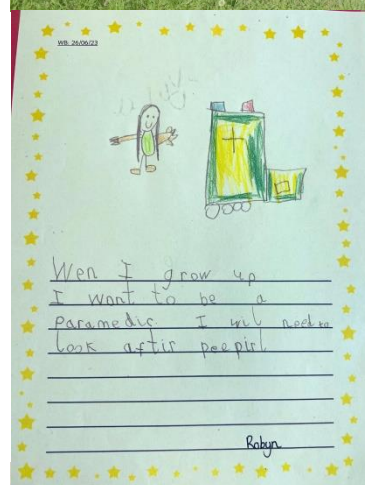
Nursery and Reception have had a busy few weeks in school. We have been reaping the benefits of our planting earlier in the term during Forest School. Nursery took home bean plants which have now grown enormous! It has been fantastic to see how well children have looked after their plants at home. Reception planted radishes in the reception garden and harvested them earlier this month. There were mixed reactions when we tasted them!

It was fantastic to welcome the families of the children in Nursery and Reception into our school this month. The stay and play sessions were an excellent opportunity for families to come and see the amazing progress all of the children have made this year. It was lovely to see so many families joining us to play and create together. Children were able to show their families the skills they have developed in their writing, communication and cooperative play skills.

Recently in Nursery, the children have particularly enjoyed accessing the reading area and showing their knowledge of previous core books. It has been great to see how confident the children are becoming at retelling their favourite stories to both their friends and the adults in the classroom.

Reception have been on a fantastic learning journey throughout their time in Early Years, particularly in their writing journey. The children have all worked exceptionally hard to transfer their phonic reading skills into their writing. Recently, after learning about how we change as we grow older and learn new skills, the children thought about their ambitions for the future. They were able to use their writing skills to record their wishes for the future.

Transition day for both the Nursery children moving to Reception and the Reception children moving to Year 1 went extremely well. The children enjoyed spending time in their new classrooms and working with their new teachers. It has been fantastic to see how much the children in Early Years have developed during this year and we look forward to seeing this continue next year.





## Year 1

Wow what a wonderful year it has been in year 1. Our highlights have definitely included:

- Our recent trip to Warkworth Castle and Druridge Bay Beach
- Making finger puppets in DT week
- Making Smoothies in Food Technology week
- Learning to play the ocarina and glockenspiel
- Our visit from Wingrove Primary School this month
- Being lions in the end of year show
- Forest School

...along with many many more exciting lessons and experiences.

Thank you for all of you parental support this year. The children have worked so hard, learned so much and are a credit to you. They all deserve a week earned summer holiday of fun!



## Year 2

Wow, I can't believe that we have reached the end of the academic year already! The children have had an action-packed year and they have all worked incredibly hard. It feels like a very long time ago that we took our first class trip to Beamish where the children were able to step back in time.

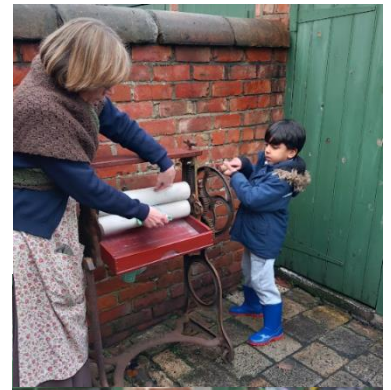
Over the year, the children have been very engaged in all of their learning. Two units of work which they particularly enjoyed learning about were Neil Armstrong and his Moon landing, and our recent English book 'A Planet Full of Plastic'. I think we may have some future astronauts and scientists in Year 2! You may wish to carry out some beach clean-ups or recycling projects with your child over the holidays. I am sure they would all love this.

Sports Day was a great success this year. The children all tried exceptionally hard, but what impressed me the most was how they cheered for their classmates. It was lovely to see so many of you on the side-lines cheering along too.

Back in the classroom, to finish off the term we have been writing character descriptions in English. We used the model text 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and created some amazing booklets about the four beastly children. Alongside their detailed descriptions, which the children took great pride in writing, they also produced some beautiful illustrations.

In maths the children have been learning all about position and direction. They have enjoyed the challenge of mapping out simple routes (take four steps forward and turn left etc.), and moving shapes in both clockwise and anti-clockwise directions. Over the summer, you may wish to revisit this learning. You could have lots of fun creating some simple instructions for your child to follow to get them from A to B!

I have loved getting to know each and every child in Year 2 and I will miss them dearly. They are an enthusiastic, engaging and hardworking group of children, and I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year. I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to catching up with the children and hearing all about their next adventures in September.





## Year 3

This half term Year Three have enjoyed reading "The Tale of Despereaux" and answering questions about the story.

In maths, we have been learning about money and then time. The children are getting good at telling the time now and answering problems around it.

In English we have been learning to write a warning story followed by a persuasive letter. Many children now have their pen licence as their writing is so beautiful!

During our transition day, the children got to know Miss Owen even better and did some exciting work in their new classroom.

We have also enjoyed sports day, practising for the end of year show and even squeezed in some time to build a human pyramid in gymnastics! This week we have had a fabulous time with Year Four during some joint team activities in PE, played board games together and watched a movie too!

Finally, as we draw our term to a close, may I take this opportunity to say goodbye to Year 3. I have really enjoyed being their teacher this term and wish them all the best in their final year in Year 4 - what a gorgeous bunch of humans they are and what a pleasure it has been to be their teacher! I will miss them. - Mrs Carter



## Year 4

Year 4, I have loved sharing your final year of Stobhillgate with you.

Year 4 have truly had a blast this year! From exciting residential at Robinwood and camping at Hadrian's Wall, to getting messy in the classroom exploring the digestive system in Science, children have worked hard throughout and have had fun doing so along the way.



This half term has continued to be a busy one! We have visited Chantry, which for most of us; will be where we will attend school from September. We went to watch a performance of Matilda, which was exceptional. We thoroughly enjoyed it and are excited to be involved in fun opportunities like this when we attend Chantry. More recently, we visited Chantry for two days as part of our transition. It was exciting to meet our new teachers and classmates. We have worked really hard this year and are Chantry ready!

We performed A Water Diviner's Tale at Alnwick Playhouse alongside Opera North as part of The Big Sing Project. This year's focus was on climate change and how we are all responsible for our actions on Earth. I'm sure those parents who attended, will agree that the performance was brilliant and our Year 4's made us exceptionally proud.



Year 4 have also shown true dedication to our end of year production of A Night at the Musicals, learning lines and developing character, I am so incredibly proud of them. We look forward to our performances in the final week of term.

Throughout the year, we have worked hard in music lessons when learning the ukulele. Congratulations to our Year 4 children who have achieved their Arts Award!

The climate theme linked perfectly to our recent climate change week. As part of this week, Year 4 was involved in a Dragons Den project. Alexander, Caleb, Ella-Mae and Maja represented our school and visited KEVI to deliver a pitch to the dragons. We hope to receive news soon about whether school will be awarded funds to take action on our ideas for how school can be more environmentally friendly.

We celebrated lots of sporting successes this half term; from football tournaments to the Northumberland School Games competition. Sports Day was a great success! Many thanks to parents who came to watch and especially those who got involved!







I am feeling very emotional to see Year 4 go this year – They have been such a lovely, hard-working, caring and funny class; I am so grateful to have been their teacher this year. Chantry is gaining an amazing cohort of children.

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 4! Miss Owens.

## **Pupil Achievement**

Catrin came first in her category for her gymnastics floor routine and fourth for her beam routine at a recent regional gymnastics competition in Redcar. Well done Catrin!



## **Friends of Stobhillgate School**

We would like to give a big thank you to our parents and carers within the Friends who have helped create many wonderful events this year. We would also like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you!

For our summer fair alone we managed to raise over £400 which will go towards resources for the school. This academic year we have been able to fund new books for the library, provided a Christmas gift for every child and a bought a new whiteboard for our school hall.

We are going to launch our new Friends of Stobhillgate School in September. Watch out for further information in the new academic year.

**Breakfast and After School Club**  
**New Pricing/Attendance Structure from September 2023**

We have been working closely with the other schools in the Trust to agree a joint payment and attendance structure for our breakfast and after school clubs to provide uniformity across the schools. Following this review, the following attendance and pricing structure will be effective from September 2023:

<b>Breakfast Club</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Cost with siblings</b>
7.30am - 9.00am	£5.00	£4.50
8.00am - 9.00am	£3.50	£3.00
8.30am - 9.00am	£2.00	£1.50

Bagels and cereal will be provided for all those children who attend the breakfast club.

<b>After School Club</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Cost with siblings</b>
3.15pm - 4.30pm	£4.00	-
3.15pm - 5.30pm	£7.00	£6.50

Fruit/veg and a drink of milk or water will be available for those children who attend until 4.30pm.

A choice of sandwiches and toast will be available for those children who attend from 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

The club will be run by Miss Trotter and Mrs Pringle and overseen by Mr Henderson and Mrs Mungall. Miss Trotter and Mrs Pringle have devised a new layout for the sessions with lots of exciting activities planned.

### **After School Clubs at Stobhillgate First School**

#### **After School Karate Club - Tuesdays**

We are delighted to announce that we will continue to host a Karate club on a TUESDAY after school from September for children in Y1 – Y4. The sessions will finish at 4:15pm.

Sensei Ian Willis will be sending out sign up forms soon. You can contact him on 07710790643 for more information.

#### **After School Craft Club - Wednesdays**

We are delighted to announce that we will continue to host a craft club on a WEDNESDAY after school from September. The Autumn 1 half term is open to the whole school.

The first session will be on Wednesday 13th September and the session finishes at 4:15pm.



Cost per week is £5 (7 weeks in Autumn 1 half term) = £35

Please keep a look out w/c 4th September for the google form.

### After School Dance Club - Thursdays

We are delighted to announce that we will continue to host a dance club on a THURSDAY after school from September. The Autumn 1 half term is open to the whole school.

The classes will run on a Thursday night until 4:15pm. If you would like to book a place for your child and pay, please contact Kelly on 07583619992 or email [jamiesonkelly@hotmail.com](mailto:jamiesonkelly@hotmail.com).

### Didi Rugby - Saturdays

We are extremely excited to announce that we are bringing didi rugby to Stobhillgate First School!

The sessions bring fun, energy and activity for children aged between 18 months and 6 years of age.

They launch on Saturday 9th September with a FREE taster session.

To secure your place follow the link, register your details and select 'free taster session'.

9am - 9.40am Minis (18m-3y)  
<https://goteamup.com/p/5439061-didi-rugby-newcastle-and-/e/61237702-didi-rugby-north-east-minis-18mths-3yrs-/>

9.50am - 10.30am Juniors (3y - 4y)  
<https://goteamup.com/p/5439061-didi-rugby-newcastle-and-/e/61237682-didi-rugby-north-east-juniors-3yrs-4yrs-/>

10.40am - 11.20am Seniors (4y - 6y)  
<https://goteamup.com/p/5439061-didi-rugby-newcastle-and-/e/61237742-didi-rugby-north-east-seniors-4yrs-6yrs-/>

Location: Stobhillgate First School, Morpeth, NE61 2HA

If you have any questions please contact [sophie.elliotttedwards@didirugby.com](mailto:sophie.elliotttedwards@didirugby.com)

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### Music Tuition (Y1 – Y4)

Keyboard will continue in the autumn term. Keep an eye out for the sign up option on MCAS.

You can sign up for your child's guitar lessons through the [Music Partnership](#) website.

## Community News

### Special offers on bus and metro fares this summer across the region

Anyone 21 and under can travel for a £1 single fare. [Get round for a pound on the bus goes live for young people 21 and under | nexus.org.uk](#)

Up to 3 children aged 11 and under can travel free with one fare paying adult. [nexus.org.uk/bus/take-kids-free](#)

In addition, the £2 adult single fare has been extended until the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 **and can be used in conjunction with the above offers.**

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