



Hope, Honesty, Respect, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Friendship

May 2024 Newsletter

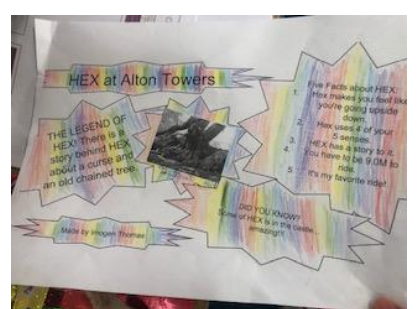


I would like to inform you that we have now gained the BERT Silver Award for Building Effective Relationships Together. This celebrates and joins together all the work we do in the teaching or PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Miss Austin who is the RSE lead has been instrumental in ensuring that we have met all the criteria. We are currently working on the Gold Award, which we hope to present evidence for within the next month.

Curriculum Show case;

Our Budding Creators in year 5 have been inspired by their focused Topic whereby they are learning all about Forces; they have made and designed their own roller coasters. These are so impressive! Here are a few examples.





I am sure you will all agree the children have done an incredible job.

Last term the Year 2 pupils Designed and made their own road signs

Attendance:

Attendance at school is compulsory. Holidays should not be booked or taken during term time. Schools cannot authorise any holidays taken during term time. The school attendance Policy can be found on the attendance section of our school website.

So far this year we are at 95.1% attendance across the school. Our persistent Absentees are 87% which equates to 24 pupils in the school. Please ensure you call school each day if your child is ill. If we do not hear from parents absences are marked as unauthorised.

We are reviewing our reward system for attendance. In the past we have given rewards and this had proved difficult for some children to achieve a 100% attendance award due to medical appointments etc. However, as a drive to look at how we can improve we would like your views. If you have any thoughts about how we could reward good attendance please get in touch.

Uniform:

Please label every item of your child's uniform. If they lose an item of uniform and it is not found in the classroom or cloakroom, we have a lost property box near the office. Children can come and look in the box at playtime or lunch time, or parents can look before or after school.

PE Kits Key Stage 2: Please can you ensure that children come to school in the appropriate PE attire. We do not have School PE tracksuits to purchase as they are too expensive; it is much more reasonable to purchase black/navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms from Amazon/Asda/Tesco. Please also ensure that your child wears the school PE T- shirt and the School hoody.

Staying Safe is paramount and we have a duty of care to ensure that all our children stay safe both inside school and outside school. As we know Safeguarding is everybody's business.

A reminder that gates will remain closed on the playground until 8.30am.

Staying Healthy: Hooray the sun is beginning to show and it is warming up. We put up the sun shades on the playground this week. Please ensure your child has a hat in school and comes to school with sun screen on to help protect them. We encourage the children to drink regularly during the day so they do not dehydrate.

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Mrs Wood is the Senior Lead for Mental Health and Wellbeing. She has been updating the web page for Mental Health Support and this has ideas for signposting if you feel you should need any help. Please look on our website page for any support or sign posting.

<https://www.stoswaldsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+and+Wellbeing&pid=58>

Governors:

Further information about our Governing Board can be found on the school website.

We have a new Clerk to Governors Joanna Lofts. This is detailed on the school website.



Contacting Staff:

If you wish to contact a member of staff please do so by contacting the School office and they will pass your email or phone message to your child's respective teacher.

Future dates;

All our dates and events can be found on the website. We have added onto the website the term dates for the rest of this academic year and for 2024-2025. [download.asp \(stoswaldschool.co.uk\)](https://www.stoswaldschool.co.uk)

Celebrating All things books!- Derby Book Festival looks a really good way to develop a further love of reading.



2 nd May	Class Photos
13 th - 16 th May	Key Stage 2 SAT's
13 th May	Year 3&4 Kwick Cricket
14 th May	Year 5 Pupils to Alton Towers
21 st May	Year 5 & 6 Primary Arts Day at QEG's
24 th May	Last day- Break Up for Half term
Half term	
3 rd June	Multiplication Test Week for Year 4
10 th June	Multiplication Test Week for Year 4 Phonics Screening Test Week for Year 1
14 th June	Father's day service

21 st June	Sports Day for Juniors am Sports day for EYFS and Infants pm
26 th June	Reserve date; Sports Day Juniors am Reserve date; Sports Day Infant pm
28 th June	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sponsored Walk
2 nd July	Transition days- children with their new teachers
3 rd July	Transition days- children with their new teachers
4 th July	Transition days- children with their new teachers
5 th July	Key Stage 2 Sponsored walk Sleepover; Year 2 and Year 3 pupils
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance 'Pantastic' performed to the parents