



Weekly Newsletter

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A message from the Headteacher

We have had lots of visitors into school in the last couple of weeks, as well as having taken our children out for a range of visits. I think it is really important that you get to hear some of the lovely things that have been said about the school and our pupils.

Firstly, our local PCSOs spent the whole day in school last week as part of their community outreach project, and to induct new PCSOs into the local area. They spent break and lunch talking to pupils, providing information relating to Operation Spectre which relates to knife crime, and working in our atrium area just having a general presence through the school day. They commented on the politeness of our pupils, and how calm it felt in general throughout the day. They were incredibly impressed by the conversations that they had with pupils.

Secondly, Salisbury Football Club issued a press release following our 4-0 defeat of Bishops Wordsworth in the Salisbury District final. This can be read here: <https://salisburyfc.co.uk/salisbury-district-cup-final/>, and I am sure you agree that our pupils not only did us proud on the pitch, but also through the support that many of the other pupils gave. I was incredibly proud to be part of the occasion too - possibly one of the highlights of my headship so far.

Finally, School Council have been visiting local primaries and teachers at Amesbury Archer described the presentation that they gave as fantastic, and that the students were a real credit. They evidently created quite a buzz amongst the younger pupils.

Unfortunately we are having a range of issues re-emerging at present regarding the use of mobile phones, and social media accounts. We have discovered a number of TikTok accounts that share photos of staff members. This is something that we obviously investigate as it is clearly not acceptable that staff are harassed or intimidated via social media. Can we ask that parents take an active interest in their child's TikTok accounts so that we are not put in a position where further action needs to be taken .

Can I also remind parents to follow our home-school communications policy that can be found on our website, and the 'contact us' pages on the website so that communications go to relevant staff members? I also have to remind you all that it is not possible to see staff members during the school day without appointments. Staff are either busy teaching, supporting the education of your children, or in meetings or training that cannot be interrupted. Parents asking to see staff immediately, including the senior team, will need to make an appointment.

UPCOMING DATES MAY/JUNE

**Fri 26th MAY
END OF TERM**

JUNE

**Mon 5th June
TD Day**

**Tues 6th June
Students return**

**Wed 7th
Girls DoF
in Mrs Devlin's room**

**Thurs 8th
Boys DoF
in Mrs Devlin's room**

**Thurs 15th
Year 9 Parents' Evening**

**Mon 15th May - 28th June
Summer exams series**



Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

Happy Holidays!



YEAR 5 TASTER DAYS



**THE STONEHENGE
SCHOOL**

Year 5 students are invited to visit us on one of our school 'Taster Days' for a preview of what The Stonehenge School has to offer. Discover our new building and find out about our exciting Phase 2, to be completed later in the year. Also the exciting curriculum we offer.

DATE & TIME



Tuesday 11th July May 2023
Wednesday 12th July 2023
Thursday 13th July 2023



8.45 AM - 2.30 PM

Call For More Information



01980 623407



office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Last weekend, 30 year 9 pupils completed their bronze DofE practice expedition. We were very lucky to have beautiful weather. During the expedition, participants enjoyed walking independently with their team and practicing their map reading and navigation skills.

A wonderful time was had camping on the school field in tents and cooking on Trangia stoves. We played games (mainly organised by Josh M) had an award ceremony for key roles in each team such as 'best navigator', 'team parent' and 'best singer'. Two of the boys celebrated their birthdays during the expedition - how memorable! These were celebrated with a slice of cake. A distance of 26km was covered across the two days which resulted in some sore feet and sick notes in PE on Monday, but we are sure that the experience, memories and sense of achievement made it all worthwhile.

The 'bronzies' are now ready to prepare for their qualifying expedition in July. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this weekend possible during the expedition and in preparation for it.

Mrs Devlin (DofE lead)





Are you a Parent or Carer of an Early Years aged Child with Special Needs or a Disability?

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council is inviting parent carers of early years children to join us for a chat over coffee and cake. We would love to meet you and hear about your current early years experiences.



What's working well? Are there any barriers? What does transition from early years into school feel like for you?

We are working with Wiltshire Council and your feedback will help to inform some of the specialist services for early years children in Wiltshire.

Details of venues can be found on the booking form.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPCC-EY-June2023>

Alternatively

Scan the QR code

or

Phone: 01225 764647

Email: reception@wiltspcc.co.uk



Monday 19th June
Salisbury
11.30am to 2.30pm

Friday 23rd June
Calne
10.00am to 1.00pm

Tuesday 27th June
Marlborough
10.00am to 1.00pm

Parent carers will be able
to claim travel and
childcare expenses

Refreshments
will be provided

Wiltshire

Short Breaks Scheme Engagement Sessions



What do you think about Wiltshire's Short Breaks Scheme?

The WPCC has been having conversations with Wiltshire Council commissioners about the Short Breaks Scheme. We are organising some sessions in June to give **parent carers** an opportunity to come and talk about the Short Breaks Scheme.

We know the Short Breaks Scheme works for some people, but also there are challenges for some families and we want to talk about this. For instance: -

- What's good about the Scheme?
- Is the Payment Option working?
- Could changes be made to the Scheme to enable more children and young people to access it?
- Is there anything that could be done differently?

Details of venues can be found on the booking form.

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<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPCC-SB-Sessions-June23>

Alternatively

Scan the QR code

or

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Email: reception@wiltspcc.co.uk



**All sessions will
run from
10am to 2pm**

Friday 9th June
Calne

Thursday 15th June
Salisbury

Friday 16th June
Marlborough

Parent carers will be able to
claim travel and childcare
expenses

Refreshments and lunch
will be provided



COVID-19 Vaccination Service

COVID VACCINATION CLINICS

The offer of a first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for those at lower risk of severe illness will end on 30 June 2023.

**Book your child a space before it is too late at one of the
vaccination clinics at locations throughout Wiltshire.**

Clinics are appointment only and for all those eligible who have not yet received either the COVID-19 1st or 2nd dose.

**Find out further information on eligibility and
book appointments by visiting the NHS
[National Booking Service](#), scan the QR code
or call 119.**

(DO NOT CONTACT THE VENUES TO BOOK)

Please note: Keep checking the National Booking service as
future clinics dates will be added



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We do understand if items have broken/become outgrown etc but our expectation is that pupils will return on Tuesday 6th June with Full, Correct Uniform

1. School shoes- not daps/trainers

2. A school bag with a basic equipment including Reading Book

3. A water bottle

4. Black socks for boys

5. Uniform socks for girls or tights (NOT the knee high black ones creeping in again)

6. No hoodies

7. Blazers

8. No visible piercings or retainers

9. No false or acrylic nails or varnish

You can find full details of our uniform policy on our website via the following link - https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2022/09/Uniform-Policy-2022_.pdf



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

On Tuesday, the 23rd and Thursday the 25th of May, 14 students from School Parliament were given the opportunity to visit 2 local primary schools; Amesbury Archer and Kings Gate. They spoke to a vast majority of the students about what their journey will be like if they join the Stonehenge School in Year 7. They discussed everything about the school and what to expect when they join. Many of the students were extremely excited about the school plays and rewards they can achieve.

New President and Deputy President of Parliament

Within parliament we are happy to announce our new president Rennie Debellotte and our new Deputy President Warrick Colvin.

Throughout the last two weeks we have had many members of parliament present a speech to the 4 groups explaining why they should get this role and all the attendees of the meeting submitted one vote for each category (President and Deputy President).

STAFF VACANCIES

**ART AND DT TECHNICIAN
REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
PERMANENT CONTRACT**

**37 HOURS PER WEEK /39 WORKING WEEKS PER YEAR - TERM TIME ONLY PLUS TD DAYS
MONDAY - THURSDAY 8.00AM - 4.00PM AND FRIDAY 8.00AM - 3.30PM
(30 MINUTES UNPAID LUNCH)**

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PAY GRADE E POINT 6 - 8, (11.39 - £11.81 PER HOUR)
ACTUAL SALARY £18,895 - £19,591 PER ANNUM**

We are looking for a dedicated individual to provide timely support to all teaching staff in the Art and DT department. The post holder will prepare and provide all materials for lessons, ensure stock levels are maintained, ensure all health and safety regulations are adhered to, undertake administration tasks, cleaning of equipment and facilities and make regular checks of all art equipment.



EXAMS INVIGILATORS - PART TIME VACANCIES, TO START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (WOULD SOMEONE WHO HAS RETIRED OR LOOKING FOR VARIED HOURS)

SCALE B POINT 1, £10.50 PER HOUR (PAY AWARD PENDING)

We are looking for people to join our team of invigilators. You would need to work varied hours during the school day, mainly during GCSE exam periods but also covering internal and modular exams throughout the year. Must be available to work from 8.30 am to cover morning exams.

For further details please go to our website -
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

**Full details on all the above vacancies can be found on our website at
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/>**



AN URGENT REMINDER TO PARENTS

DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS WE CURRENTLY HAVE WORKING ON PHASE 2 AND THE GENERAL TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOL COULD WE PLEASE URGE YOU TO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS EITHER ON THE SITE OR OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION. THIS AREA IS VERY CONGESTED AT THE START AND END OF THE DAY AND OUR CONCERN IS THAT THERE MAY BE AN ACCIDENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION WITH THIS.

**INTERESTED IN LEGO OR HAVE BEEN A PART OF OUR LEGO GROUP AND LEGO THERAPY
IN SCHOOL?**

**THEN VISIT STONEHENGE THIS HALF TERM AND HELP THEM CREATE A HUGE LEGO
STONEHENGE SCULPTURE! (IF YOU LIVE IN AMESBURY AREA YOU CAN GET FREE ACCESS
VIA THE WEBSITE) -
MRS PASCALL**

[https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/lego-brick-build-stonehenge?
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7vnH9Q0a07v-v](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/lego-brick-build-stonehenge?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Stonehenge_Lego_04-23&utm_content=Lego_Event_Paid_FB&fbclid=IwAR1gU9gexyV70VQOW-ksMIK3SyVI6Tt96gn8Rr3l-KJh_KojTIAkqfqrGik_aem_th_AYjOfvrT7KymCEx83ZotoxuT8sUw4VWf18T_JPdGMsBTKeOGYfYvjziTgp5z6PTeSDVCL7gfrK-7vnH9Q0a07v-v)



The Stonehenge School

presents



Book by
Dennis Kelly

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

October 2023

Music and
lyrics by Tim
Minchin

Can you help?

We are looking to raise the funds needed to produce our next school show. Should you be able to assist us with any financial or material donations we would love to hear from you.

Please email Mr Wood
woods@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Musical Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.co.uk Orchestrations and additional music by Chris Nightingale