

THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES NOVEMBER

Mon 6th Year 11 Theatre Company -Macbeth

> Wed 8th Girls DofE training

Thurs 9th Year 9 Trip to Bath University, Sports Science Workshop

> Fri 10th Boys DofE training

Mon 13th - 24th Year 11 Mock Exams



Headteacher's message ..

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children back for the new term. Obviously as we approach Christmas, it comes darker, wetter and colder. Therefore, we just like to give a reminder about the fact that children can have V-neck jumpers underneath their blazers (no hoodies), should be wearing coats in order to protect them from the elements on the way to school, and we've also included some advice on bike safety within the newsletter.

This week we had a teacher development today, and as part of that all teaching staff and Teaching Assistants receive training from an external expert named Mark Burns. Mark has published several books on effective teaching and works as a consultant in supporting teachers to make even further impact within their classrooms. This will support all teachers on particular areas of teaching identified within our school improvement plan.

This week we have also dedicated a day to having another external provider called Bold Voices in school. They delivered in assembly to each year group on Wednesday in order to improve one of the areas identified by OFSTED, which highlights moments where pupils within the school use language that is not entirely appropriate, or which can be something that causes upset to others. Bold Voices will be working with each year group later in the year in order to expand on the messages delivered this week which fit closely to our Pupil code of conduct, where all students should be ensuring that they are using respectful language towards other pupils and staff.

Also on Wednesday, Mr Briggs, Mr Randall, and four incredibly brave students had their heads shaved. They were joined by the whole of year nine, and several staff members, as well as one of our young people who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. The brave bunch wanted to show their solidarity with two of our students, who are currently undergoing extensive treatments and subsequent loss of hair. Their actions have already raised several hundred pounds for a cancer charity and donations can still be made via Parent Pay and also a Just Giving page set up whereby the money is going to the Stars Appeal - https://shorturl.at/uZ269.

We are getting reports from concerned local residents about pupils, particularly in younger years, weaving through cars and not riding bikes safely to school. As it gets darker, it is important that they are visible. Please discuss with your child if they ride to school.

This is also a reason that we wish to remind you ALL not to collect or drop pupils outside our main entrance as it creates an unsafe environment for everybody's children.

Mrs Dean Headteacher





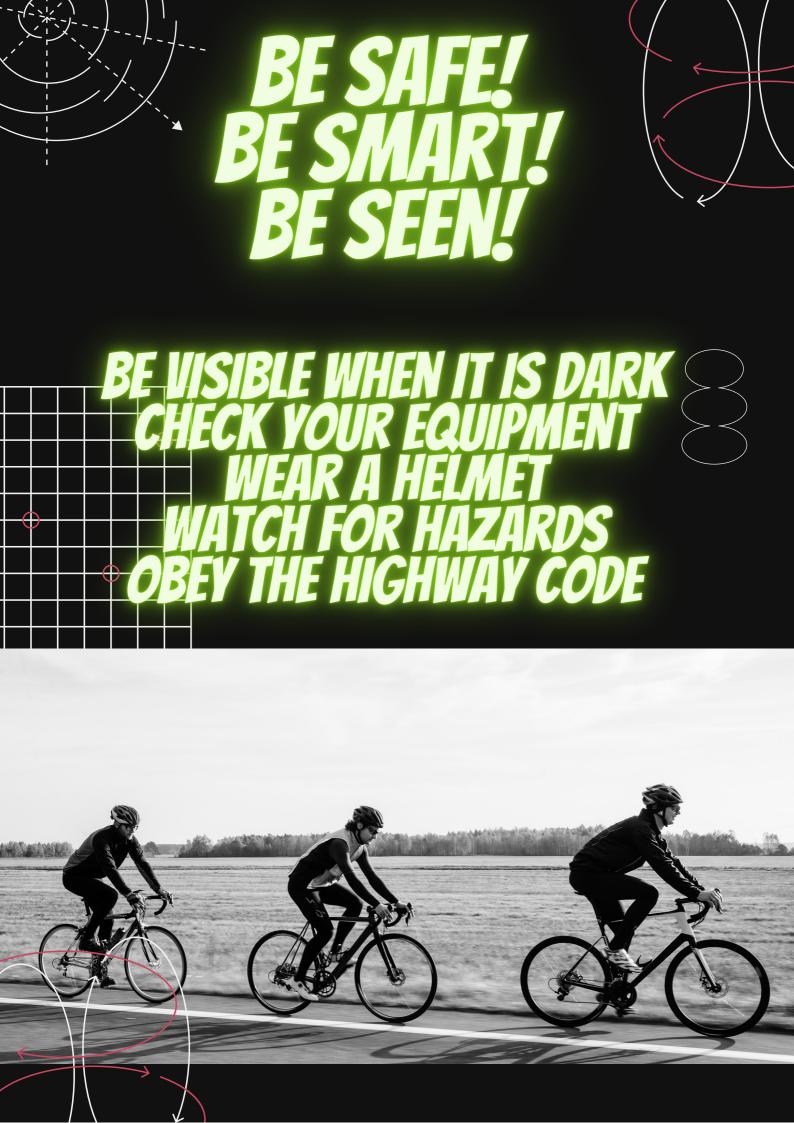












Bold Voices

At Stonehenge we place a high value on staff and students showing respect in their every day dealings with each other. Last year we flagged up the issue of "banterous behaviour" and warned parents of the sometimes potentially harmful influence of some prominent influencers on social media.

As a follow up action, we have asked the charity "Bold Voices" to work with us as a school to help educate staff on how best support the students deal with these influences, as well as with students to recognise potential dangers.

Having already worked with staff on our TD day, we were pleased to welcome the Bold Voices Team back in this week to work with all year groups. They will be back throughout the year to work with each year group individually in more detail.

Furthermore, our Equality and Diversity Team are taking part in the Bold Voices Ambassador Programme.

We are exceptionally grateful to the time that Riley Wilson, Gishna Kaucha, Timothy Andrews, Daniel Fisher, Lillia Salter and Sonny-Lee Playford are dedicating to making our school a better place.







Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

> Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP **03303 530 541** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing

03303 530 541

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- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change





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TRAINER REQUEST

Can you help?

Do you have a pair of used trainers? If they are taking up room at home or have a lingering smell, the PE department would be happy to receive donations.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and please deliver to the PE office. Thank you very much! Alex

CAN YOU HELP

DONATE FOR STUDENT USE

MAKE SPACE AT HOME

ALLOWS YOU TO REPLACE EXISTING TRAINERS WITH A NEW PAIR

> ALL SIZES ARE WELCOME

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We have Community Clinics for you if you still require your child/children to receive the nasal or inactivated flu vaccination. This will be if you missed our flu consent link, or your child was absent and you haven't yet made an appointment with us. We also do offer the inactivated (injected) flu for any children that cannot receive the live nasal flu vaccine. All school aged children from Reception through to Year 11 are eligible for the free flu vaccination with us and up to the age of 18 if your child/young person attends a Special School.

Please follow the link below to book your appointment:

https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/book

Many thanks School Age Immunisation Team HCRG Care Group

t: 0300 247 0082 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 4.30pm) e: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

A reminder that if you leave a message on the main school number or the absence line to remember that you need to press # at the end of the message.

Thank you



SCIENCE CLUB



This week we will be finding out why fireworks are different colours and making different coloured glass balls.

When: Wednesday 8th November



Where : Room 32 Time: 3-4pm



Why am I being given this flyer?

Because it's currently against the law to ride an electric scooter on a public road, pavement or public space - such as a car park or play park.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS





Wiltshire Police Roads Policing Unit, the Road Safety Unit, Youth and Early Intervention Teams and the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner, are writing to you ahead of the Christmas period.

We want to provide you with information to help ensure that what your young people may want for Christmas, doesn't turn out to be a financial and legal nightmare!

DID YOU KNOW ...

E-scooters and e-bikes must NOT be ridden on ANY roads/ pavements/car parks/play parks, or anywhere else the public may have access to such as bridle ways and canal walks. If someone is riding an e-scooter or e-bike in one of these settings, they are breaking the law.

The only place e-scooters and e-bikes can lawfully be ridden is on private property, with the homeowners/landowner's permission. Even then, if the police receive a complaint, they will investigate for using the e-vehicle in an anti-social manner. This means if the use of the e-bike/e-scooter/board is causing alarm, harassment or distress to others, the Police can **seize it** and it may not be returned.

The term "powered transporters" covers a variety of personal transport devices, which are mechanically propelled (propelled by a motor) as well as or instead of being manually propelled. Examples include:

- Segways
- Powered unicycles
- Hoverboards
- U Wheels
- Go-Peds
- E-scooters

We are sharing this important information to help you make the right decision when choosing presents for your family this Christmas.

For more information, please take a look at the following websites:

- <u>Dorset & Wiltshire Fire</u> <u>Service | E-bikes and</u> <u>E-scooters (dwfire.org.uk)</u>
- Are electric scooters legal? UK law explained (September 2023 update) – Electroheads
- Advice on e-scooter usage
 <u>|</u> Wiltshire Police

LOCAL CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVTIES - AMESBURY AREA

GROUPS

Amesbury Youth Club @ The Bowman Centre



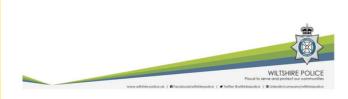
Youth Cafe is a safe space open access youth club for Years 8 upwards, open to all young people who live or go to school in Amesbury and the surrounding Stonehenge area and is a safe space for socialising and positive activities. The behaviour code is " Grown up.

a sate space for socialising and positive activities. Ine behaviour code is " Grown up. Respectful. Peaceful." Attendance offers direct access to a wide range of activities and a rich programme of trips, residential activities, and cultural events. Our Very own DJ T Penn will attend regularly, and you may choose your own music, DJ, or set your own agenda with the leadership.

The Club meets at The Bowman Centre Community Room & Main Hall Fridays 19:00-21:00 Contact Jonathon Russell on 07711 818665 and <u>office@buzzaction.org</u>

The Elements Café @ The Bowman Centre Special Educational Needs Youth Café on Wednesday evenings 18:30-20:30 in The Community Room. The Element Cafe is a targeted youth project offering a safe space for young people with a broad spectrum of additional needs. Anybody can apply to join, no referral is necessary. For 12 years of age to young adults Contact: Nicolette Brierley on 07850 609164









1011 (Amesbury) Squadron is a unit of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets Young people can join from aged 12, School Year 8, up to the age of 18. Building 205, MOD Boscombe Down, Amesbury, SP4 0JF

Contact: oc.1011@rafac.mod.gov.uk and adj1011@rafac.mod.gov.uk Army Cadets www.armycadets.com

Larkhill Detachment, Wiltshire AFC, Ross Road, Larkhill, SP4 8PT dc-larkhill-wilts@armymail.mod.uk

Bulford Detachment

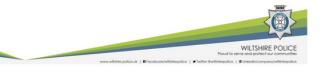
Wiltshire AFC, Building 264 Ward/Wing Barracks, Bulford Camp, SP4 9NY

| dc-bulford-wilts@armymail.mod.uk | | |
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| BULFORD | LARKHILL | TIDWORTH |
| Picton Barracks | Ross Road | Bulford Road |
| Bulford | Larkhill | Tidworth |
| Wiltshire | Wiltshire | Wiltshire |
| SP4 9NY | SP4 8QT | SP9 7BU |
| PARADE TIMES | PARADE TIMES | PARADE TIMES |
| Mon | Mon | Mon |
| Monday: 1850-2130 | Monday: 1900-2130 | Monday: 1850-2110 |

The Army Cadets can offer a lot of exciting opportunities to young people from 12 and 17 years old, but we know that parents and carers will have questions about the Army cadets, what it does and the kind of activities our cadets take part in. If you are a parent or carer of a young person in the Army Cadets, or of one who is looking to join us, this section is for you.

A national voluntary youth organisation sponsored and supported by the Army but not part of it – there is no requirement for cadets to join the Army when they leave.

Open to young people from 12 to 17 years old.



Girl Guides Association www.girlguiding.org.ul

Rainbows: 5-7 years old Brownies: 7-10 years old Guides: 11-15





<u>1st Boscombe Down Scout Group</u> The Nicholson Centre outside MOD Boscombe Down. Beavers and Cubs - Tuesday 18:30-20:30 Scouts - Friday 18:30-20:30

For more detail email: gsl.1boscombedownscouts@gmail.com



Cub Pack



Scout Troop

1st Amesbury Girls Brigade

Ist AIRESDUTY GITIS BFIGAGE Meet every Tuesday evening during term time at Amesbury Methodist Church from 18:30-20:15pm. We have approximately 65 girls aged between 4 and 18 who attend weekly. All age groups arrive at 6.15pm although the younger girls aged 4 to 10 leave at 7.30pm. Our ambition is that the group be a force for good in the Amesbury community. Contact Co-Captains Jane Deeley and Anthea Herrett <u>amesburygb@hotmail.co.uk</u> and 07519 809337.



- A safe place for young people regardless of background to learn new skills, develop
 themselves and try activities they might not get the chance to elsewhere.
 - Challenge young people to learn more, do more and try more
- · Offer a wide range of challenging, adventurous, and educational activities designed to help young people to develop and thrive.

Give young people the chance to gain nationally recognised qualifications and skills that they can take with them into further education or the workplace.

The ACF isn't just about marching around the drill square. We offer cadets an exciting programme of activities and event over the course of the year. There is also the opportunity to embark on overseas exchanges, adventurous training, expeditions, and sports competition, to name but a few of the options available. They might even want to learn a new musical instrument in one of our many bands





AIRPLAY

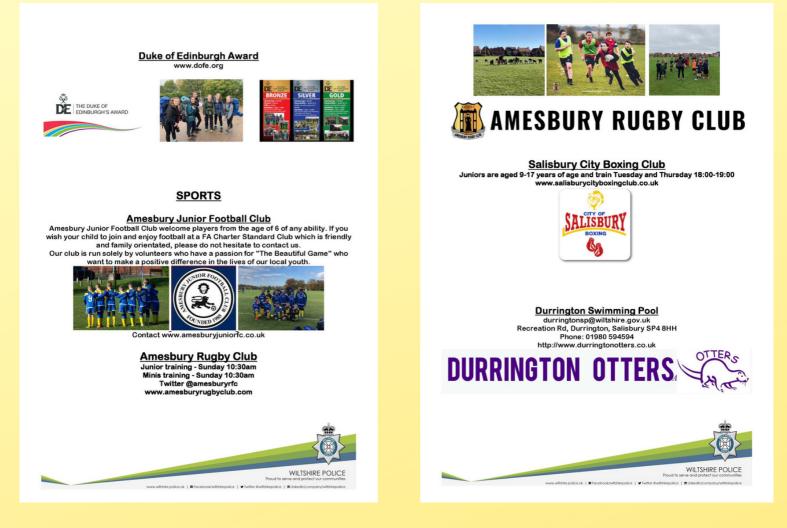
Ben Club Ben Club is an initiative providing social activities for children aged 5 to 8 years old. Our Youth Workers create and promote a safe and inclusive environment for play work to take place. We have lots of facilities including soft play and a great adventure outdoor playground. Ben Club members enjoy making friendships and experience a sense of belonging. Tuesdays 16:00 – 17:30 Term Time £1 per session

Airplay Juniors/Seniors Youth Support Programme, providing a range of facilities, equipment, and activities for children and young people. The programme offers activities such as indoor and outdoor events, sports and games, award schemes, trips, and visits. We also offer other issues of interest to young people such as health, life skills and the environment. Airplay is a fun and safe environment in which young people can make friends and gain confidence. Juniors – Thursdays 16:00 - 17:30 Seniors – Thursdays 18:00 - 20:30

Lydia Lea Airplay Station Youth Worker

MoD Boscombe Down, Nicolson community Centre, Stockport Road lvdia.lea@vmca-fg.org









Family and Community Learning

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Free online course for parents and carers



Upcoming course dates

Thursday 16 November 2023 10am-12pm

Tuesday 23 January 2024 10am-12pm

Wednesday 6 March 2024 10am-12pm

Joining our course:

Enrolment closes one week before the course start date. For more information or to request a place, please contact: <u>familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> or call 01225 770478 Please see our website for who can join our free courses: <u>https://workwiltshire.co.uk/important-information/</u>

Wiltshire Council

Two hour, online course

Taught by a friendly tutor, plus Q & A with an assistant psychologist

> Free for eligible learners

This course covers:

- What is emotional based school avoidance, and its impact.
- Strategies to use when children are at crisis point.
- Knowledge of reasonable adjustments school can use to support good attendance.

STAFF VACANCIES

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

TEACHER OF ENGLISH

We require a qualified teacher of English to join an expanding department, for the delivery of English at KS3 and GCSE. As part of the English department and a member of The Stonehenge School, you will be part of a supportive and reflective team of dedicated professionals who continually improve and develop their practice in order to achieve the best for the young people at our school.

This is an excellent opportunity for an ECT seeking a first appointment, or a more experienced teacher.

TEACHER OF ART

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and innovative Teacher of Art to work within our expanding Art and Technology department.

The post would suit an ECT or more experienced teacher. ECT statutory induction is provided and the successful candidate will be working within a supportive and experienced department, who continually improve and develop their practice in order to achieve the best for the young people at our school.

We are looking for colleagues with:

- A commitment to raising achievement

- The ability to engage and support students

- Enthusiasm and good knowledge of the subject/s

- A commitment to help all young people and staff to achieve their best is expected of all staff.

Evening Site Operative

Required to start as soon as possible Permanent Contract Hours are to be discussed further and can be flexible, however we are looking for shifts to be covered from either 3pm - 8.30 pm, or 5pm - 8.30pm Term time only including TD Days Wiltshire Council pay grade D or E dependent on experience Salary £12,315-£12,763 (£10.98-11.39 /hour)

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Cover Supervisor

Required as soon as possible

32.50 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (this includes TD Days)

Permanent Contract

Monday - Friday 8.15m - 3.15pm

Wiltshire Council pay grade F Point 9 - 11, (£12.02- £12.70 per hour) actual FTE salary £17,523 - 18,507 per annum

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Cover Supervisor to join our dedicated team. You will be working to support young people and to cover for absent colleagues, and ensuring that they carry out the work tasks set by the teacher with designated responsibility.

The role will include being a Tutor for which training will be provided. You should be a good classroom practitioner with a genuine enthusiasm for teaching and learning. You should be able to work with pupils covering the full range of age and abilities at our school.

The position would be a beneficial experience for anyone who was considering following a teaching career. We have an incredibly strong record of 'growing our own' teaching staff, from roles with extensive support given in terms of professional and career development, in a collegiate and supportive environment. A comprehensive training programme will be provided to support and develop the successful candidate.

There are a variety of hours/working patterns available up to a maximum of 35 per week. Applications from part time candidates are welcomed as job shares will be considered.

Further details can be found on our website via the following link - <u>https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/</u>

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.