



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES September

Fri 20th Yr 11 London Dungeon
Trip

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd
DofE Legacy Bronze Practice
Expedition

Thurs 26th DofE information
evening

Fri 27th Charity Walk

October

Wed 2nd
Science club Trip

Thurs 3rd
Yr 11 Trip Thorpe Park

Thurs 3rd
Yr 10 Navy Catering Visit
(internal)

Fri 4th
Yr 10 Navy Catering Visit
(internal)



Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,
I am delighted to share how successful last night's Open Evening was. It was fantastic to see so many parents and prospective students exploring what The Stonehenge School has to offer. The evening was well attended, and I am proud to report that we received wonderful feedback from parents, who were genuinely impressed by the school and, in particular, our incredible pupils who volunteered to help out. They were outstanding ambassadors, showing visitors around, answering questions, and representing the values that we hold dear.

The range of subjects on display highlighted the fun, engaging, and challenging education we provide. From science experiments and creative art displays to interactive maths lessons and hands-on technology demonstrations, it was an excellent opportunity for us to showcase our facilities and the rich educational experiences we offer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their ongoing support of our high expectations since we returned to school this term. Thanks to our shared commitment, we've had an incredibly calm and productive start to the school year. Your support plays a crucial role in creating the positive atmosphere we see every day, and I am truly grateful for that.

This week, my assemblies have focused on reinforcing our traditional values and the importance of respecting one another within the school community. These principles are at the heart of everything we do, and it has been wonderful to see them reflected in the behaviour and attitude of our students so far this year.

Looking ahead, we are excited about next week's charity walk event. It promises to be a fantastic day, and we are hoping for good weather to make the most of it! This is always a highlight in our calendar, and it's a great opportunity for us to come together as a school community and support a worthy cause. Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to another successful week ahead.

EUROPEAN BAKE OFF

*Thursday 26th
September 2024*

STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN WITH OUR EUROPEAN THEMED CAKE BAKE-OFF. BAKE A FUN CAKE AND DECORATE FOR A EUROPEAN THEME TO WIN PRIZES! PLEASE BRING CAKES TO ROOM 75 ON THURSDAY 26TH READY FOR JUDGING AT LUNCHTIME. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES TO GIVE YOU IDEAS:



A new start to term quite often means a new backpack.

We have realised that a large number of students have come back to school with a 'black Nike bag' which is causing a bit of confusion amongst the students and makes identifying very difficult. Could we ask parents to please put some form of ID tag/key ring or similar so that your child can identify their own bag.

Thank you for your assistance in this.



We politely request that parents do not allow debt to build up on their Parent Pay accounts. When your account becomes overdrawn, you will receive a notification class charts to advise you of this. We request that this is cleared the next day in order for us to continue to allow your child to use the canteen. If your debt is not cleared by the following day, you will need to send your child with a packed lunch. Parents should also ensure each day that their child is aware of the amount of funds they have on their Parent Pay account. This is due to the number of students queueing for food and we are no longer able to provide this information during busy break and lunchtime services. Please make sure any top ups are done well before break as at times the information may take a while to feed through and will therefore not necessarily show up on the tills. We are looking to purchase some electronic balance checkers that will be situated at various points around the school where your child can check their balance.

If you feel your child is overspending on a daily basis then please contact the school and we can arrange for your child's limit to be capped.

Mrs Wakeham School Business manager



CATERING AT THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

The school have 5 different areas where food can be purchased at break and lunchtimes - all of these areas now sell hot food. We have been monitoring these areas over the last 2 weeks to keep an eye on the queues and so far, all areas have served every child waiting before the end of break and lunch service.

For our new Year 7 students at the start of term, the queues can seem quite daunting and this can be due to the fact that there is such a choice of food which they are not used to in a primary setting. The Year 7 students like to look at what is available and also ask questions to kitchen staff. If you could show your child the menus on line and remind them to think about what they would like to order before they get to the till this will help speed up service. Often the queues do begin to ease towards the end of September as students start to know what is available each day.

We hope your child is enjoying the fabulous variety of food we are able to offer on a daily basis.



Extra-curricular opportunities

We are excited to announce our extra-curricular opportunities for terms 1 and 2 of the academic year 2024/2025. Remember, you will need to book your space. For safeguarding reasons, and for us to be able to plan activities, we need to know exactly who we will have in school attending each activity. Some of our clubs are incredibly popular and over-subscribed, so if you book a space and your child does not attend, we will remove them and inform you that we have done so, so that others have the chance to attend. Equally, students cannot turn up to activities without being booked on in advance. We have an excellent pastoral and SEND team who are happy to support you with this process, should you need it.

Once students' activities have been assigned, they will be added to their timetable on Class Charts.

The only club that has an associated cost is First Tech Challenge. This is a new STEM club for this year. It requires commitment from students and involves both regional and national competitions. We have secured a bursary for this club and are awaiting clarification on how much this will contribute. The cost to be passed onto parents is anywhere between £20-£50 per student, for a two year involvement. This will be covered by the school if the student is eligible for free school meals. This club is invitation only and Miss Freemantle will send out more details to those who are eligible.

Some clubs have limited numbers; if the requests exceed the places, we will draw names at random. There will be further opportunities throughout the year if you are unsuccessful this term.

Touch Rugby will only run for Term 1 and Darts Club won't start until Term 2.

The Duke of Edinburgh award will be running in addition to this programme.

Full details can be found on our website via the following link
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/curriculum/extra-curriculum/>

Mrs Blake
Assistant Headteacher





Community Pop-Up Event at Lords Walk Saturday 28th September 11am-3pm



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about
Wessex Rivers
Trust

Find out about the work that Wessex Rivers Trust are doing to improve the health of the river and amenities at Lords Walk.

Come and chat to us and/or join us on a short walk (approx. 30 minutes) to learn about the improvements to habitats, footpaths, fish passage & flood easing. You'll find us just along the path from the Countess Road entrance to Lords Walk. [///woolpoundinglimits](http://www.woolpoundinglimits.com). Limited Parking.

Walks at 11.30am, 12.30pm or 2pm. No need to book.

Please wear appropriate clothing/footwear.

Get up close to invertebrates, fish and plants by exploring our investigation trays.

Craft and drawing activities for children.



Advance Warning: Lords Walk Temporary Closure
30th September - 11th October (Weather dependent)

Healthy Rivers for Wildlife and People

If you have any questions, contact us:
wendy@wessexrt.org.uk

www.wessexrt.org.uk

SHREWTON BOUNCE

COME ALONG FOR 3 HOURS OF NON STOP BOUNCING FUN!

**SATURDAY
28TH SEPTEMBER**

**MORNING SESSION
10am-1pm**

**AFTERNOON SESSION
2pm-5pm**

- EARLY BIRD TICKETS JUST £10 PER PERSON
- ON THE GATE TICKETS £12 PER PERSON

BOOK NOW AT WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/SHREWTON/



**SCAN QR CODE
TO BOOK**



LEGO® Fest 2024

Lego layouts & displays for kids of all ages

Date: Saturday 12th October 2024

Time: 10:30am - 4:00pm

Venue: Winterbourne Glebe Hall (SP4 6HA), free parking

Entrance fee: £1 for adults and children 5 and over

Activities - Build a Minifigure - Lego for sale - Refreshments

YOUTH FAIR

Do you want to find out about what youth organisations and activities are available for teens in your local area?

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Durrington Recreation Ground, SP4 8HH

CRICKET
SESSIONS

SPORTS
ACTIVITIES

CIRCUS &
AERIAL ARTS
RIG

FLIGHT
SIMULATOR

GIRLS
BRIGADE &
SCOUTS

Try out free activities with your friends and family

Find out about local sports clubs, uniformed groups, youth organisations and many more

Free refreshments available

MORE
INFO



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Mark Verbinnen, Stonehenge Area Board Councillor - mark.verbinnen@wiltshire.gov.uk

Being a Parent

For parents of
children aged 2-11

A 9-week course for
parents

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Full of practical ideas
and support for you
as a parent
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For more information call
us on:

0800 970 4669

Or visit our website:

Wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether

Join us at :

The Haven Centre
Lowa road
Tidworth
SP9 7BT

Childcare Spaces
Available

Fri 20th Sept -
Fri 22nd Nov 2024
10am - 12pm



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Spurgeons
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STAFF VACANCIES

FURTHER DETAILS ON ALL THE VACANCIES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE VIA -
WWW.STONEHENGE.WILTS.SCH.UK/VACANCIES

Teaching Assistant

Required as soon as possible
31 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (including all 5 TD Days)
Permanent Contract
Monday - Friday 8.30am -3.00pm, (30 minutes unpaid lunch)
+ 1 hour after school club each week
Closing date - 27th September 2024 9.00 am
Interview - W/c 30th September 2024

Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £11.59 per hour (pending pay award)

We require additional Exam Invigilators to work with us at The Stonehenge School. We are looking for enthusiastic and supportive individuals 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.

Previous experience is not essential, as all training will be provided.

Ideal candidates will be

- Reliable and flexible
- Have good communication skills
- Confident and able to offer reassurance during exams
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This is an open vacancy we are always looking to increase our team of invigilators, therefore, please submit your application form as soon as possible.

**Applications to be returned to Mrs D Harker, Headteacher's P.A. at The Stonehenge School,
Holders Road, Amesbury, Wilts SP4 7PW. Tel: 01980 623407 or e-mail:
admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk**