



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES JUNE

Friday 5th - Sun 7th
DofE Silver Expedition

Mon 8th - Friday 12th
Year 10 Work Experience

Tuesday 9th
Year 5 Taster Day

Tuesday 9th
Summer Concert

Wednesday 10th
Year 5 Taster Day

Thursday 11th
Catch up vaccinations

Thursday 11th
Year 5 Taster Day

Thursday 11th
House Disco

Wed 17th - Sun 21st
New York Trip



Headteacher's message ...

This week we welcomed our new Year 7 into the school for a whole day with us as part of their induction ready for September. They met myself and Mr Randall in the morning for an assembly to talk them through the day, what types of lessons and experiences they can look forward to enjoying with us, and some of the key information that they needed before they start with us. They all appeared to have a lovely first day with us as there were lots of smiley faces from them and their parents when they came back in the evening for the Induction Evening. During this time all parents had a session with myself and Mr Randall, the opportunity to ask questions from a range of staff, and a chance to meet their new tutors who will be the first port of contact over the next 5 years.

Year 10 are gearing themselves up to enter the world of work next week as they head out onto Work Experience. Most of them have organised themselves well and found a worthwhile placement. They also had the chance to visit Andover College on Thursday where they were able to explore the range of courses that are available in order to start making decisions about post-16 courses. This all falls under our aim to help our pupils have high aspirations and unlock their potential so that they prepare for successful futures.

Over the summer lots of work will be completed again across the school site as we continue our work to create an environment that the children can be proud of and further enhance our state of the art facilities. This is going to include a very stylish new library, improved toilet facilities in the middle part of our school, and an improved reception environment that further increases the safeguarding of our students. Our finance staff and site staff have worked incredibly hard to continue to handle very large projects that will benefit the pupils to such an extent.

As we start to approach the end of the academic year we have lots of exciting events planned. We will also be updating you on arrange of changes that will be in place from September based on a number of changes that have been made by the Department for education – specifically regarding absence and attendance, and mobile phone usage.

Falconry Display - Archer House Reward

As a reward for the winning house of term 5, Archer were treated to a Falconry Display on Holders field organised by Miss Bowen and Miss Rackham. It was a fantastic display, the students were introduced to a range of birds of prey including a Hawk, an Owl and a Kestrel. The Kestrel went soaring off in to the distance and many thought he had gone missing, after 5 minutes of waiting with baited breath for his return, he came flying back to his owner! See below a students write up of the event:

On Tuesday, members of Archer walked up to Holder's Field to watch a Falconry Display. The falconer that ran it showed us some spectacular birds, which consisted of falcons- of which included the fastest animal: the peregrine falcon- alongside a massive owl. Some of these majestic birds were released and allowed to fly above the area in which we sat, one at a time, soaring in the area around us. The falconer would stand behind us, allowing a falcon to swiftly glide towards us, drawing nearer and nearer until it darted over our heads and landed onto his hand. Overall, it was an interesting and enjoyable experience that allowed us to learn more about falconry and birds in general. – Charlie Pearson, Y10, Archer House

Well done Archer for winning Term 5 and thank you Miss Bowen and Miss Rackham for organising. We will soon be finding out who has won overall this year after our Sports Festival.

Thanks!

Miss H Bridewell



Stonehenge Elections

Over the past couple of weeks our school parliament has been gearing-up for The Stonehenge School general election. This has allowed us to develop the pupils' understanding of Democracy, which is one of the British Values which should be part of their curriculum and education. The parliamentary cabinet, consisting of eight senior parliamentarians, represented the country's five major parties: Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Green and Reform UK.

They had to design a campaign poster, canvass support and prepare for a TV style debate, which took place on Tuesday. In this debate, the candidates had to state their views on education, climate change and the NHS. They were challenged by other members of parliament, who made up the audience, as well as by each other! The highlights of this debate were shared with the school before polling opened.

On Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July, all students in the school were given the opportunity to cast their vote when the canteen was turned into The Stonehenge School polling station.

This experience has definitely generated discussion and debate, and has certainly allowed students to participate in a major national event.

We really hope they enjoyed the experience and learned something about how a general election works in this country.



A vibrant, tropical-themed poster for a Summer Concert. The background is a bright blue sky with a large yellow sun in the center, surrounded by rays. There are white clouds on the left and right. At the bottom, there's a sandy beach with a red and white surfboard on the left, a pineapple, a palm tree, and a colorful beach umbrella with a beach ball on the right. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout.

SUMMER CONCERT

2024
TICKETS STILL
AVAILABLE VIA
PARENTPAY

9th July 2024, 7.00 pm
Tickets £6 available through
ParentPay

The Stonehenge School
Lower School Hall

Saying Goodbye...

As we get close to the end of the academic year, we often see students moving during the Summer holidays ready to start new schools in September. If your child(ren) will be not be returning to us in September and you have NOT already made us aware, please send an email to office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk confirming their name, leaving date, new address if applicable and the name of their new school.

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Don't forget all Family Hub sessions are completely FREE! Some do require booking though. Follow our Facebook page to stay up to date.

Baby Massage

For parents and their non-mobile babies. Join us for 5 weeks learning how to encourage bonding and communication through touch.

Warminster Garrison, Warminster
Tuesday 2nd July, 10.00am - 11.30am

Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Salisbury
Friday 12th July, 10.00am - 11.30am

Family Hub Monkton Park, Chippenham
Tuesday 16th July, 10.30am - 11.30am

Bradford on Avon Library
Thursday 8th Aug, 11.00am - 12.30pm

Please note details may be subject to change. Information correct as of 18/06/2024

Bookstart

4 fun weekly sessions for families of 0-5 year olds where you and your child can explore stories and rhymes in fun and creative ways.

Tidworth Library, Tidworth
Monday 12th August, 10.30am - 11.30am

Devizes Library, Devizes
Tuesday 13th August, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Marlborough Library, Marlborough
Friday 16th August, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Bookstart Drop in

A drop in session for families of 0-5 year olds where you and your child can explore stories and rhymes in fun and creative ways.

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Monday 15th and 22nd July,
Drop in any time between 12.00pm and 2.00pm

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Fun with Stories

Join us for 5 fun filled practical session based around a favourite story for families with children aged 0-5 years; older children welcome.

Royal Wootton Bassett Library
Monday 1st July, 10.30am - 11.30am

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Friday 12th July, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Corsham Library, Corsham
Tuesday 16th July, 10.30am - 11.30am

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Friday 19th July, 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Chippenham Library, Chippenham
Tuesday 30th July, 10.00am - 11.00am

Malmesbury Library, Malmesbury
Wednesday 7th August, 10.30am - 11.30am

Royal Wootton Bassett Library
Monday 19th August, 10.30am - 11.30am

Chippenham Library, Chippenham
Thursday 22nd August, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Calne Library, Calne
Thursday 29th August, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Corsham Library, Corsham
Tuesday 3rd September, 10.30am - 11.30am

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Top Tips for Teeth

Fun activities to help you support your little one to have healthy teeth.

For families with 0-5 years; older children welcome.

Tidworth Library, Tidworth
Monday 5th August 10.30am - 11.30am

Devizes Library, Devizes
Tuesday 6th August - 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Monday 1st July, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Wednesday 7th August,
11.00am - 1.30pm or 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Friday 30th August,
11.00am - 1.30pm or 3.00pm - 4.30pm

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Five to Thrive

Join us for 5 fun filled practical sessions for families with 0-5 year olds where we can share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your child.

Tidworth Library, Tidworth
Monday 1st July, 10.30am - 11.30am

Marlborough Library, Marlborough
Friday 12th July, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Salisbury
Wednesday 15th July, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Family Hub Monkton Park, Chippenham
Wednesday 31st July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Five to Thrive Drop in

Drop in for a fun filled practical session for families with 0-5 year olds where we can share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your child. No need to book.

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Every Monday
29th July- 2nd September
1.00pm - 3.00pm

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Make and Create

Fun craft activity sessions for you and your children to drop in- no need to book.

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Wednesday 31st July - 11.00am - 1.00pm
or 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Wednesday 14th August - 11.00am - 1.00pm
or 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Family Hub County Hall, Trowbridge
Wednesday 21st August - 11.00am - 1.00pm
or 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Melksham Community Campus, Melksham
Wednesday 15th August - 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Melksham Community Campus, Melksham
Wednesday 22nd August - 12.30pm - 1.30pm

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FUEL Programme

FUEL is the holiday activity and food programme (HAF) that is funded by the Department of Education. FUEL provides eligible school-aged children with free access to enriching activities, nutritious meals and healthy eating information during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays.

The HAF programme is delivered in Wiltshire using the brand FUEL (Food, Unity, Energy, Laughter) and the programme is a direct response to the growing issue of holiday hunger.

Who is eligible for the FUEL Programme?

The FUEL Programme a bespoke provision for school aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefit-related free school meals.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

Further information on eligibility for Free school meals.

The FUEL Programme is also available to children that meet any of the below:

- children that are refugees
- children that are currently in the care system
- young carers
- children that are referred into the programme by a professional service (eg. Local authority, schools, social service)

For further enquiries, please email fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk (opens new window).

FAQs

How do I know if my child is eligible for FUEL activities?

Information about eligibility can be found on the FUEL Programme web page.

My child has Free School Meals in school because they are in Reception Class or a KS1 Class. Are they eligible for FUEL?

No. Your child is only eligible for FUEL if they would be entitled to benefit related Free School Meals. Information about eligibility is on the FUEL Programme web page.

Do I have to sign my child up for every day of the activity programme?

No, you can sign your child up for as many or as few days as you would like for them to attend.

My child has food allergies and/or other dietary requirements; how are these catered for?

Please make sure that you highlight any of these when you complete your child's details. Our food provider can cater for food allergies and intolerances. The information about dietary requirements will be shared with them and activity providers.

I have changed my mind about the activities and dates I have selected for my child; how do I let activity providers know?

You can alter your bookings on the FUEL booking page. Wiltshire Council will pass that information on to activity providers.

My child's medical information details have changed since I set up my account and made bookings; how do I make changes to these?

You can make changes in the FUEL booking system. Any changes you make will be passed to food and activity providers as appropriate.

I booked a place for my child some time ago but it is showing as 'requested', what does that mean?

It means that the information is still being checked and has not been passed to the activity provider for follow up. The space is still reserved in our system.

Can I book more than one activity per day?

You can only book one activity per day per child.

I am trying to book activities for my child but I cannot see their name when I go into an activity, why is that?

If your child's name does not appear, then it is probably because you have made changes to their details. You need to access the child's details via the Summary page and re-confirm their details.

I have tried to book my child on to an activity but the ones I am interested are now full. Can I be added to a waiting list?

You can express an interest in an activity that is fully booked, using the booking system. We will contact you if a space becomes available. Please do still book spaces on alternative activities if they are available.

If you have any questions please contact fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk

SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE - Supporting Healthy Sleep FREE - Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	27 JUN 30 JUL
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	16 MAY, 11 JUL, 8 AUG
Understanding the Teenage Brain	20 MAY, 15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	21 MAY, 16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL, 15 AUG
Anxiety Explained	30 MAY, 25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	3 JUN, 29 JUL, 26 AUG
Introduction to OCD	11 JUN, 6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	17 JUN, 12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG
What is ACT?	9 JUL
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Drugs	27 AUG

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 – 12th July, 9.00 am
Interviews – 17th July 2024

Due to staff progression and increase in pupil numbers, we are looking to recruit enthusiastic people to become an essential part of the Teaching Assistant team here at The Stonehenge School.

SITE OPERATIVE

Start Date: As soon as possible

Salary: Grade D or E depending on experience £23,144 - £24,702 per annum with 26 days holiday to be taken in school holidays

Hours: to be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Contract: Permanent

This post will remain open until filled

Site Operative 2024 Booklet

We are seeking to recruit a reliable, enthusiastic, and efficient Site Operative to join our Site Team to be responsible for maintaining our school premises.

You will support the Site Manager to keep the school a safe and engaging environment for our students to learn in. This will involve carrying out routine preventative maintenance routines and minor repairs.

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