



# Mr. Stark's Newsletter



Dear Families,

I hope you had a great half term break and enjoyed a safe Halloween and Bonfire Night.

I look forward to another busy second half term! Below are a few notices, reminders and key dates.

## Outdoor Equipment

Thank you once again for all of your support to raise the money for new outdoor equipment last Spring. It was wonderful to see the children's faces when they arrived back after half term! You'll notice that we managed to repair the older equipment too and treat it to a nice new floor! Our next phase is to develop the woodland area.



## Global Links

Last year we sent a crate full of our old reading books and exercise books to an orphanage in Ghana. The crate has finally arrived at the orphanage, the children were delighted with their gifts and can not wait to get reading and writing. It was a delight to see their faces light up - *Mrs Winterson (Geography and Global Link lead)*

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Mr. Wayne Tomlinson,  
HPIENERGY Services,  
Accra.

Dear Sir,

### LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Greetings from all of us at the Village of Hope to you. We hope all is well with you.

On behalf of the board of directors, management, staff, and especially the children of Village of Hope, we would want to express our heartfelt appreciation to you, the staff and students at **Sutton Green Primary School** for your kind donation of **educational materials** to support the care of the children at the orphanage. It has come as a very welcome and timely gift that will ensure we continue providing quality care for the children. Village of Hope is able to continue our work of reaching out to the needy and vulnerable because of the support of donors such as yourself.

We pray that you will receive replenishment, in abundance, of what you have given. We pray that you will be blessed beyond measure in all that you do.

Thank you again and we wish everyone well.

Yours Sincerely,



## NO PENS DAY

On Wednesday 29th November, we will be joining in with the National 'NO PENS DAY WEDNESDAY!' We will be putting down our pens and pencils and taking part in lots of activities that celebrate vocabulary, speech and language. Your £1 donation (via ParentPay) will go to the charity Speech & Language UK. [Click here](#) to visit their website.



### WORD AWARE



You may have noticed your child talking about Word Aware at home. This is a new strategy to increase the acquisition of new vocabulary across the school. Please ask your child about their 'Word Aware' words to support their retrieval and retention.

### TESCO



Thanks to your 'blue token avalanche!' we have been awarded £1500 from Tesco's Stronger Starts funding. We were far and away the winners with local token voting. Thank you for all of your support!

## CHILDCARE Information Information from the Government below

**Childcare Choices:** Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for. [The Childcare Choices website](#) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare schemes together and get the most out of it. And from next year even more help is on the way:

- **From April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.
- **From September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.
- **From September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as 'wraparound care'. Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the [Childcare Choices website](#) to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to our newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.

## e-Safety

We have recently conducted our e-Safety questionnaire via e-Aware. Miss Mooney will be sharing the results, along with some top tips to keep children safe and an update on what we do as a school to educate and support children with their online safety.



## Whole School & National Events

*Please note: additional events can be added throughout the year. We will always aim to give adequate notice.*

# EVENTS

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| <b>November</b> | <p>6th - 10th Poppy Appeal</p> <p>9th - Special Lunch</p> <p>13th - 17th Anti Bullying Week</p> <p>17th Children in Need - Odd Socks &amp; Spots</p> <p>20th -24th Road Safety Week</p> <p>20th - Winter Disco 3.15 - 4.15pm (party clothes to be worn all day)</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">29th - No Pens Day - Charity - £1 Donation to Speech and Language UK</p>  |
| <b>December</b> | <p>4th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performances 2pm and 5pm</p> <p>5th - Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performances 2pm and 5pm</p> <p>6th - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 2pm and 5pm<br/><b>(ticket information for all performances to follow)</b></p> <p>6th - Elf Day (Alzheimer's Society)</p> <p>7th - EYFS (reception) Christmas Performance 2pm and 5pm</p> <p>13th - Christmas Lunch</p> <p>15th - Christmas Jumper Day</p> |
| <b>January</b>  | <p>18th - Winnie the Pooh Day &amp; Special Lunch</p> <p>22nd - Bingo- Doors Open at 5pm</p> <p>29th - 1st Feb Storytelling Week</p>   |
| <b>February</b> | <p>2nd -Number Day (NSPCC)</p> <p>5th -9th Safer Internet Week</p> <p>12th - 16th Mental Health Awareness Week</p> <p>13th - Wear Yellow &amp; Pancake Day Lunch</p>   |
| <b>March</b>    | <p>7th March - World Book Day - Send in a plain white T-Shirt to decorate and bring in a favourite book.</p> <p>11th -15th Science Week - Details to follow</p> <p>28th - Easter Lunch and Bunny Hop<br/>(Hospice of the Good Shepherd)</p>  |
| <b>April</b>    | <p>24th - Guide Dog Day &amp; Special Lunch</p>  |
| <b>May</b>      | <p>20th - 23rd The Great Outdoors -Details to follow</p>   |
| <b>June</b>     | <p>17th - 21st Arts Week-Details to follow</p> <p>28th - Sports Day &amp; Picnic Lunch</p>   |

July

4th July - SuperHeroes Day-Details to follow (Claire House Hospice)  
12th - Festival of San Fermin- Wear Red / Yellow