



Date: 22 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As another full and exciting term comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to share a number of events that students have been involved in, from awards in the National Mathematics Competition, to a record number of sporting successes.

At the start of March, all students took part in Careers Week. This exciting week of events was carefully planned for students to explore future pathways in a range of subjects. Our students have also visited Eton College, Windsor this term where they have undertaken workshops on resilience, character development and critical thinking. They were a credit to Stoke Park and it was wonderful seeing them interact with their peers at the college. We look forward to subsequent visits next half term. I would also like to take a moment to commend all those students who have successfully completed the free EtonX courses as part of their wider super curricular experience.

On Thursday 7 March, the whole of Stoke Park School came together to celebrate World Book Day. With staff in fancy dress, each year group spent their day undertaking a creative project linked to one of their 'Seven Year Reading Journey' texts. From graffiti art, to creative writing, to modern rewrites of traditional fairy tales, each year group were able to fully immerse themselves within the world of their chosen book. We were also fortunate to have renowned published storyteller Pat Ryan to perform and conduct workshops with the students where they explored the beauty of the English language and oral story-telling.

This term there has also been a focus on giving back to our school and wider community by engaging with charity work. Each year group has been hard at work selecting their respective charities and working collaboratively to ensure that we fulfill our school motto, *Servire est Regnare* - to serve is to lead.

Finally, the term was rounded off by a traditional High Tea. Students and teachers came together once again to experience a delicious afternoon tea to celebrate their success as a year group with students being awarded for a variety of achievements. Once again, this was an excellent opportunity for students and staff alike to spend an afternoon celebrating the numerous achievements of our students. Students were incredibly articulate when giving their form speeches in line with our 'Seven Year Journey', and the oracy skills they demonstrated filled us with pride.



The summer term will commence at **08:40, Monday 8 April 2024** for all students. We expect all students to arrive fully prepared to learn with their Stoke Park 5 and in full uniform. As always, we will continue to strive for excellent attendance across the school and we ask that you support us in ensuring that your child is in school every day. Every day a student is off school, they fall further behind in their learning. As a 'no barriers' school, if you need support with getting your child into school, please contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Manager for support. We also have our Family Centre who is on hand to support with concerns or issues that may arise.

A gentle reminder that mobile phones are not permitted in school and if your child has their phone out, it will be confiscated and put in the school safe, and you will be expected to come in to collect the phone. Facial piercings are also not permitted, and your child will be asked to remove them.

I am also excited to announce that Stoke Park, led by our Student Council, is working towards becoming a UNICEF endorsed Rights Respecting School and are on target to achieve the bronze award by the summer holidays. This international award will recognise that Stoke Park School promotes the rights of children to receive an outstanding education as adults and children work towards this goal together. There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem. I look forward to being able to report back to you next term about this exciting new adventure.

School is open over the holiday period, excluding **29 March** and **1 April**. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school reception and they will direct you to a member of staff who can support you.

I would like to wish all our students and their families an enjoyable holiday and I look forward to welcoming them back after the break.

Yours faithfully,

**Ms Rock**  
**Headteacher**