

# Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter



## HEDGEHOG REPUBLIC

We started our work with Hedgehog Republic to make a real change in local nature in July 2019. The children carried out experiments, created art, produced pamphlets and even pounded the streets to convince people to make their gardens better for wildlife.



**HEDGEHOGS**  
The British Isles were home to 12 million hedgehogs in Britain but now there is less than 1 million.

**MODERN POPULATION**

Things that could have made hedgehogs decline are habitat loss, roadkill, pesticides, use of chemicals, reduced insects, drowning, being hit by cars and dogs. However, the truth is that we have no really certain and we need to find out why.

What they are can do to save hedgehogs and to make our gardens a better place for them. We can help by creating hedgehog friendly gardens and making our gardens more hedgehog friendly.

**HABITATS**  
Hedgehogs like to live in places with lots of holes and tunnels. They like to live in places with lots of holes and tunnels. They like to live in places with lots of holes and tunnels. Most hedgehogs are nocturnal meaning they sleep in the day and are awake at night.

**INTERESTING FACTS**

- Hedgehogs have more than 7000 spines
- Lifespan: 2 - 5 years
- Healthy Weight: 500g - 1.1kg
- Speed up to 9 km/hr
- They live in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Indonesia
- There are 17 different species
- A group of hedgehogs are called an "hedge"
- Hedgehogs rely on hearing and smell because they have poor eyesight
- Hedgehogs have their spines because they live in hedgerows and make good jumping holes.

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**WE LIKE THEM, YOU LIKE THEM, LET'S KEEP THEM.**



But we haven't stopped, this term we have mapped the wildlife in the school using trail cams. This exciting project inspired a whole video mapping of the Trinity ward in Stroud.



We even made it onto the front page of the Stroud News & Journal this week!

Hedgehog Republic is a regional first and we are very proud of this, so please visit us:

<http://www.hedgehogrepublic.org/autumn-watch>

The year 5&6's have also been busy learning computing through the creation of a hedgehog conservation game. This is a really unique project which has garnered interest from a number of national conservation bodies.

29th November  
School and Governor  
Contact  
( 01453 764400)  
Parentline Plus Helpline  
( 0808 800 2222)  
School Nurse Contact  
( 0300 421 8959)  
[www.stroudvalleyschool.co.uk](http://www.stroudvalleyschool.co.uk)

### Dates for your diary

| December |  |
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| 4th      | Infants to St Laurence                                   |
| 6th      | Whole school Flu Immunisation                            |
| 9th      | Last week for after school activity clubs                |
| 10th     | Amethyst & Amber bedtime story                           |
| 11th     | Sunshine & Rainbow Nativity<br>2pm & 6pm<br>School hall  |
| 13th     | Children's Christmas Fair<br>after school<br>School hall |
| 14th     | PTFA Winter Fair<br>school hall                          |
| 17th     | Coffee & Carols<br>2pm & 6pm<br>school hall              |
| 18th     | Quartz Class Presentation—<br>Quartz class 2.15pm        |
| 20th     | Christmas jumper day                                     |
| 20th     | School Christmas Dinner                                  |
| 20th     | Last Day of Term 2                                       |
| January  |  |
| 6th      | INSET DAY  |
| 7th      | Term 3 starts  |

### WHOLE SCHOOL FLU IMMUNISATION 6TH DECEMBER- REMINDER

The Immunisation Team will be visiting the school next Friday 6th December. The team have requested that **all** consent forms are returned to the school office either consenting or declining the offer. This will prevent the need for further contact from the Immunisation Team. Spare forms can be requested from the office.

### COLLECTING SICK CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Please check you have arrangements to collect your child from school in the event that they need to go home due to illness etc.

We understand as working parents this may be difficult but the well-being of our children must come first.

### INFANTS TO VISIT ST LAURENCE CHURCH

On Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> December all of the infants are going to church for 9.30am to hear the Christmas Story. If you would like to come and help please let your class teacher know.

# PTFA

## Message from PTFA

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are really getting excited for our Christmas Fair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We need lots of prizes for the tombola and there is now an **added incentive** for the children - PLEASE CHECK THE PTFA FLYER IN YOUR BOOK BAGS TODAY!

**Decorate a potato competition** - you can have so much fun with this one and Santa will decide the winners and give out prizes at the Christmas Fair.

ALL DETAILS ARE ON THE PTFA FLYER.

Winter Craft Fair, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3:00-6:00PM in the school hall. This is such a fantastic school community event.

Stroud Goodwill Lantern Parade on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Would be lovely to see lots of you out there with your creations under the Stroud Valley PTFA banner.

*We also need donations of books, toys, teddies, jumpers, etc. to sell at the Children's Christmas Fair.  
And cakes!*

### CLASSLIST

**Another reminder to update your Classlist profile.**

There are still so many parents that haven't changed their children's classes. You are probably receiving irrelevant information and more importantly you could be missing out on vital communications for your class/classes. It only takes 1 minute to change their class options.