

The Stoneleigh Community Library's

Children's Newsletter

Spring Edition 2020

Welcome to **Stoneleigh Library's** children's newsletter where you can find out about upcoming events, competitions and news!

Fun with Ozobots

A group of children had a great time using the ozobots at a session over half term.

Ozobots are mini programmable robots that children can instruct to follow coloured lines. Children can make paths and mazes for them to follow.

We plan to repeat this session in the summer.



Love Your Library!

Thank you to all the children who took part in our "Love Your Library" event by colouring a heart to add to our display and telling us what they love about Stoneleigh Library.



New Stoneleigh Website

www.stonleighlibrary.org.uk

If you use the old website you will be diverted to the new site but only until 31st March. The new website looks very much like the present one but if you are interested in helping with the design contact us!

More events over Easter and in May

Saturday 4th April Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Event 10.00am-3.00pm

All our usual festive fun including a hunt along Stoneleigh Broadway

Saturday 9th May 2.00pm-4.00pm VE Day Anniversary Street Party and 1940s Event

We hope to recreate a street party similar to those held in Stoneleigh at the end of WW2 75 years ago. This will include some dressing up, so if you have any 40s style costumes, be sure to hang onto them! Also, there will be some 40s style entertainment, people who remember the end of the war sharing their experiences with the younger generation, games from the era and a tea party.

Saturday 16th May Stoneleigh Library Plant Sale & Gardening Event 10.00am-3.30pm

LITCRAFT

Earlier this year, we hosted our very first Litcraft event where children could explore *Treasure Island* in Minecraft! Due to its popularity, we are going to be running more Litcraft sessions over the Easter Holidays.

We will be repeating part 1 and running a part 2 of R. L. Stevenson's *Treasure Island* and running a session based on Michael Morpurgo's book *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

Wednesday 8th April

10am-11.30am *Kensuke's Kingdom* Yr 3 upwards

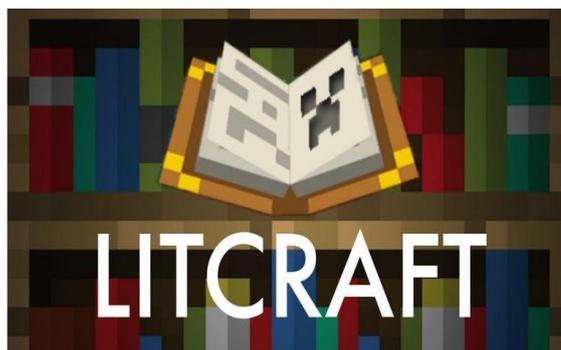
Wednesday 8th April

2pm-4pm *Treasure Island* part 1 Yr 5 upwards

Wednesday 15th April

2pm-4pm *Treasure Island* part 2 Yr 5 upwards

SESSIONS ARE FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL



Do Children Get Overdue Charges?

Children's books borrowed on a child's library card do not receive a daily overdue charge like adults' books. However, there is usually an administration fee (currently £3) when the book is overdue by 6 weeks. This also happens when older children take out adult books on a children's library card.

ALWAYS RENEW BOOKS TO AVOID CHARGES!

Accelerated Reading Scheme

We know that many of the local primary schools are using the Accelerated Reading Scheme so we've started labelling our Junior Fiction books with their ATOS level on the back.

There is a list of books in each level which you can access. This is an ongoing task so not all books have been labelled.

We don't want to restrict children to books on the AR scheme, but we thought this could be useful for parents and children and so would be interested in your feedback on this.



Free Saturday Afternoon Chess Club for young people aged 8-16 years old on last Saturday of the month.

1.30pm – 3.00pm

29th Feb & 28th March

Winter Reading Challenge

We had 88 children sign up and 43 children completed the challenge, which is a very commendable 50%.

We'll be running our usual Summer Reading Challenge later this year, as well as one next winter.

Friends of Stoneleigh Library has donated £1,500 to buy books for Stoneleigh Library. Half of this will be for children's books. The books should be arriving in Easter and a list will be made available in due course.

Donations of old books are welcome, most books are put on sale to raise funds but some books in good condition are given out as "prizes" for the reading challenges.