



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/11

Friday 24th November 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday the children raised £160 for Children in Need by being suitably spotty, this Friday they all came to school in pyjamas in exchange for unwanted gifts! It was great fun.



Everyone is getting very excited about the Christmas performances and we have sent out details about Christmas lunch this week, so that meal selections can be made on Parent Pay. Seat reservations for the performances can also be made on Parent Pay. If you have any queries about either of these please email the school office.

Dates for your Diary

There is a great deal going on in school between now and the end of term. With three weeks to go we have so much happening and much to remember! Quick overview below:

Tuesday 28th November	Reception Class Teddy Bear Birthday Party	Please come dressed in party clothes
Thursday 30th November	Tag Rugby Festival at Loddiswell Primary School	Letters sent out via email to the team - please consent via parent Pay
Friday 1st December	Year 5 Fuzzy Reward Day - Christmas Fair	Please see email sent out to today Please see more details below
Wednesday 6th December	Choir Club Christmas Concert at 4.30pm in the main hall	Please see below for more details - please consent via Parent Pay
Friday 8th December	Carol Concert at Heron Valley	Please see details below - please consent via parent pay
Monday 11th December	Christmas Performances Years 3 and 4	Letter sent out via email - please reserve seats on Parent Pay
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Performances Reception, years 1 and 2	Letter sent out via email- please reserve seats on Parent Pay
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Performances Years 5 and 6	Letter sent out via email- please reserve seats on Parent Pay
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Letter sent out via email- please choose menu choices via Parent Pay as normal
Friday 15th December	School Carol Service at St Michael's Church in Stokenham 10am	PTFA Coffee and cakes afterwards





PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 1st December - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

We are all really looking forward to the Christmas extravaganza next Friday. There will also be an Usbourne Book Fair. The children will have an opportunity to look at the books in the morning and make a "wish list". During the fair parents will be able to buy or order books from their child's wish list should you wish.

The fair is always a wonderful afternoon, full of Christmas cheer and fundraising for the school!

Don't forget to hand in your donations of festive items of food, drink or gifts - the deadline has gone but Monday will be fine and the PTFA are very grateful for all gifts donated

- Cakes:** Donations of yummy cakes, mince pies and biscuits etc. Please bring in on the morning of the fair.
- Raffle Tickets:** Please ensure that all sold raffle tickets and payments are handed into school office by **Tuesday 28th November**, along with any unsold tickets so they can be used at the Fair.
- Helpers:** If anyone would like to help run a stall on the day, please contact Chair of of the PTFA, Anna on 07932 501 187.

We have asked Father Christmas to attend and look forward to hopefully seeing him!!

The Year 6 children also run their own Christmas stalls in their classroom area.

Please visit them and enjoy an afternoon of fun activities.

Don't forget to bring some pennies to spend at the Fair!

Notes:

- ❖ Parents can collect their children from their classrooms, at 2.00pm, to go around the fair and enjoy the various stalls and scrumptious delights.
- ❖ If you are unable to attend the fair, your child will be watching a film in the classrooms.
- ❖ You can of course ask another parent to take your child around the fair but we do need your permission.
- ❖ Please let us know if your child will be catching the bus home or not.

After School Choir Concert - Wednesday 6th December

We are excited to announce our plan to hold our School Choir Concert on Wednesday 6th December outside by torchlight after school from 4.20pm until approximately 5.00pm, and all are welcome. The children who have been attending our Choir and Music Club after school are preparing some songs to entertain us and for us to join in with! Please see the Parent Pay entry regarding consent and more importantly, who will be attending and the end of school arrangements. We do not want to put your child on a school bus when they should be in after school choir or vice versa! We hope that you will come along wrapped up warm, with your torches, a little tinsel on your Christmas hats and ready to sing!



Christmas Choir Concert - Heron Valley Friday 8th December



The lunchtime choir club will be taking part the Christmas Choir Concert to be held at Heron Valley on Friday 8th December. If you have not given permission yet for your child to attend, please complete details on parent pay

Reading Ambassadors

Finlay and Edith from Year 3 told us all about their class reading book "The Christmasaurus" by Tom Fletcher. The blurb says "Forget everything you thought you knew about the North Pole, and set off on a Christmas Eve adventure with a boy named William Trundle, an elf named Snozzletrump, Santa Claus (yes! The real Santa Claus!), a nasty piece of work called the Hunter, and a most unusual dinosaur "

The class along with Finlay and Edith absolutely love this book! It's really funny; keeps you on the edge of your seat with all the adventures William and the dinosaur get up to and as for the elves, they are hilarious who only ever sing in rhyme!



After School Clubs

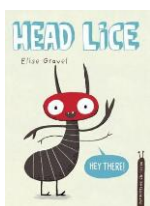
Please note that **After School Clubs** will finish over the next couple of weeks. **Please see dates in BOLD below of the last session.**

Monday	Year 4 to 6 - After School Science Club - Monday 27th November Year 4 to 6 - After School Colouring and Mindfulness Club - Monday 27th November
Wednesday	Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club - Wednesday 29th November Years 3 to 6 After School Music and Choir Club with Abi Tucker - Wednesday 6th December Year 6 Maths Club - Wednesday 29th November
Thursday	Year 3 to 6 - Lunchtime Choir - Thursday 7th December Year 1 and 2 After School Book Club - Thursday 30th November Plymouth Argyle After School Football Club - Thursday 7th December After School Karate with Caroline - Thursday 7th December
Friday	Years 3 to 6 Achieve4All will run Multi Sports Club - Friday 8th December

We hope to have a different set of After School Clubs for the children to enjoy next term, starting on **Monday 8th January 2024**

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Headlice!



Periodically we have visitation from headlice - the little critters are definitely with us again in school! Please could all parents and carers undertake a headlice check this weekend and routinely every week? It is really helpful to be ahead (excuse the pun) of the game on this issue - headlice are not choosy, they like clean hair, dirty hair, short hair, long hair, girl's hair, boy's hair, KS1 hair and KS2 hair! We do need to stop them from spreading and so your school needs you!

KS1 Costume List

Costume lists have been sent home today for the KS1 Nativity. If you do not receive a letter this means that your child's costume can be provided from our performance clothing box at school. Don't worry 'we've got it covered' is the message!

PE Kit

Today every child in school will be sent home with their PE kit for washing and returning on Monday morning please. We have examples of snacks, fruit and muddy kit being left in PE bags for quite some time and the result is an interesting smell in the cloakrooms!



Routine reminders:

- Please send your child to school EVERY day with a clean, freshly filled water bottle.
- Please make sure your child has PE kit in school EVERY day.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat in school EVERY day, and that it is NAMED.
- Please pre-book your child's school lunch by 8am every day. If you then decide that your child would like a packed lunch - you must cancel the lunch or you will be charged for it. Additionally, if you have pre-booked lunches and your child is ill, you again need to cancel the lunch booking. Please email the office by 9am if this is the case. Thank you.

Around the school this Week

The Reception children have enjoyed being 'shape detectives' and were amazed at how many interesting shapes and patterns there were in our school grounds when you open your eyes and looked closely around you. They were able to name and describe a range of 2D shapes using mathematical vocabulary.



This week in Science, Year 2 have been looking at how materials can change and which materials can bend, squash, twist and stretch. They had great fun testing the different materials to find out which could do what! They found out that the blu-tac could do all of them and this was because the material it is made from is flexible and soft.



They discovered that the wood and metal couldn't do any of them because they were rigid and hard, although it prompted a discussion about the thickness of the wood and metal and whether if it was thinner would they then be able to bend them or not.



We need Governors!

Governors are key to running schools that have good outcomes for **all** pupils. They help us set strategic direction, hold our leadership to account and check our schools are doing well. If you can attend **six** meetings a **year** and spend some time getting to know our schools then we would love to hear from you.

You **don't** need to have any experience of the education system or specialist qualifications to be a governor but we are ideally looking for a person who has human resources or people management experience and would be willing to visit Malborough with South Huish Primary School at least once or twice per term, and keep up good communication with the head of school.

We offer plentiful training and personal development opportunities.

If you are interested in becoming a governor or are a parent or carer who would like to know what governors do and why they are so important to our schools please contact clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk

Have a restful and peaceful weekend

With best Wishes

Handwritten signature of Tess Coulthard

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Executive Headteacher