



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/13

Friday 8th December 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school has entered into the Christmas spirit, look at our gorgeous tree! Thank you to our staff team who stayed after school last Thursday last to festoon it with colour and sparkle. It has fairy lights galore, and the children absolutely love it! Rehearsals are in full swing so the school is alive with the sound of singing children and Christmas music.



Please read this newsletter for updates on all things Christmassy happening next week.....our last week before we break up! Get your Christmas jumpers ready, it will soon be time for the holidays to start in earnest. Remember all clubs are now finished and will resume in the new year.

Quick Reminder as to what is Happening next Week

Monday 11 th	Year 3 and 4 Performances at 2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 12 th	KS1 Christmas Performances at 10.30am and 2pm Year 3 Pyjama Afternoon
Wednesday 13 th	Year 5 and 6 Performances at 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 14 th	School Christmas lunch and Jumper Day Whole School Film Afternoon
Friday 15 th	Carol Service at Stokenham Church at 10am - PTFA Coffee and Biscuits to follow KS1 Christmas Party in afternoon

Netball Tournament at Ivybridge

On Tuesday we took a squad of 8 netball players to the Primary Schools Netball Tournament at Ivybridge Community College. Our Year 5 and 6 children played really well in what was for some of them their first ever netball game. We played teams from Thurlestone, West Charleton, Aveton Gifford, Ermington and Stowford Primary Schools and whilst we did not qualify for the next round, the children did themselves proud and showed excellent teamwork. Well done everyone, and thank you to Mrs Haines and Mrs Abramczuk for being our fabulous drivers. Without your help we would not have been able to attend this event.



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After School Choir Concert - Wednesday 6th December

What a truly lovely event this was - very well attended by family and friends - thank you for coming along to enjoy the singing by Choir Club. Abi has told us that the children sang beautifully, behaved well and performed like professionals. We can all be very proud of them. Well done Everyone it was actually quite emotional!

Christmas Choir Concert - Heron Valley Friday 8th December

Later this afternoon the lunchtime choir club are off to Heron Valley for an evening of candlelight and carols. We wish everyone lots of luck and feel sure you will be fabulous! It promises to be a lovely event.

Year 6 Christmas Fair Winners

Congratulations and well done to our year 6 stall holders and our prize winners. Guess the Name of the teddy was won by Daisy with the winning name 'Dasher'! Monty won all the Sweets in a Jar - he guessed 234 and it was actually 232. You must have x-ray eyes Monty!



Animals in Distress

Can we help Evie? Evie is trying to get as many boxes made up as possible for the dogs in the care of Animals in Distress to open on Christmas Day. Here is the the Animals in Distress Christmas wish list for their shoe box appeal - second hand items in good, clean condition are perfectly acceptable too - they are hoping for harnesses, leads and toys. If anyone has any unwanted empty shoe boxes we would be very grateful for those too. Please contact Zoe Gilbert at leadthefieldwithzoe@gmail.com if you are able to help with this appeal. Donations can be brought in to school if it helps, Thank you.



Animals in Distress **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Dear Santa, for Christmas please can we have:

Pedigree Schmaks + Rodeos
Sausage treats
Wagg treats / Bakers Sizzlers + Whirlers
Strong harnesses
Double ended leads
Dog toys / Tennis balls
James Wellbeloved Adult dry dog food



Felix / Whiskas kitten pouches
Whiskas adult cat pouches
Fleece blankets
Dreamies
Pill pockets
Small puzzle bowls
Cat brushes
Small bags of litter - wood or grit
Cat toys

Dried herb/flowers & fruit bags
Wicker toys and tunnels
Guinea pig cosy pouches
Chew tubes
Grass mats
Edible houses and tunnels
Vet bed
Excel Guinea pig pellets



Pyjama Afternoon for Year 3 - Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 are ready to celebrate the filling of their Fuzzy Jar! The reward they have chosen is to spend the afternoon in their pyjamas playing games that they will all bring into school. Miss Carter says **please come to school in the morning in normal school uniform** but bring pj's and games in a separate bag ready for the afternoon of fun. Thank you.



School Christmas Performances 2023

It's going to be a full house for our performances next week as all seats have been taken! If you have already submitted your request then these seats are confirmed. If you have asked for extra seats, these are also confirmed. Please remember - we can only seat 150 people. (There will be no standing room available during the performances or room for prams/pushchairs). For our two evening performances, the children will need to be back in school for **5.40pm** to get ready. Please do not come any earlier.

Curtains go up at the following times

Bring tissues!

DATE	TIME	YEAR GROUP	SHOW
Monday 11 th December	2pm	Year 3 & 4	No One Wraps Like an Elf!
Monday 11 th December	6pm	Year 3 & 4	No One Wraps Like an Elf!
Tuesday 12 th December	10.30am	KS1	The Reluctant Angel
Tuesday 12 th December	2pm	KS1	The Reluctant Angel
Wednesday 13 th December	2pm	Year 5 & 6	Ebenezer
Wednesday 13 th December	6pm	Year 5 & 6	Ebenezer

Parking - especially next week!

For all our performances, afternoon and evening, we ask that when parking you remain respectful towards all our neighbours and park considerately. Please do not block access to the Village Hall or private driveways and please do not park illegally at road junctions, especially on the roundabout and the lane up towards Coleridge.

Delicious Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day - Thursday 14th December

Let's get the tinsel out! Next Thursday is your chance to put on your sparkling jumpers and tuck into a yummy Christmas dinner. Please don't buy a jumper especially, but use as much imagination and tinsel to create a festive top.

Carol Service - Friday 15th December at 10am

We will be taking the children down to Stokenham Church next Friday for our Annual Carol Service. The service starts at 10am and all parents, families and friends are very welcome to join us at the church. Our Carol Service is always a wonderful and enjoyable event and a fabulous way to end another fantastic Autumn Term and look forward to the Christmas holidays. The PTFA will be serving coffee after the service.



Key Stage 1 Christmas Party - Friday 15th

The KS1 Christmas party takes place next Friday afternoon. Coming home in your child's bag this afternoon is a piece of paper with a request to bring in a small amount of food to share with the children. We always have a great deal of food so please do not spend a huge amount on your particular donation. Any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Newman, Mrs Cowling or Mrs Lewis in the office.

Remember no NUTS!



Christmas Week Menu Monday 11th to Friday 15th December

Monday - Penne Pasta with Choice of Carbonara Sauce, Tomato and Basil Sauce or Vegan Pesto
Garlic Bread and Salad
Jacket Potato with fillings

Tuesday - Hunters Chicken
Vegetarian Brunch
Jacket Potato

Wednesday - Sausages and Pomme Noisettes
Halloumi Wraps
Jacket Potato

Thursday - Christmas Dinner Don't forget to order on parent pay by Monday 4th December

Friday - Fish and Chips
Vegetarian Pasty
Ham & Cheese Panini

Please remember to pre-book your child's school dinners and pay any money owed. We do not wish for debts to mount up.

I would also like to point out that, if you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, in the first instance please speak myself or Mrs Lewis who will be able to guide you through the process. All enquiries will be in the strictest of confidence.

In school this week it has been very busy with rehearsals for the school plays. Our Reception children have enjoyed being young scientists this week, exploring light, dark and shadows. They particularly enjoyed exploring a range of exciting light sources in a dark tent and investigating what happens when you change the distance or block the light with objects. They loved going on a 'shadow hunt' around the school grounds, discussing why the shadows faded or vanished when the sun was blocked by clouds. Such super scientists!



Forest School and Christmas Tree Recycling

After Christmas it is the turn of Reception and Year 3 children for their forest school on Fridays! The last few weeks have been jammed packed for the Year 2 class at Forest School.

After the Christmas festivities, please could we ask that instead of recycling your old Christmas Tree with the bin collection, please drop it off at school. Every year the children use your trees to make dens in our Forest School area. If you could leave the trees on the grass area, next to the school gate, we can drag them in from there.



Have a restful and peaceful weekend

With best Wishes

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