



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2023-24/14

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### IT'S A WRAP!

Oh my goodness what an incredible week! Actors acting, singers singing, dancers dancing, angels being angelic, shepherds shepherding, animals adoring a baby and many stars shining!

We were all thrilled, enthralled and thoroughly entertained. I feel sure you will join me in thanking the staff and the children for all their hard work. Thank you, parents and carers, for coming along to support your children and being such a great audiences. A very big thank you to our PTFA for organising such fantastic raffles - well done Anna and your happy band of helpers! After all that hard work the children enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch yesterday cooked and served by the Sharons and Pam, along with the entire Stokenham staff team! It was fabulous and the atmosphere was very christmassy.

Finally, we had our Carol Service at the church this morning. It was wonderfully festive, and a fitting end to a very busy week. All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year for 2024!



We look forward to seeing you all at 9 am sharp on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to start our brand-new Spring Term.

Remember that you can donate your used Christmas tree to the school for our Forest School programme, see the note later in this newsletter - leave the trees on the grass area, next to the school gate, we can drag them in from there. Thank you.

### Christmas Choir Concert - Heron Valley

What beautiful singing by our choir last Friday at Heron Valley. The setting was just perfect - sparkly and bright with a beautiful tree, although it was a little chilly. The choir were amazing and the audience was very impressed. Well done everyone.



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## School Christmas Performances 2023

What truly wonderful performances we have enjoyed this week with fantastic singing and acting from all of the children.

On Monday, we went to the North Pole. On Tuesday we visited Bethlehem and on Wednesday we went back in time to Victorian England, all from the comfort of our school hall.

### No One Wraps Like an Elf!

Far away in the frozen North Pole, Santa's elves were working long and hard to find the perfect wrapping for each child's hand-picked gift, while closer to home in the town of Wimpole, a wicked plan was under way to replace the beautiful gifts with tacky toys from Plasticopia, and so destroy the magic of Christmas!

Could this be the end of the road for the elves? Can the greedy Smash & Grab twins really succeed in tearing out the heart of Christmas and replacing it with a £ sign? Will their Ninja Knights on oily bikes replace Santa's reindeer? Or can brave Little Elf undo the evil doings and finally save the day? And who exactly are the MINT Spies?







### The Reluctant Angel

"It's all so very hard and I'm not really in the mood!" Our Reluctant Angel was wonderful and soon realised the importance of their role in bringing the story of the Nativity to us all on Tuesday. Accompanied throughout by Mary and Joseph, lovely sheep and oxen, the odd cockerel, twinkling stars, angelic angels, wise kings and all the other characters to make a beautiful performance with many in a tear in our eyes.







### "Ebenezer"

Christmas past, present and future and the dark times of Victorian England came to Stokenham. On Wednesday, Ebenezer Scrooge, The Cratchit family, Marley, street urchins, devils and angels amongst the cast of this truly brilliant play. It was a roaring success







### Delicious Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day

Never before have so many Christmas jumpers been in one place at the same time! What a fantastic effort everyone made to bring Christmas cheer to Christmas school dinner yesterday - it was fabulous and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A massive thank you to Sharon J and her Amazing Kitchen Elves for their hard work and good cheer. Our staff team put on 'pinnies' and tinsel and they waited table, and then cleared up - before putting out seating for the whole school to watch a movie and rest very full tummies.



### Carol Service

There is nothing quite like a primary school carol service to remind us what Christmas is all about. Thank you to Reverend Mark and St Michael and All Angels Church in Stokenham to help us celebrate this wonderful time of year. The children were amazing, as they have been all week. They performed songs from their performances throughout the week and sang carols too. It was very festive and felt extremely special to be in church.



### Governors Awards

Congratulations to Euan, Seb and Maurice who were awarded the Governors Awards this term. They are all true ambassadors for what Stokenham stands for. Throughout their time at Stokenham they all display the qualities of teamwork, resilience, gentleness and kindness; worked extremely hard and been superb role models for other students. Well done!



### Swimarathon Sponsorship

You may remember that we took part in the annual Swimarathon at the Quayside Leisure Centre earlier this term. Thanks to all the sponsorship generated by your children the amount of money raised for Stokenham Primary School was over £700 and we receive a % back - this being £388! This is an amazing donation back to our school. Thank you everyone for your hard work.

### 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.



### And Finally...

We are forever indebted to a great many people who generously give up their time to help make Stokenham School the unique and special place that it is. We have our parent readers, Forest School helpers, parent helpers at various events and everyone on the PTFA Committee and all those who help with fund raising. If we have forgotten to say thank you please forgive us and know that we are always very grateful for all the time and effort everyone so generously gives to our school.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family well over this festive season and thank you for your continued support to our school.

Have a truly wonderful, restful and peaceful Christmas!



Have a restful and peaceful festive season.

With best Wishes

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