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THIS TERM'S SCHOOL VALUES ARE TO SPOT OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE:

INDEPENDENT & RESILIENT



THIS WEEK:

SCHOOL VALUES
INFORMATION EVENING
SWIMMING
IMPORTANT MESSAGES
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE...😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

MWh produced = 72.89

CO₂ saved = 41.40t

GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 CAITLIN SPOTTED SOME REAL RESILIENCE FOLLOWING ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK! 😊

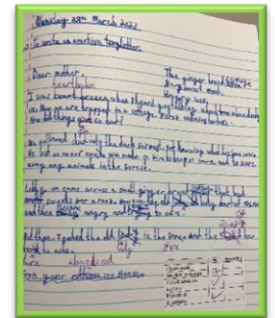
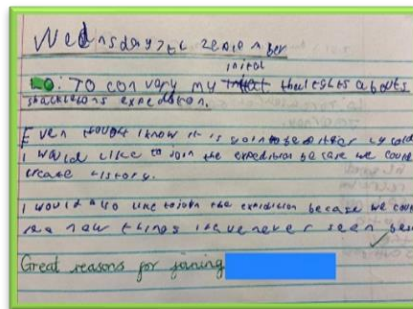
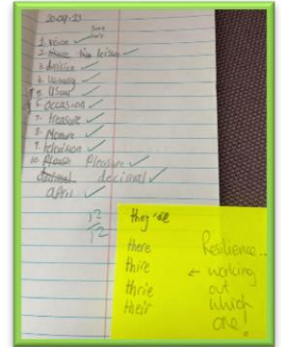
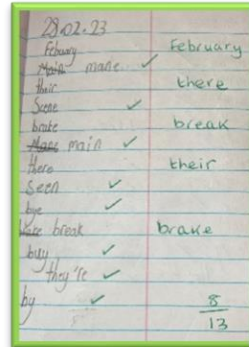
😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Beech 99.1%		Elder 98.3%		Holly 96.9%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	112	263	169	184	264	188

FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the summer term at **STOKENCHURCH**. We have started to focus on our school values for this term and explained these to the children in assembly this week. We talked about **INDEPENDENCE** and **RESILIENCE** and used images from our school values to explain what they mean. Ask your children and hopefully they will tell you! I was touched on Monday when one of our girls in Reception grabbed my hand and took me out to the playground. She had found a small seedling growing through a crack in the playground and had watered it from her water bottle, proudly telling me how resilient it had been 😊 We followed up with the theme by looking at some of the amazing progress our children are making. Jessica in Y5 was excited to show me her full marks in her spelling test as how she had overcome the challenge of getting these right. Ollie then showed



me his writing and the progress he has made since the start of this year. These are just two examples but they should be rightly proud and were rightly added to my golden folder this week!

Y2 SATs MEETING

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Y2 session after school about the upcoming assessments in Y2. It was informative and enabled parents to ask questions, understand the process and have a look at the style of assessments their children will be tackling this term. The presentation is available on the Y2 page of the school website for anyone who couldn't attend and I'd like to thank Miss Morris and Miss Blandford for hosting the session.



STRIKE ACTION

A letter was sent home on Friday regarding the upcoming dates of the NEU teachers strikes (Thursday, 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May). I hope to be able to send you further details of the impact of this action on Monday so please keep an eye on your Parentmail.

KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATION



We are planning a day of celebrations and activities to mark the occasion of the coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May. The school council are adding their ideas and suggestions for the occasion and we will send you details in due course. Part of the day will be an afternoon tea to which families are invited so save the date if you are able to join us.

SWIMMING

We are looking forward to the start of our summer swimming season this week and can't wait! Our two swim coaches this year are Georgie and Maya, they visited the children to introduce themselves in a special assembly on Wednesday. They talked about water safety and the importance of swimming as a life skill and I know the children are excited to get back into the pool. Thank you to Miss Foster for all the arrangements and I look forward to sharing news of the lessons in next week's Star!



IMPORTANT MESSAGES & UPDATES

ADVANCE WARNING OF ROAD WORKS	Please be aware, Red Kite have planned work taking place for the next two weeks between 8am-4pm, on the land adjacent to 38-42 Britnell Court	
DRONE	If you or anyone you know has a drone camera and can help us with producing some short video clips of STOKENCHURCH for our school website I would be really keen to hear from you. Please contact the school office if you can help!	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the next month or so.
For a full list please see the calendar on the school website.

April / May/June 2023			
17 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils	All	
18 th	Summer term begins	All	
24 th	Swimming Season begins	All	
27 th	NEU Strike Day – potential school disruption	All	
28 th	Elder Class Assembly	Elder	
1 st	Bank Holiday – school closed	All	
2 nd	NEU Strike Day – potential school disruption	All	
3 rd	Willen Lake meeting 6pm	Y5	
5 th	Chestnut Class Assembly King’s Coronation celebration	Chestnut All	
8 th	Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation – school closed	All	
10 th	Y4 Trip to Hazard Alley	Y4	
9 th - 12 th	KS2 SATs week	Y6	
12 th	Birch Class Assembly	Birch	
15 th & 16 th	Year 5 CATs	Y5	
17 th & 18 th	Year 5 Opera First Workshop	Y5	
26 th	PTA Mufti Day – Tombola prize	All	
26 th	School closes for half term	All	
5 th June	Staff INSET Day - School closed to pupils Y6 residential trip to IoW departs	All	
6 th June	School open to pupils	All	
8 th June	PTA Disco	All	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date / info.

COMMUNITY PAGE

FIX MY STREET

[FixMyStreet](#) is a website and App you can download to your phone; you can report any problems from fading yellow zig zags to broken kerbs and roads.

- Log on or go to the APP
- Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area
- Locate the problem on a map of the area
- Enter details of the problem
- They then send it to the council on your behalf



COST OF LIVING CRISIS SUPPORT

Please find information on our school website here <https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/useful-links/>

Should you or someone you know need help, with the current cost of living crisis and the struggle to make ends meet. There are a number of local organisations listed there for you to reach out to.

Alternatively, if anyone is in a position and would like to donate to a scheme or get involved as a volunteer, I am sure they would be pleased to hear from you.

This week, it was announced that inflation has come down. However, it is still over 10% which can be the difference between making ends meet and having to make difficult decisions and in some cases, go without.

Please do take the time to read this information, reach out for help and share. If it helps anyone at all, just one person or family, it will be worth it.

PTA NEWS

50 50 CLUB

Friends of Stokenchurch Primary School PTA 50/50

Our 50/50 club is now in its 3rd year! Have you signed up yet?

It's easy:

- 1) From the home page of the school website click About Us > PTA or go to <https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/pta/>
- 2) Complete the pdf form SAS Friends 5050 club (1).pdf
- 2) Email it to us at SPSFriendsDraw@gmail.com
- 3) Make your payment via BACS.
- 4) We will contact you by email to confirm your entry.
- 5) For more information, please visit <https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/pta/> or contact us via email at SPSFriendsDraw@gmail.com



** The 50/50 Club is a private lottery and is open to all parents, carers, staff and friends of Stokenchurch Primary School. Anyone aged 16 or over can join. **



VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE WINNERS

Thank you to all those who entered a balloon in the virtual race. SPS PTA had 85 entries in the total 1329 balloons. We made a profit of £190 - thank you!

Our top ten winners were:

Cameron - Prunus, Darcey - Nursery, Edison - Cherry, Layla - Cherry, Harrison - Beech, Archie - Holly, Robin - Beech, Adam - Hazel, Josh - Prunus, Noah - Chestnut

Our class winner with most entries was: Chestnut Class

Well done to our winners and everyone who supported **STOKENCHURCH** by taking part!

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

James YR6, went on his first Rugby Tour over the last weekend. His Marlow team spent two days camped at Worthing Rugby club and played in 8 matches over the weekend against teams from all over the south of England. It was a great weekend with games all day and a disco and BBQ in the evening. James scored 6 tries over the two days and Marlow went on to finish second out of the 6 teams in their age group. Well done James! 😊