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

CONFIDENT & CONSIDERATE



😊 OUR WOODLAND RANGERS MADE NATURE BRACELETS THIS WEEK 😊

THIS WEEK:

DISSECTION

READING BUDDIES

MEET OUR GOVERNORS

PARENT ELECTION RESULT

NESSY & DESSA

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AND MUCH MORE...😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

MWh produced = 72.14

CO₂ saved = 40.95t


GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Birch 97.9%		Prunus 96.3%		Beech 95.7%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	94	224	166	172	214	156

FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



TUGGING AT THE HEART STRINGS

This week Y6 children enjoyed learning about the heart – first hand! They looked at actual hearts to learn more about the chambers, arteries, veins and how hearts work to keep us alive. Some were quite squeamish but the experience really brought what they had seen in pictures to life. Well done for being so brave Y6!

READING BUDDIES IN F2

We love to see opportunities for classes of children to buddy up. Teaching older children responsibility and the importance of being a good role model is so important and they always rise to the challenge. We loved seeing our reading buddies in F2 sharing books and enjoying the experience of reading together – its something we'll do more of!



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Apologies for the delay in sharing the results, but I am proud to welcome James Baker and Laura Atherton as our newly elected parent governors. We have our first meeting next week and I look forward to introducing them to the board and gaining their support and input in the weeks and months ahead. We had almost 120 votes and the results were very close but congratulations to James and Laura, I look forward to working with you.



Y6 INFORMATION EVENING

This week we held our Y6 SATs and School Trip information evening for parents. We had nearly 50 parents arrive to find out both how to support their children during the KS2 SATs in May but also the residential trip to the Isle of Wight in June. It was helpful and informative – thanks to Mrs Milne and Mrs Brand for running the session.

MEET OUR GOVERNORS : DANIEL WEISS

Dan is a co-opted Governor and has been on the Governing Body at SPS for over 15 years. He is currently Chair of Resources (Finance section) Committee, and Vice Chair of FGB.


Dan has been a qualified accountant for over 25 years, with stints in the NHS as a Finance Manager at University College Hospitals London, and then a variety of finance roles at Ladbrokes and Pearson Plc, specialising in ERP implementations and reporting and consolidation tools, mainly those supplied by Oracle. He joined Vodafone in the Public Sector Frameworks team in August 2019 as a Commercial Manager to focus on improving the reporting to Crown Commercial Services and The Cabinet Office, as well as supporting the team generally across current and future Frameworks. Dan undertook a Vodafone Data Science level 4 Apprenticeship, completing it successfully in January 2022 to bring his IT skills up to date and is now a Senior Finance manager in the Vodafone IT Finance team. Outside of work, Dan has three children, a dog and two cats. He enjoys travel, dog walking, bike riding, reading, gaming and the occasional bit of (straightforward) DIY!



COMIC RELIEF

Today we have enjoyed raising money for this important charity and I know the children have had a great day. At the time of writing I am a bit nervous at the prospect of being dunked in a large container of ice (when I was hoping I'd only have to go in up to my knees!) Once we have counted all the donations we will let you know how much we raised and invite you to the ceremonial dunking!!!

**COMIC
RELIEF**



Every Minute Counts!
How many school days do you lose if you are JUST 1 minute late per day???

Minutes Late per Day	Hours per Year	Days Per Year
2	6	1
5	16	3
10	32	5
15	48	10
30	95	19

It soon adds up!

Be on Time. Be Prepared. Be Ready to Learn
Don't lose out.

ATTENDANCE

We are reviewing our attendance policy and will be sharing updates with you in the weeks ahead. As a part of this we will be regularly reminding children and parents of the importance of being at school regularly and on time. Its always helpful to be reminded of the impact of time out of school on a child's attendance so please take a moment to think about what you can do to ensure good attendance and punctuality for your children.

NESSEY AND DESSA

Each week, Y5 will be hiding their favourite mythical creatures around the school and writing a riddle in the newsletter giving clues

as to where they can be found. Crack the clues, find the mythical beasts and enter your answer in the competition box each week! This week's clues...



NESSEY	DESSA:
<p>Lots of people go there and there's often food nearby. Its where the music sometimes plays. Where oh where am I? Zae, Nathan and Harley</p>	<p>You will pass this place... If you've been good or are in disgrace. Where am I? Josh, Freddie, Aida, Lily and Alice</p>



The successful spotters last week were
Aaryz in Hazel class and Phoebe in Alder class. 😊

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Aida in Lime class entered a competition for World Book Day and won a selection of books (picture attached). The competition was to write a joke to make the author laugh and Aida won a runner up spot. The winning jokes are here : <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/write-your-own-joke-and-win-helen-rutter-books>

Well-done Aida and congratulations 😊

IMPORTANT MESSAGES & UPDATES

SNOW CLOSURES

Let Buckinghamshire Council know how you check when a school is closed due to snow.

The existing school closures system on the Buckinghamshire Council website will shortly need to be replaced. Buckinghamshire Council are looking for feedback on how parents currently find out about school closures and how they might like to do this in the future. Please can you take a short 2-minute survey letting them know how you would like to be informed about school closures.

<https://forms.gle/SzGMokGACHQDfLQu5>



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.

MARCH 2023			
19 th	Mother's Day	Mums	
	Bikeability Week		
20 th	Y3 & Y4 Production 6pm	Y3&4	
	Bike to school day	All	
21 st	PTA Discos Yr1-Y3 5pm-6.15pm Yr4-Y6 6.30pm-7.45pm	Y1-6	
22 nd	Y3 & Y4 Production 2pm	Y3&4	
23 rd	KS2 Choir Performance at the Wycombe Swan 7pm	Choir	
24 th	Beech Class Assembly	Beech	
24 th	Coronation Assembly	All	
27 th	Bikeability Week	Year 5	
28 th	Parents Progress Evening (late)	All	
30 th	Parents Progress Evening (early)	All	
	Larch Class Assembly POSTPONED	Larch	
31 st	PTA Easter Raffle	All	
	End of Term 4	All	

Letter available / to follow

Please join us if you can 😊

Please note change of date / info.

COMMUNITY PAGE



Spring Disco

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5pm-6.15pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30pm-7.45pm



Includes drinks & snacks plus a treat to take home!

£4 via parentpay or on the door

No Mobiles or ipods allowed

Major 7 entertainment Presents
Live music - Quizzes - Disco

Fleur De Lis

Easter Family Fun Day

Easter Egg Hunt
Kids Disco + Games
Bouncy Castle
Colouring Competition
Face Painting
Craft Fayre
BBQ

Saturday 8th April
2pm - 6pm

Evening Disco from 8pm

Fleur De Lis. The Common, Oxford Road,
Stokenchurch, HP14 3TZ

EASTER VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

Launch Noon 9th April
Quito, Ecuador

Go to <https://ecoracing.co/cause/friends-of-stokenchurch-middle-school-2432/> to buy your virtual balloons and support Friends of Stokenchurch Primary School PTA

hand made by heart

hand crafted products at Stokenchurch Primary School on the 21st of March before each disco run by two former students of Stokenchurch Primary all items £1-£5

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

As part of their young enterprise work, 2 of our ex-pupils will be setting up a stall of their home made crafts for sale at the discos next week. It's great to be able to support the young entrepreneurs of tomorrow so bring your pennies along to support their cause, with profits going to **STOKENCHURCH** and charity.

AND FINALLY...

What's the difference between a man with a beard and a man without a beard?

A beard! 😊