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

TOLERANT & RESPECTFUL



THIS WEEK:

- CLUBS
- LUNCHES
- GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS
- BABY NEWS 😊
- IMPORTANT MESSAGES
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE... 😊

ECO TICKER


Solar Panels
MWh produced = 71.44
CO₂ saved = 40.58t

GOLDEN RULES

- READY
- RESPECTFUL
- SAFE

😊 CAN YOU NAME THE BEAR??? 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	HAZEL 98.0%		ELM 97.8%		PEAR 97.6%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	36	105	121	114	160	123



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



WELCOME BACK



Welcome back to a new term and a brand-new year! I hope the Christmas period was a peaceful one for you and your families and I have been impressed by the children's positive and enthusiastic return to school. The cheery 'good mornings' I hear in the morning as children dash past me on the way to the gate is really lovely. Our school values this term are to catch our children being **TOLERANT** and **RESPECTFUL**. I have talked about what these mean in assembly and it will be our focus of this term. I look forward to hearing of any examples you notice outside school too!

CLUBS ARE UP AND RUNNING



Our clubs programme is up and running this term already and we have some new experiences for the children to enjoy. We have been impacted by the rain somewhat, but science club and multi-sports carried on regardless! The children tried their hand at dodge ball and archery and needless to say, both 'hit the mark'. In science club our children had their first design challenge and enjoyed working together to construct bridges or towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. It was fiddly, but they thoroughly enjoyed it! Please check the school website for a full list of the extra-curricular clubs available and get involved if you can!



Y4 DT - YUM!



Y4 have been investigating, tasting designing and making healthy cereal bars as a part of their DT learning this term and the school has been smelling delicious. They taste tested a variety of ingredients before deciding which to go in their own bars - the pumpkin seeds were a bit like marmite...some loved them and some didn't! The finished products were very tasty though and the children loved making them. Thank-you Mrs Whelan and Miss Lovall for planning the activity!



NAME THE BEAR



In assembly this morning I set a challenge for the children to name my Stokie-Bear doorstep. There's a box in the ICT suite for entries and we will pick a winner in a week or two. I'm after something striking and alliterative so get your thinking caps on!

STAFFING NEWS

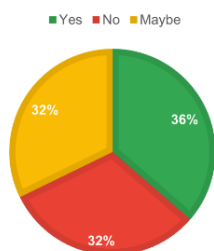
We would like to say a fond farewell and thank you to Mrs Blake who has left us this week to spend some more time with her family. She has been brilliant at supporting our children and I know they will miss her, but we'll still see her around with her daughter in school! Double congratulations are also in order as we welcome two new members to the wider **STOKENCHURCH** family! Over the holidays, Mrs Pope welcomed baby daughter Martha into the world and earlier this week she was joined by Miss Churn's son Rowan! We are over the moon for both our newly formed families and can't wait to meet their new arrivals when we can. Both Miss Churn and Mrs Pope are doing fine and are really proud to be new mummies! 😊

LUNCHES

We sent home a letter earlier this week which summarised the responses we received to the lunch survey from before half term. The key results and changes we've made thanks to your feedback are here for you to read.

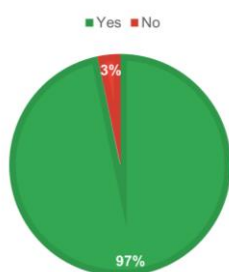
Parents can now order lunches for their child 1 week in advance
We have provided direct queries to our school caterer
A daily non-halal meat option will be available to all children from the start of the summer term
You will now receive a confirmation email once you have placed your order
We will be arranging a number of taster sessions later this term
We will add links to the order form to the school newsletter for ease
We will add photos of menu choices to the newsletter periodically

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A PARENT LUNCH TASTER SESSION?

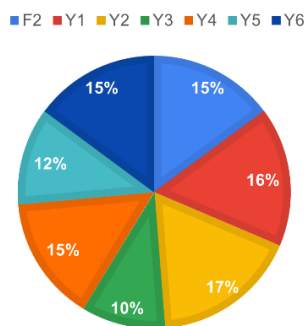


The survey results show us that there is interest in parent lunch tasters. We will arrange these and share information with you as soon as we have further details. I would like to thank you all for your continued support regarding lunches and for adapting to the new way of ordering. Please continue to provide your feedback as it allows us to improve the provision offered. Huge thanks to Mrs Mayo for bringing this together and responding to positively. 😊

DO YOU FIND IT EASY TO COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM TO ORDER LUNCHES?

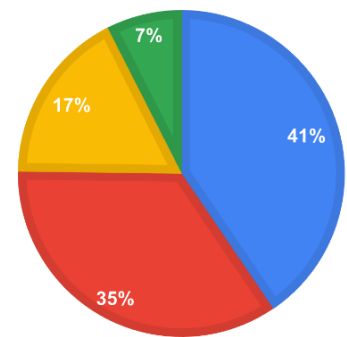


RESPONSES BY YEAR GROUP



PREFERRED ORDERING

■ 1 week in advance ■ 3 weeks in advance
■ 1 half term in advance ■ 1 term in advance



COULD YOU BECOME ONE OF OUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS?

Our school governors are an essential part of our school and help to guide the strategic development of our school as we continue to grow and improve. Two of our current governors have come to the end of their term and I would like to thank Laurence Newell and Maninder Baker-Hayre for their service to the school and their service. Consequently, we have two Parent Governor vacancies so this is your chance to nominate yourself if you are interested in the role. It is extremely rewarding and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the role further with any parent who might be considering putting themselves forward. The two documents below explain the process and provide a nomination form if you are keen to help the future of **STOKENCHURCH**. I look forward to hearing from you. Nominations must be received by Friday, 27th January 2023. I look forward to hearing from you!



Parent Governor
Nomination Notifica



Parent Governor
Application Form.doc

WE NEED YOU!





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.

JANUARY 2023			
20 th	Pear Class Assembly	Pear	
27 th	Hazel Class Assembly	Hazel	
FEBRUARY 2023			
3 rd	Elm Class Assembly	Elm	
6 th – 9 th	History Week	Y1 to Y6	
6 th	Great Fire of London	Year 2	
	Life in Roman Britain	Year 4	
7 th	Life in Ancient Egypt	Year 3	
8 th	Life in Tudor England	Year 6	
9 th	Life in Viking Britain	Year 5	
	Coronation 1953 Day	Year 1	
12 th	Darwin Day	All	
13 st -17 th	HALF-TERM – CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND	All	
20 th	Children Return to School	All	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date / info.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES & UPDATES

PARKING	<p>We have had a near miss reported this week of a car nearly hitting a child. They were in the road because the path was blocked by a parked car. I have had two complaints of drive ways being blocked too from our close neighbours. Please think before you park – you would never want any child to be in an accident as a result of your actions. Thank you for heeding the advice about not parking on the grass opposite the entrance.</p>	
BANK HOLIDAY	<p>Advanced notice that there will be an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 for the King's Coronation. This falls within KS2 SATs week so the SATs will run for Y6 from Tue to Fri that week rather than Mon to Thu. I'll send a reminder nearer the time.</p>	

COMMUNITY PAGE

Stokenchurch Community Library's 10th anniversary!

Saturday 14th January
10am – 2pm
Stokenchurch Community Library

Join us to celebrate 10 years of Stokenchurch Community Library being volunteer run.
£2 Face painting – 10.30-11.30
Quizzes, arts and crafts and goody bags for children – 11.30 onwards
Refreshments for all provided

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	2PM – 5PM
Wednesday	10AM – 5PM
Thursday	2PM – 7PM
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	10AM – 1PM
Sunday	CLOSED









SUPERHERO HOLIDAY CAMP

13TH - 17TH FEBRUARY 2023

- MASK MAKING
- SUPERHERO HANDPRINTS
- MARBLE RUN
- SUPERHERO STORY WRITING
- MOVIE MAKING
- ESCAPE ROOM
- SCAVENGER HUNT



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

REDGRAVE SPORTS CENTRE
8AM-3:30PM £30.95 | 8AM-6PM £33.95 | 9:30AM - 3:30PM £26.95

PRESTWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL
8AM-3:30PM £28.95 | 8AM - 6PM £31.95 | 9:30AM- 3:30PM £26.95

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OFFER ENDS 30/1/2023

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