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

CURIOUS & AMBITIOUS



THIS WEEK:

REMEMBRANCE
OPEN DAY
FOREST SCHOOL
PARENTS EVENING
SECOND HAND UNIFORM
COMMUNITY EVENTS
AND MUCH MORE... 😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
MWh produced = 71.24
CO₂ saved = 40.46t

GOLDEN RULES

READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

😊 WE MARKED ARMISTICE DAY WITH A SPECIAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Larch 97.3%	Birch 92.4%	Lime 92.3%
HOUSEPOINTS	RALEIGH	NELSON	GRENVILLE
	DRAKE		
	COMING SOON!		



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



PARENTS EVENINGS

We welcomed parents to our two Parent Evening sessions this week and I was bowled over by the feedback I received. Children and parents alike left the school smiling having heard about their progress and how they have settled in this term. It's a great opportunity to ask and answer questions, share ideas for supporting at home and school and really to get to know your child's teachers. Thank you to everyone who made their appointments and to the teachers for the preparation that went into making the session such a success.



We also launched our second-hand uniform shop and I'm pleased to say that lots of parents took advantage in picking up some items that their children will find useful. Coats, uniform, shoes, PE kit – it was all there and the honesty box raised £35 in donations across the two evenings.

Thank you to Mrs McNaught and Mrs Hayre for setting this up – we will gift the money to the School Council who can decide how to use it best. I'll keep you posted!

OPEN MORNING

We welcomed nearly 40 parents to our Open Morning on Thursday morning – our first face to face event in a few years due to the pandemic. I was proud that so many new parents wanted to come and find out more about our amazing school and know they went away armed with what they needed to make the right decision about their children's future education. The feedback from touring the school was incredibly positive and a key themes were the care shown for the children by all the adults, the quality of the facilities and opportunities our children enjoy and the sense of calm purpose throughout the school. Our Y6 prefects did a fantastic job of leading the tours and answering questions from our visitors and they were highly praised by everyone who attended. Well-done **STOKENCHURCH** – the word is getting out there! 😊



PHASE MEETINGS

Y5 and Y6 children have met together as a phase this week and enjoyed learning together and finding out about each other in a new way. It's a good way for Y5 to ask what its like to be in Y6 and an opportunity for our Y6 children to begin to guide and mentor their successors.



Thanks to Y5 & 6 teachers for setting this up – I look forward to seeing more of it!

FOREST SCHOOL

Our Y3 children have been thoroughly enjoying their 'Forest School' experiences for the last few weeks and this week was no exception. They are learning new skills outside and bringing the curriculum to life in new ways that



helps to develop their language, risk taking, social skills, appreciation of their environment and develop their inquisitive natures. It was constructing fairy houses and exploring the trees this week and the pictures say it all. Well-done Y3!



REMEMBRANCE








Today we marked Remembrance Day with what has become our traditional service around the flagpole. We laid wreaths, listened to special words and respected the 2-minute silence as we remember all those who have sacrificed their lives in conflict – past and present. Thank you to the children who behaved amazingly as usual and also to the parents who took time to come along and share the occasion with us. Its one of the things I think we do well as a school and something that is important to instil in the next generation. Our Y2 children visited the War Memorial in Stokenchurch and represented the school beautifully as a part of the wider community. Well-done Y2 and thank you to all the parents who attended.

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

"I am Dr Wolfe, one of the parent governors. I became a governor in 2019 as I wanted to become more involved with the school, considering I had a child in year 4 and another in year 2. Now I have 2 more at Stokenchurch Primary so this involvement only got stronger! You will see me most days at all 3 collection points. I am year link governor to year 2 as well roles within science and EYFS. I am also the safeguarding governor for the school. It is a

very fulfilling role and it is wonderful to see how hard the staff work to provide excellent education for our children." Dr Wolfe.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<p>COACHES FROM MONDAY</p>	<p>St Michaels school have temporarily had to move out of their building as it is structurally assessed and will be using Stokenchurch Community Centre for four classes up until Christmas whilst this vital work is completed. To support them, we have allowed them to arrive and leave by coach at the start and end of the day and access the community centre through our playground to make it smoother and safer for them. Therefore, two coaches will arrive at 9.30am and leave again at 2.30pm from the drop off area at the front of school. There should be no impact on our school run, children or staff, but I am making you aware in case you see them.</p>	
<p>PUNCTUALITY</p>	<p>We are really looking to improve the punctuality of a small but persistent group of families who regularly arrive at school late in the morning. This is causing disruption to learning and the rest of the class so from Monday we will be monitoring this closely and informing parents directly if it becomes a problem. Thank you in advance for your support.</p>	
<p>BIKES & SCOOTERS</p>	<p>Please could I ask all parents to ensure that children dismount scooters and bikes on the playground and school premises. I have explained to children in assembly too and want to avoid any further accidents or near misses. Thank you for your support.</p>	
<p>SNACK TIME</p>	<p>We have discussed snacks with the children this week and reminded that a snack for morning break is positively encouraged. This should be a healthy snack – fruit, vegetable, crackers, etc. and not chocolate or other food items that are high in sugar. Thank you for your support.</p>	
<p>ABSENCE</p>	<p>Please can I remind parents that if your child is absent from school for any reason, you must contact the school office first thing in the morning to let us know. This can be an email or a call to our absence line, but do let us know to help us confirm the whereabouts of all of our children more quickly. Thank you in advance for your support.</p>	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2022			
11 th	Remembrance Day	ALL	
	Y2 War Memorial Visit	Y2	
14 th	Sibling Photos	Siblings	
	Y6 height & weight checks - 9.30am	Y6	
14 th -18 th	Anti-Bullying week	ALL	
18 th	Children In Need	ALL	
	Flu vaccinations F2-Y6	F2-Y6	
Saturday 19 th	PTA Christmas Fair	ALL	
21 st - 25 th	NTS Assessment Week	Y1-6	
24 th	Year 6 to Oxford Museum of Natural History	Y6	
28 th - 2 nd Dec	NTS Assessment Week	Y1-6	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date / info.

COMMUNITY PAGE

PTA XMAS FAYRE	STAGECOACH	XMAS PICTURE TRAIL	WYE PARTNERSHIP
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STOKENCHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET PICTURE TRAIL
SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2022
 13.00 – 17.00

Join in the fun and follow the pictures to our new venue
PRIZE TO BE WON!

The Christmas Market returns this year, **AT A DIFFERENT VENUE**
 You'll be guaranteed warmth, entertainment, wonderful refreshments, stalls to shop, games and competitions to enjoy and your first taste of the festive season in comfort! A fun event for the benefit of the community.

On the day, we welcome you to follow our picture trail from the old venue (The Main Common) to the exciting new venue (Longburrow Hall)

- Free to enter and Open to all
- Pick up a map sheet from any of the following places:
 The Memorial Hall, The Library, Coffee On the Green, The Print Shop (available from Monday 21st November)
- Identify the Christmas Symbols displayed at the numbered venues, and record on the sheet as you walk through the centre of the village to Longburrow Hall
- Symbols will be easily identifiable and may be displayed on buildings, in windows or in gardens-look up, look down, look around. Keep your eyes open!
- On arrival at The Christmas Market, place your completed entry in the box provided
- The winner will be drawn at random from all the correct completed map sheets, and notified at the end of the day

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES
BE AWARE OF TRAFFIC AND TAKE CARE WHEN CROSSING ROADS

See you at The Christmas Market!

The Stokenchurch Christmas Market/Fete Committee would like to thank the residents and businesses who have kindly displayed Christmas pictures for us on the trail.

Lights, Camera, Christmas

Christmas Workshop

WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2022
 10:00 - 16:00

Ages 5-12

CHILDREN UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS

FAYRE

ADULTS £1 - KIDS GO FREE!

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

George Road, Stokenchurch HP14 3RN

12 - 3 PM

SCHOOL CHOIR CHILDREN'S CRAFTS TURKEY ROLLS
 GIFT STALLS FESTIVE GAMES VEGETARIAN HOT DOGS
 SANTA'S GROTTO RAFFLE MINCE PIES
 TOMBOLA FACE PAINTING MULLED WINE

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Christmas Fair

Saturday 19 November

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