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

CURIOUS & AMBITIOUS



THIS WEEK:

DIWALI
SCOOTERS
PHONICS
CLUBS
SAFEGUARDING
COMMUNITY EVENTS
AND MUCH MORE... 😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
MWh produced = 71.21
CO₂ saved = 40.44t

GOLDEN RULES

READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

😊 THE WHEELS WERE ROLLING FOR BIKEABILITY IN F2 THIS WEEK! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Beech 100%	Elm 98.3%	Holly 97%	
HOUSEPOINTS	RALEIGH	NELSON	GRENVILLE	DRAKE
			COMING SOON!	



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



HAPPY DIWALI

This week many of our children have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. The festival of light was celebrated around the world and our children have learned about it through stories, costumes and drama! Happy Diwali from all of us at **STOKENCHURCH** to everyone who has celebrated this year.



BIKEABILITY

Our youngest children have been out and about on two wheels this week as they have completed the first of two 'Bikeability' courses planned for our Reception children this year. They have learned about balance, safety and grown in confidence as they get to grips with this mode of transport. Despite the challenging weather they have been brilliant and the instructor was extremely complimentary about the children's effort and conduct. Well-done F2!



ONLINE SAFETY

We welcomed PCSO Chris Bis to Y6 this week to



talk to the children about online safety. The world of the internet is an incredible place but giving all of our children the skills and knowledge to help them make safe choices and recognise risks is incredibly important. The children were great and asked some very good questions and I know we will be touching on the subject regularly throughout the year.



PHONICS WORKSHOP

Thank you to Miss Longley, Miss Nixey and Mrs Brown for leading a brilliant phonics workshop to Y1 parents on the first day back after half term. Well-attended, the session talked about the importance of developing early





reading skills and there were lots of activities to try out with the children. Parent's feedback was that it was a very informative session and the packs of information to take away and try at home were useful too. Thank you!

NEW LUNCH CLUB BEGINS

Today, the children have had the opportunity to meet our new lunchtime coaches, Tom and James. We are really excited to offer children in Years 1 - 6 the chance to take part in a lunchtime sports club run by JR Football. These clubs will be free of charge to parents and will be paid for from school funds. All children will be given the opportunity to take part in one of these clubs by the end of this school year. Children will be taking part in lots of fun activities such as soft archery, dodgeball and many more!



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

BIKES & SCOOTERS	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.	
SNACK TIME	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.	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2022			
1 st -4 th	F2 Bikeability Week	F2	
8 th	Pastoral Parents Evening (late)	ALL	
10 th	Open Day	New Parents	
	Pastoral Parents Evening (early)	ALL	
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.

BONFIRE NIGHT

I hope everyone has a happy and safe bonfire night if you are 'celebrating' this tradition in some way. Remember that fireworks are dangerous and teaching your children about being safe around them is really important. Organised community events are the best way to enjoy the evening together and I hope you enjoy the occasion together!



SAFEGUARDING REVIEW SEPTEMBER 2022

Before half term, we invited Sarah Alston to **STOKENCHURCH** to review our safeguarding procedures and make sure we were doing everything we can to ensure best practice. It was a rigorous day and we were very pleased to receive positive feedback about how we are doing. Some of the points she made included:

“The safeguarding information on the website is particularly clear and well presented. Not only is the statutory information easy to find, but there are clear summaries about the school’s approach to safeguarding that make the key issues and approach clear for parents. “

“All the children I spoke to clearly felt safe in school and were confident to identify people that they could talk to about concerns and worries. They were confident that they would be listened to and taken seriously. They were happy to talk about measures the school took to keep them safe. This discussion showed a high level of trust in the adults in the school.”

“The Single Central List was clear and compliant. It is supported by an exceptionally clear and detailed checklist for pre-employment checks and procedures to ensure a robust induction, including safeguarding for all staff.”

“Staff were confident to talk about recent training and what they had learnt.”

Thank you to Mrs Bailes and our Governor Dr Wolfe, as well as all the children and staff, for showing that we are doing a brilliant job in safeguarding our children!

COMMUNITY PAGE

PTA XMAS FAYRE	STAGECOACH	EYFS OPEN MORNING	XMAS PICTURE TRAIL	SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
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Stokenchurch Primary

Are you looking for a place in nursery or reception for your child? Come along to our...

EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING
Thursday 10th November 2022

8.30am Refreshments in Hall
8.45am Presentation from Mr Stevens
9.20am Tour of School

No appointment necessary but do let us know you are coming so we can cater accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Friendly, highly qualified & experienced staff with a passion for caring & learning.

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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.

No Waste, Let's Use, Let's Share!!

Stokenchurch Primary School are proud to announce the opening of its Second-Hand Uniform Shop

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will open for the first time at both Parent Evenings on the **8th and 10th November 2022**

Do please come along and have a look. You may find the next size up! Let's Use!! No Waste!!

All purchases made in cash via an honesty box. You decide on how much you want to pay for each item.

In addition, if you have any GOOD clean second-hand uniform or shoes that your children have grown out of, please do donate them to our second-hand uniform shop. It would be shame for GOOD quality clothes to go to waste when another child can benefit from your donation. Let's Share!!

All good second-hand donations and coat hangers if you have any can be brought to reception by **Tuesday 7th November 2022**.

STAGE COACH

NEW INFORMATION HERE BY E-MAIL

Lights, Camera, Christmas
Christmas Workshop

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

Ages 5-12

Book Your Place!

www.stagecoach.co.uk/highwycombe
highwycombe@stagecoach.co.uk 07539753718

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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

STOKENCHURCH IS RECRUITING!

We are currently recruiting for a number of roles at **STOKENCHURCH**. Roles include:

WE NEED YOU

ADMIN SUPPORT MANAGER
KS2 CLASS TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER)
LUNCH SERVER
CLEANER

Please spread the word about our fantastic school and let your friends and family know that you can find out more about these amazing opportunities on our school website [HERE](#) or by getting in touch with the school office directly on 01494 482112 (office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk)