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

## HAPPY & VALUED



☺ OUR NEWLY ELECTED HOUSE CAPTAINS 2022-23 ☺

**THIS WEEK:**  
CONGRATULATIONS  
WELCOME MEETINGS  
SINGING RETURNS!  
LUNCH UPDATE  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
AND MUCH MORE...☺

**ECO TICKER**  
Solar Panels  
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**GOLDEN RULES**  
READY  
RESPECTFUL  
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### ☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Pear & Holly – 100%	Birch- 99.55%	Prunus – 99.17%
HOUSEPOINTS	RALEIGH	NELSON	GRENVILLE
	COMING SOON!		

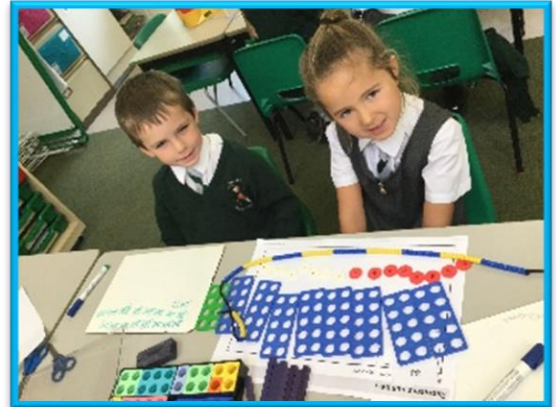


# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## THIS WEEK

Our children have had a brilliant week this week. I have enjoyed visiting all classrooms and already I have enjoyed welcoming over 20 children to see me with work for the Golden Folder! Y2 have been getting into their dough disco and have enjoyed using Numicon to help understand and solve problems in maths. Any way we can find to bring learning to life and make it practical is an inspiration to our children young and old and I know how hard the teachers work to think up imaginative ways of getting their learning across!



## SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER (11+)

I wanted to say a huge congratulations and well done to the teachers, staff and parents of children in Y6 who have taken the '11+' tests. Its always a worrying time but they have really worked hard, tried their very best and were happy when they were over on Thursday morning! Well-done children – we are really proud of you and as we said, you are the same person after the test as you were before it!

## WELCOME MEETINGS

We've had a busy week and welcomed over 60% of our children's parents to the first chance to meet your child's teacher of the year. The evening provided a wealth of information about the year ahead and gave parents a chance to see their child's new classroom for the first time. The presentations can be found on the class pages of the website if you missed it but huge thanks to those who attended and the staff who prepared and delivered the information so professionally.



## QUEEN ELIZABETH ROSE

Many thanks to one of our parents who attended our Remembrance service last Friday and followed it by donating a special rose in the Monarch's memory. Liam from Custom Outdoor Spaces has donated a Pink Rose (Queen Elizabeth II Rose) to take its place in our quiet garden when the period of mourning comes to a close. Thank you for your kind donation, which will remain on display on the school entrance until it is planted.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM – VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We would really like to set up a second-hand school uniform shop / facility to help our children and families in the challenging financial times ahead. It makes sense for your pocket and makes sense for the environment too. If you are able to volunteer to help set up and run the uniform 'shop' please let me know and we'll plan it together! Thank you in advance for your support...

## AMAZON

We will be re-launching our Amazon wish list in the next newsletter and appreciate your continued support as we have now raised over £1000!

## SINGING PRACTICE IS BACK!

This year we welcome back more singing to **STOKENCHURCH** and will be learning a variety of songs throughout the year. We had our first session this week and were impressed by Grace and Amelia who played the piano as the whole school assembled in the hall. Well-done girls!



## LUNCHES

We hope your child has been enjoying the lunches on offer from our new catering provider. We have been receiving positive feedback from both the children and staff members. Please remember that all lunches must be ordered in advance by completing the google form sent out. We have recently sent out a google form for you to complete to order lunches for w/c 26/09, 03/10 and 10/10

- <https://forms.gle/Ye5FHMUJv2qLEVBi6>

By providing your email address on the form, you will be automatically sent a copy of your responses. Please keep this safe as the office will no longer have access to responses so they will not be able to tell you what lunch selections you have made for your child. We are aware that some parents have some concerns regarding Millbrook supplying halal meat for our lunches. Please be reassured that Millbrook uses a humane halal butcher. If you have any concerns regarding this or would like any further information, please email the school office who will put you in touch with the catering manager at Millbrook. If you have any other questions regarding lunches, please contact Abbie Mayo via the school office.

## LOST PROPERTY



All lost property will now be handed in to the School Office. Any items of lost property that can easily be identified (i.e., the item has been named) will be returned to the child.

For any items that cannot be identified, parents/carers will have the opportunity to come and look through the lost property box, which will be placed in the front reception area, every Thursday afternoon at the end of the school day.

Do please ensure that ALL of your child's uniform and equipment is labelled clearly. This will help the school return lost items back to their owners. Otherwise, it will be placed in the lost property box for collection on Thursday afternoon at the end of the school day.

## AND FINALLY....

Congratulations to our newly elected HOUSE CAPTAINS! The children gave a speech to their respective houses who then had to vote for their new captains. Congratulations are well deserved by:

RALEIGH	NELSON	GRENVILLE	DRAKE
FLYNN & PIPER	JAMES & ISLA	ISABELLA & JOSEPH	ISMAEEL & PHILIPPA

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Grace Berkeley (Cherry) was privileged to receive a thank you letter from The Queen this week. The envelope was stamped by Buckingham Palace on the 9th September the day after The Queen passed away.

The letter was in response to a card Grace had sent to The Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee earlier this year. A very special letter that Grace will always treasure.


Aoife (Hazel) was lucky enough this week to have met Prince William at Windsor Castle and had a wonderful chat with him.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER			
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School closed for Bank Holiday</b>	ALL	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Leavers Disco (Last year's Y6 – postponed from July)	Y7	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lime Class Assembly	Lime	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Prunus Class Assembly	Prunus	
OCTOBER 2022			
7 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Class Assembly	Holly	
	Individual Photos	All	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival	All	
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Pumpkin Competition drop off	All	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Art Curriculum Day	All	
	Y5 Astronomy Roadshow	Y5	
20 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco Yrs 1, 2 & 3 5pm-6.15 Yrs 4, 5 & 6 6.30-7.45	Y1-6	
21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Halloween MUFTI End of term 1 – usual finish times	All	
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM – CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND	All	
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND</b>	All	
NOVEMBER 2022			
1 <sup>st</sup>	START OF TERM 2 – CHILDREN RETURN	All	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Late Parents' Evening	All	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day		
	Early Parents' Evening	All	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day (Service 10.45am)	All	
	Y2 Visit to War Memorial	Y2	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sibling photos	Siblings	
19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair		
DECEMBER 2022			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Carol Concert - 2.30pm	Y5	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Carol Concert – 2.30pm	Y6	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	All	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & 2 Performance – 5.30pm	Y1 & Y2	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper day	All	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Panto	All	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party	Y3 & Y4	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party	Y5 & Y6	
15 <sup>th</sup>	F2 Performance – 9.15am	F2	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Crafternoon	All	
19 <sup>th</sup>	F1 Christmas Circle (am)	F1	
	F2 Christmas Party	F2	
20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 2. Finish time 1.pm	All	
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec– 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND	All	
Please note 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 is an INSET DAY – CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND.			
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date / info.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<b>BANK HOLIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School will be closed on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September due to the Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.	
<b>MUFTI</b>	Please note, our PTA have arranged a Halloween Mufti day for 21 <sup>st</sup> October. <b>Please refrain from using fake blood or ghoulish masks so as not to frighten younger children.</b> Thank you.	