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# STOKENCHURCH STAR



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

## INDEPENDENT & RESILIENT







**THIS WEEK:**  
 EYFS THEATRE VISIT  
 WHAT A WEEK!  
 Y1 SUTTON COURTENAY PARKING  
 IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
 AND MUCH MORE... 😊

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**GOLDEN RULES**  
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😊 THE TIGER CAME TO TEA AT THE THEATRE TODAY! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

	RALEIGH	NELSON	GRENVILLE	DRAKE
HOUSEPOINTS	 <b>4476</b>	 <b>4753</b>	 <b>4739</b>	 <b>4964</b>
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	<b>97.22% - Birch</b>	<b>96.25% -Elder</b>	<b>95.83% - Holly</b>	



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## THIS WEEK

I'd like to start with a huge thank you to the entire staff team at **STOKENCHURCH** this week. More than ever, we have been affected by Covid-19 and experienced days with up to 25% of our staff not at school. It has resulted in having to employ an emergency staffing plan both to ensure that we are meeting our statutory duties, keeping your children safe and ensure that (apart from the occasional change of faces) it has been 'business as usual' for them. The response from staff has been amazing. They have been flexible, understanding and willing to meet children across the schools as we ensure we have not had to close any classes. Our Y1 trip to Sutton Courtenay went ahead as planned and the children had a wonderful time (more info below). The children in F1 and F2 (at time of writing) have just returned from watching 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' at the theatre in Aylesbury. Our hot school meal service has continued as normal, our Kiss 'n' Drop system has continued to be on offer, no elements of the curriculum or lessons have been lost, the children have continued to learn, reflect and make progress and all break times have been outside in the clement weather without any disruption. This is down to the dedication of everyone who makes **STOKENCHURCH** tick. Thank you to everyone who has helped, been flexible and supported this week – sometimes at short notice. Thanks also to the parent helpers who accompanied the EYFS and Y1 trips – they wouldn't have gone ahead without your time.



I hope and pray that next week we return to a little more stability but sadly I am unable to make that promise. Safe to say we are following government guidelines closely and ensuring we continue to do all we can to live with, but protect from, the spread of Covid as far as possible. I would like to thank all of our school community for your patience and understanding as we continue to do everything we can to keep the wheels turning as smoothly as possible. The occasional bump will happen I'm sure but I hope there is little or no direct impact on your child. One element we haven't yet been able to confirm is whether swimming will resume next week for Y4-6. I'm sure you can appreciate the importance of safety and staffing ratios for swimming lessons and we will have a better idea about whether or not we are able to proceed on Monday. Apologies for the disappointment this week and I hope we can return to our planned programme of lessons as soon as possible.



## PARKING

Sadly, another reminder is needed about the importance of parking safely and considerately in the vicinity of the school. This week there were two significant incidents, one of which resulted in a lady being injured due to the pavement being blocked by cars. I was also sent this photo of a car mounting the pavement to avoid parked cars! **Please, please support us in trying to ensure the safety of our children, staff, parents and the local residents by**

**parking considerately and within the law.** Thank you.

## Y1 VISIT TO SUTTON COURTENAY

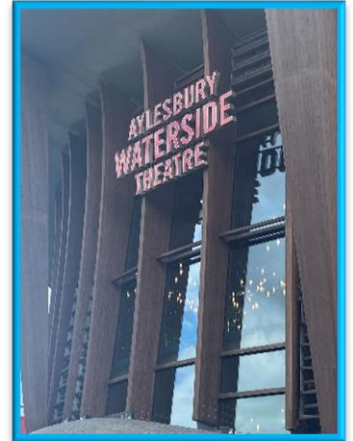




On Thursday our Y1 children went on an adventure as they travelled to the environmental centre at Sutton Courtenay. The weather was kind and the children travelled by coach. During the day they spent lots of time in the environment – learning about the parts of a plant and labelling them, going on a plant treasure hunt, feeling and climbing trees, looking at the different habitats, exploring a willow tunnel and playing musical instruments outdoors. The children, staff and parent helpers had a super day and returned with fond memories and new ideas. Thank you to Miss Morris for organising the trip and everyone who stepped in to ensure it took place.

### THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA!

This morning our F1 and F2 children also hopped on a coach as they went on a visit to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury for a performance of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children had a wonderful visit and laughed, sang, shouted and



clapped along with excitement. They were very tired on the way home and I know several of them fell asleep! Well done to Miss Longley for arranging the visit as well as the staff and parent helpers for making it happen. The children were brilliantly behaved, were enthusiastic throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

**EXTRA MONEY FOR SCHOOL!**

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## THINKING CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Would you rather live on the top of a mountain or underground? Why?

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(A full list of term dates is on the school calendar.)

JULY 2022			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Fete	All	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 (September) parent presentation 3.45pm	New Y1 parents (Sept)	
	Y6 Transition Day (non Icknield)	Y6	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Production dress rehearsal	Y6	
14 <sup>th</sup>	F1 Nursery shared circles & minibeast party 8.30am & 3pm	F1 Nursery	
	Y6 production – 6pm	Y6	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Annual reports to parents	All	
	F2 vision checks	F2	
	F2 graduation 2pm	F2	
	Y5 Willen Lake drop in	Y5	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show 1.45-3.15pm	All	Added
19 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher am	All	
	Leavers disco 6.30-8.30pm	Y6	
20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – 1pm finish (No pm Nursery session)	All	
SEPTEMBER 2022			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return	All	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date / info.

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## COMMUNITY PAGE

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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£1 adults  
Children  
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Saturday 2 July 2022  
12pm till 3pm

Join us for a fun, family afternoon filled with stalls,  
BBQ, Bar, games, bouncy castle, raffle,  
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