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

HAPPY & VALUED



THIS WEEK:

LEAVING YOUR MARK
READING CHALLENGE
NURSERY UPDATE
Y6 FIELD STUDY
IMPORTANT MESSAGES
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE... 😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
MWh produced = 76.85
CO₂ saved = 43.65t

GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 WELL DONE AMELIA IN Y4 WHO WON THE SUMMER
READING CHALLENGE PHOTO COMPETITION! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Chestnut 98.6%		Holly 98.3%		Hazel 98%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	10	19	9	6	29	13



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



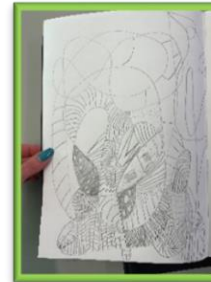
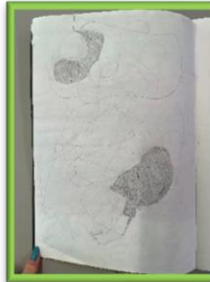
YOUNG CARERS ASSEMBLY



On Monday this week we welcomed Rahat from the charity Bucks Young Carers to **STOKENCHURCH** as she spoke to our children in two special assemblies about young carers and what they do. She spoke about children who have special jobs to do at home to help someone who needs it and how many of us care for others in different ways. It was informative and enlightening and gave children the opportunity to think and ask questions, as well as reassurance and some tips for anyone who wanted to talk. Thank you Rahat.

Y2 MARK MAKING

We have introduced regular 'mark making' sessions at school this term to give children regular opportunities to regularly practise and experiment with making marks in different ways. The simple process of mark making contributes to handwriting, creativity and coordination. Initially, children take pleasure from the physical activity of mark-making. But as they develop, they realise that they can control their marks and their creativity starts to thrive. This week Y2 started by 'taking their pencils for a walk' and then chose a section to fill using a range of different mark making techniques. The pieces will build and build during the term and I look forward to sharing these with you as they grow. Thank you to Miss Blandford for your inspiration!



GETTING TO THE BONES OF THINGS IN NURSERY



After reading 'Funny Bones' this week the children in nursery have been exploring all about themselves and were very excited to learn they have a skeleton underneath their skin. They were amazed to learn that their head has a skull and their back bone is called a spine. The children asked lots of questions about their skull - 'Is it hard?' 'Will it break?' 'What shape is it?' 'Why does it need a brain?' 'How does it protect our brain?' When they found their spines, they asked 'Why is it bumpy?' 'Does it hold other bones together' 'Why does it bend?' 'What happens if I break it?' Together we discussed our ideas to the questions and then searched for the answers by looking through lots of different information books. Some children even started to make their skeletons by cutting different sized 'bones' and fixing them together with tape.



On Wednesday the children were visited by Mr and Mrs Humpty Dumpty. As the children welcomed them by singing the nursery rhyme, they both climbed to the top of the highest wall. Unfortunately, they fell off and crashed to the floor! The children noticed that Mr Humpty Dumpty had cracks in his shell but Mrs Humpty Dumpty's shell had broken and she'd left a sticky, slimy mess. Together we talked about Mr Humpty Dumpty being a boiled



egg and Mrs Humpty Dumpty being raw and uncooked. The children continued their exploration of eggs as they made egg sandwiches. They cracked, peeled, mashed, squished and squashed boiled eggs to make a delicious sandwich. They all tried really hard at spreading butter and cutting their sandwich into halves too. I think we have some future chefs in the making!

Y6 FIELD STUDY

Y6 children have been learning about classification this week and took full advantage of some lovely weather and our incredible school grounds to get out and about and bring their learning to life!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This morning we welcomed Lisa from the local library to share the results of this year's Summer Reading Challenge. An incredible 45 children completed the challenge during the holidays and received a special certificate and medal to celebrate their achievement. Amelia also won the photo challenge and you can see her entry on the front page. Well done to her and all the children who took part - we are really

proud of you all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the rest of this term.

For a full list please see the calendar on the school website.





OCTOBER			
Fri 6 th	Individual school photographs	All	
Wed 11 th	Flu vaccines	F2- Y6	
Fri 13 th	Harvest Assembly	All	
w/b Mon 16 th	Bikeability	F2	
Thu 19 th	PTA Disco 5pm-6.15pm	Y1 Y2 Y3	
	PTA Disco 6.30pm- 7.45pm	Y4 Y5 Y6	
Fri 20 th	Show Racism the Red Card	All	
Fri 20 th	Break for half term (usual time)	All	
Fri 27 th	PTA Firework Display 6-8pm	All	
Mon 30 th	Return to school	All	
NOVEMBER			
Wed 1 st	Parents Evening 5-8pm	All	
Thu 9 th	Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm	All	
Fri 10 th	Remembrance Service / Y2 Visit to the War Memorial	Y2	
Mon 13 th	Siblings Photographs	All	
Sat 18 th	PTA Christmas Fair	All	
DECEMBER			
Tue 5 th	Performance to Parents 5.30pm-6.30pm	Y1, Y2	
Tue 19 th	School closes at 1.30pm	All	
Please note 4 th & 5 th January 2024 are INSET DAYS - CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND.			
Letter available / to follow	Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date / info.	

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

HOT SCHOOL MEAL ORDERS

Please remember that, once the cut off time passes (midnight on Tuesday for the following week), we are unable to accept any more lunch orders. Our lunch order is sent to our caterer first thing every Wednesday and cannot be amended after this.



<p>UNIFORM</p>	<p>Please check that your child is bringing home their own uniform. Lots of labelled cardigans and jumpers have been lost and have not made their way to lost property. We have lots of jumpers/cardigans in lost property at the moment which are unlabelled so we cannot return them to their owner.</p>	
<p>Preloved uniform</p>	<p>If you have any 'branded' jumpers/cardigans/polo shirts that you are willing to donate to the school for our preloved uniform sale, we would be very grateful.</p>	
<p>Dental Appointments</p>	<p>Non-urgent dental appointments should be booked after the school day has finished or as early as possible before school starts. We would politely ask that parents inform the school with as much notice as possible. We often receive calls with as little as 10 minutes notice that a child needs to go to the dentist. It is not always possible to leave the office unattended to run down to class with a message.</p>	
<p>AMAZON WISHLIST</p>	<p>We have received our first Amazon wishlist donation – thank you very much! You can help support Stokenchurch School by buying something for your child’s year group from our Amazon wishlist using the link below. These items will be sent directly to the school, so please have a look! Thank you for your support! https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c</p>	
<p>WE NEED YOUR HELP</p>	<p>We are looking for volunteer adults who are willing and able to commit a little time each week to help us maintain two areas of school both with and for the children. You may be a parent, grandparent or friend of the school. The first is the school library and the second is the school garden. For the library, please contact Ms Linfield to find out more. Want to help in the garden? Please contact Mr Stevens</p>	

COMMUNITY PAGE

WE ARE RECRUITING!
Please visit our school website for details of our support staff vacancies. Visits to the school are welcome.
<https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>

7th October 2023 @HW Music Centre Millbrook School Millend Road HP12 4BA
9.30-10.30am Musikids session 4-8 year olds
11-12.30pm Have a go sessions for everyone
contact hwmusic@bucksmusic.org for more information

If you would still like to add to the Go Fund Me collection for Lewis, the details are here <https://gofund.me/495c51fb>



Music for All supports disadvantaged music makers across the UK. Registered UK charity no 1055371.



Stokenchurch Primary School
Fireworks Display
FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER
Gates open 6pm
Display starts 7pm
Fireworks to music | Hot food | Bar | Sweets & Toys
E5 launch price (until 20 Sept)
E7 early bird (21 Sept - 24 Oct)
E10 on the door
Group offers available too!
All welcome!
George Road Stokenchurch HP14 3RN

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Jessie (an ex-Stokie pupil now in Y7) competed at the Inter-Regional Challenge Cup for tumbling in Birmingham on Sunday. She represented the Southern Area in the U15 Regional level 3 and has placed 6th in GB. Hard work, motivation and love for your sport really does work and we are beyond proud of her.