



# STOKENCHURCH STAR



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CHALLENGE



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

## HAPPY & VALUED



**THIS WEEK:**

HARVEST

ELEPHANTS LOOSE

TO INFINITY & BEYOND  
GREEN FINGERED HELPERS

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AND MUCH MORE... 😊

**ECO TICKER**

Solar Panels

MWh produced = 77.05

CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 43.76t

**GOLDEN RULES**


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 WE WERE ALL REALLY PROUD OF CHILDREN DURING  
OUR HARVEST ASSEMBLY! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Elder 100%		Holly 98%		Alder 97%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	22	62	66	16	46	23



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## HARVEST FESTIVAL



On Thursday we enjoyed our special harvest assembly. We welcomed Rev. Philip Smith and some of the residents from St Hugh's Close to join us and it was just perfect. We had all your food donations on display and the children enjoyed songs, poems, readings and prayers in thanksgiving for the harvest. Our visitors then enjoyed a cup of tea and a slice of cake with our Prefects in the staffroom afterwards. I had an email from Philip who said "Thank you for this morning. A joyful time. I was well impressed by



the band, the enthusiasm of the youngsters, all those leading and the percussion section. It was lovely to welcome the guests. Would have loved to have stayed for tea. My highlight was the singing at the end which showed what a precious community you have." Thank you to all the children and staff who helped to put it together and I look forward to delivering our food parcels to the local residents with the children on Monday.

## KISS & DROPPERS

I've been really proud this week as our new Y6 prefects have joined me to help with Kiss & Drop – in the rain! They always give a cheery 'Good Morning!' so do say well done and thank you if you see them 😊



## GARDENING UPDATE

We have had two parents offer a couple of hours to help with the gardening projects at school and already the pots are looking significantly better! Thank you if you have already given some time – if you can do a bit too, please contact me via the school office 😊



## THERE'S AN ELEPHANT LOOSE IN NURSERY!

This week the children in Nursery have been listening to the story of Elmer and have really enjoyed talking about how all the different colours on his patchwork skin make him really special and unique. To celebrate Elmer's uniqueness the children made 'Elmerberry Crumble'. They imitated the story by squashing raspberries, blackberries and blueberries with 'Elmer' and mixed oats, sugar and butter to sprinkle over the top. They then added cinnamon to their crumbles to make them taste really yummy! After everyone had baked with an adult, the ingredients and resources were added to the environment for everyone to explore. The children role-played making their crumbles and were fascinated when the oats changed colour as they mixed everything together. They even enjoyed washing up afterwards. What 'marvellous' chefs we have!



## ASTRONOMY ROADSHOW



Y5 thoroughly enjoyed travelling to the far reaches of our universe on Tuesday when the Astronomy Roadshow came to STOKENCHURCH. The children learned about the solar system, asked questions, handled space rocks and brought their learning to life, whilst enjoying the wonder of the experience and behaving brilliantly. Thank you Y5 and well-done Miss Cetinich for arranging the visit 😊


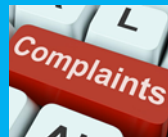
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the rest of this term.

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

OCTOBER			
w/b Mon 16th	Bikeability	F2	
Tue 17th	F2 Stay & Play session 2pm	F2	
Wed 18th	SEND coffee morning 9.15-9.45am	All	
Thu 19th	PTA Disco 5pm-6.15pm	Y1 Y2 Y3	
	PTA Disco 6.30pm- 7.45pm	Y4 Y5 Y6	
Fri 20th	Show Racism the Red Card	All	
Fri 20th	Break for half term (usual time)	All	
Fri 27th	PTA Firework Display 6-8pm	All	
Mon 30th	Return to school	All	
Mon 30th	PTA Pumpkin competition drop off	All	
Tue 31st	PTA Pumpkin competition drop off, judging & collection	All	
NOVEMBER			
Wed 1st	Stay and Learn 9-9.30 or 9.30-10am	Y1,3 &5	
Thu 2nd	Stay and Learn 9-9.30 or 9.30-10am	Y2,4&6	
Fri 3rd	PTA Mufti day (Tombola Prize)	All	
Tues 7th	Parents Evening 5-8pm	All	
Thu 9th	Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm	All	
Fri 10th	Remembrance Service / Y2 Visit to the War Memorial	Y2	
Mon 13th	Siblings Photographs	All	
Sat 18th	PTA Christmas Fair	All	
DECEMBER			
Tue 5th	Performance to Parents 5.30pm-6.30pm	Y1, Y2	
Fri 15th	Travelling Pantomime	All	
Mon 18th	PTA Santas' village visit	All	
Tue 19th	PTA Christmas raffle	F2-Y6	
Tue 19th	School closes at 1.30pm	All	
Please note 4th & 5th 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

<b>HOT SCHOOL MEAL ORDERS</b>	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.	
<b>GOT A COMPLAINT?</b>	As all schools do, we have a policy that covers how to go about pursuing a complaint if something has not gone right for you and your experience at school. As is good practise, here is the link should you ever need it – available on the school website too. <a href="https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/policies/" style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/policies/</a>	

## WHATSAPP

We will regularly be sharing hints and tips about how to keep your children safe online, how to promote discussion at home and places to seek help should you have any worries or need advice. Here's a handy poster with info about Whatsapp:  
<https://stokenchurch-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/letters-home/>



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

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



## COMMUNITY PAGE

**FRIENDS PTA**

# Autumn Disco

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5pm-6.15pm**  
**Years 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30pm-7.45pm**

Includes drinks & snack with a treat to take home!

**£4**  
via parentpay or on the door

No Mobiles or ipods allowed

**FRIENDS PTA**

# Stokenchurch Primary School Fireworks Display

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Gates open 6pm  
Display starts 7pm

Fireworks to music | Hot food| Bar| Sweets & Toys

£5 launch price (until 20 Sept)  
£7 early bird (21 Sept - 24 Oct)  
£10 on the door  
Group offers available too!

Book Online

SCAN ME

All welcome!

George Road  
Stokenchurch  
HP14 3RN

Stokenchurch Primary School

## PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Enter your pumpkins on  
Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 October

More details coming soon...

Organised by Stokenchurch Primary School  
PTA to raise funds for school projects

## 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/>

## SEND coffee morning

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 8.15-9.45am



Come along and meet our school SENCOs (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) Miss Howland and Mrs Avery.

This will be an information sharing session where we will explore the Buckinghamshire local offer, NHS services and any other advice available to parents.

All welcome.

FLEUR DE LIS

# Halloween PARTY

IT'S FRIGHTY NIGHT!  
GREAT DRINKS OFFERS,  
WITCHES PUNCH, SCARY SHOTS

27<sup>th</sup> OCT 8 PM

FLEUR DE LIS PRESENTS

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN DAY

29 OCT 2023 FROM 2 - 6PM

LETS HAVE A SCREAM!

PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS  
GHOST HUNT  
COLOURING COMPETITION  
APPLE BOBBING