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

## CURIOUS & AMBITIOUS



😊 OUR FIREWORKS WENT OFF  
WITH A BANG LAST WEEK! 😊

**THIS WEEK:**  
FIREWORKS  
PUMPKINS  
CHESS  
STAY & LEARN  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
AND MUCH MORE...😊

**ECO TICKER**  
Solar Panels  
MWh produced = 77.27  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 43.89t


### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Elder 97.3%		Alder & Ash 96.3%		Chestnut & Holly 96.3%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	22	71	76	41	54	41



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## STAY & LEARN



On Weds and Thurs this week we held our first 'Stay and Learn' sessions for Y1-6 parents, following on from the session for EYFS before half term. We welcomed almost 180 parents over the two days who enjoyed a session in class with their child about maths. They could see (and join in with) the lessons, the feedback was really positive. Sadly, the technology in the hall for the maths presentation let us down but the



problem has been fixed and we will make it available to everyone. Thank you to everyone who came as well as the teachers (and children) who made it such a worthwhile occasion – and thanks to Ms Linfield for arranging it all! 😊

## FIREWORKS



Last Friday's fireworks were a real treat. I was a bit nervous to be honest as it is such a big responsibility, but the PTA did a brilliant and professional job of all the preparations, risk assessments and attractions / refreshments that meant 650 people had a wonderful evening. We raised an impressive

£1500 for the school and will definitely do this again in the future. Thank you to our wonderful PTA team and to everyone who attended! 😊

## CHESS CLUB

Our Y6 children asked if they could have a chess club, and when Mrs Milne asked them if they could get it organised – they went to work. We have posters, boards, pieces, registers, a room and a time so that the children can enjoy doing something they love every week. Well-done to our chess aficionados!



## PUMPKIN COMPETITION WINNERS

We had almost 90 entries to this year's PTA pumpkin carving competition. They were quite an amazing assortment of designs and judging winners was a difficult job. I hope you all enjoyed your Halloween experiences if you

celebrated and the winners in each category were announced in assembly yesterday afternoon. Thank you to our amazing PTA for yet another treat for the children 😊

## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE
EYFS	Albie	Jamie	Keva
Y1&2	Freya	Robin	Bonnie
Y3&4	Jason	Emilia	Mae
Y5&6	William	Olivia	Ellis



### CHRISTMAS DECS FOR HOSPITAL





Mrs Avery challenged our children to design and create some festive bunting to decorate the wards of local children's hospitals in partnership with the charity Starlight. As suspected the children came up trumps and the bunting has been posted to brighten up the lives of children who may not be lucky enough

to be at home this Christmas. Thank you to Mrs Avery and the children for taking the time to do something nice for someone else.

### SOME NICE MESSAGES

- We were pleased to receive a special letter of congratulations from MP Rob Butler congratulating us for the work we continue to do about safe and environmentally friendly travel to school. You can read the letter [HERE](#)
- We also received a lovely letter from Dot, thanking the school and the children for the wonderful Harvest boxes we delivered a couple of weeks ago. You can read her letter [HERE](#)

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<b>AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS</b>	Please note, the cancellation of after school clubs next week relates to the Teacher-led clubs and not the paid for clubs. Clubsports and karate will be running as normal.	
<b>PARKING</b>	We have sadly received another complaint from a neighbour following an altercation with one of our parents over parking. Foul and threatening language has reportedly been used and I have advised the resident to call the police in the future if this happens again. Please can I implore the tiny minority of our parents who continue to behave this way to refrain from doing so. Thank you.	
<b>UNIFORM</b>	We have sourced a cheaper alternative logo jumper and cardigan that is still of a high quality. Different class will soon be selling these at a cost of £13.99 each.	
<b>MESSAGE FROM THE SENCOS</b>	<p>For those of you who were unable to attend the SEND coffee morning, you can find the links we shared on our SEND page: <a href="http://stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/send/">stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/send/</a> These links include tips on how to support your children with sensory challenges/ picky eating (NHS Occupational Therapy webinars) and in the CAMHs link, there are videos about how to support children with conditions such as anxiety, ADHD and autism. Bucks Local Offer, on Buckinghamshire Council's website, also lists all the support and groups that are available for children and parents locally.</p> <p>We welcome all parents and carers in the school to our coffee mornings- look out for our next one at the start of the new year and for further updates, news and tips in the school newsletter.</p>	

## PARENT LUNCH TASTERS

Millbrook Global Café will be coming along to the upcoming parents' evenings to allow parents the opportunity to try some of the lunches on offer to the children. They will bring a variety of hot school lunches and Natasha, the catering manager at Millbrook, will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.



## 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.

NOVEMBER			
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 5-8pm	All	
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm	All	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service / Y2 Visit to the War Memorial	Y2	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Siblings Photographs	All	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair	All	
DECEMBER			
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Performance to Parents 5.30pm-6.30pm	Y1, Y2	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch ☺	All	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Performance to Parents 2.00pm	Y1, Y2	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	F2 Christmas performance 9.15am	F2	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Pantomime	All	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Santas' village visit	All	
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas raffle	F2-Y6	
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 1.30pm	All	
Please note 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## COMMUNITY PAGE

Lets stop! Stop what?!

The turtles, the seals, the fish hurt and it's all our fault.  
We are letting littering be ok but we know it isn't so  
lets stop together!

From the diamond clear blue ocean to the damaged  
polluted uninhabitable ocean.

Fish eating plastic bags from turtles and seals getting  
tangled in fishing nets.

From ocean to land, birds, squirrels and foxes  
rummaging through bins to get food for themselves.

But when they rummage they pick up plastic.  
Your favourite animal might be eating plastic but do  
you want that to happen?

What's a world with no animals and no clear seas?  
Boring and sad. So we need to stop, stop fast to help  
our animal friends so they don't suffer or get extinct.




Healthy sea
WE NEED TO STOP

By Tilly