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

CURIOUS & AMBITIOUS



THIS WEEK:

PANTO
SANTA
CAROLS
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WEBSITE
PARTIES
IMPORTANT MESSAGES
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE... 😊

ECO TICKER


Solar Panels
MWh produced = 77.51
CO₂ saved = 44.02t

GOLDEN RULES

READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

😊 IT'S BEEN A BUSY AND FESTIVE WEEK THIS WEEK! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

| ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK | Birch 97.9% | | Ash 96.7% | | Chestnut 96% | |
|---|-------------|-----|-----------|----|--------------|-----|
|  | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
| | 60 | 128 | 92 | 75 | 105 | 108 |

FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR

CAROL CONCERT(S)!



Our fantastic choir have performed not once but twice this week. Last Saturday they kicked off the **STOKENCHURCH** Christmas Fayre with a performance of carols



and Christmas songs and they sounded amazing. This was followed by a more impromptu Carol Service at the end of the last rehearsal of the year. The children sang beautifully and the feedback I had from parents was brilliant to hear. Well done to our fabulous choir, as well as the fabulous Mrs Brand and Mrs Foster for making it happen!



SPECIAL VISITORS

We had a special visit this week from two of Santa's extra-special helpers! Dancer and Donna touched down in Nathan Court on Monday and the whole school had the opportunity to come and meet the antler to antler (so to speak)! They asked great questions and were brilliantly behaved and the looks on their faces made it all so worthwhile. Thanks to Mrs Warner and Mrs Mayo for making the visit so special 😊



PANTOMIME

On Friday our children were treated to a special performance of Little Red Riding Hood as we all enjoyed our annual pantomime treat. The comedy was slapstick, the jokes were hilarious and the children fully joined in (OH YES, THEY DID!!) Huge thanks to the PTA for making this treat possible and well done to the children for being so brilliant – the Q&A with the actors following the performance was a great addition for



our older children 😊

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On Thursday F2 performed their own very special version of the 12 Days of Christmas to a hall packed full of friends and family. The stage was set beautifully and as the children took their



places we knew we were in for a treat. The children did an amazing job and I (along with



400 others) have spent the rest of the week singing 'I Need a Wee!! (If you know, you know!). Thank you to Mrs Patterson and the F2 team for putting it all together, Miss Foster for the original lyrics and Mrs Brand for her musical accompaniment...it was lovely 😊

CLASS PARTIES



On top of all that we've all enjoyed our class Christmas parties this week. Behind the decorated classroom doors, we've had tables festooned with party food, drink, decorations and party hats and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending this time with their friends. Huge thanks to all the teachers and LSAs who have worked tirelessly to make this time of year so special for our children 😊

SANTA'S VISIT TO THE VILLAGE

This week the children and families from **STOKENCHURCH** were treated to a special visit from the big man himself! He adorned his

diesel sleigh with lights, bells and music and travelled around the streets of Stokie to bring some cheer and smiles to the faces of the children and their families. The houses looked brilliantly bedecked in lights and many smiles, waves, promises and wishes were shared. Thanks to our amazing PTA for arranging the special visit – we know Santa is really busy at this time of the year. We raised a super £170 too 😊

ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

On top of everything else this week, we've had a series of road safety workshops for our Y5 and Y6



children. Bespoke training sessions written for our school and delivered by our colleagues at Hazard Alley, the children learned about keeping safe on and near the road in fun and interactive ways, including using a 23m piece of string to see how far it takes a car to stop driving at 30 miles an hour! These life lessons are (as we know) vitally important and I am pleased to say there will be follow up sessions for other year groups after Christmas. Thank you to Mrs McCammond for arranging the 😊








challenging job and do it well, day in, day out and with a smile on our faces no matter what the world presents us with at 8.35 every morning. Our children are immensely lucky to have each and every one of you and I hope you all have a well-deserved rest and recharge over the Christmas period. Finally, I'd like to say thank you and Happy Christmas to all of our children and families – we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 8th January!

THANK YOU!

I'd like to finish with a few thank yous. Sadly, Mrs Harris will not be returning to the school office after the Christmas break and I'd like to thank her for her hard work and support behind the scenes. She will leave tricky shoes to fill I know and wish her the very best of luck from all of us with her next adventure. I'd also like to extend a special thank you to the whole staff team at **STOKENCHURCH**. We do an incredibly



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

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| NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE TODAY! | We are excited to announce our new school website is due to go LIVE today: stokenchurchprimary.co.uk - Here you should be able to find all the information you need about our school including upcoming events and year group information. To subscribe to our new website calendar (e.g. to get the dates in your phone calendar), please follow instructions on the Calendar page. Thank you to Mrs Whelan for all her hard work – more info next week! |  |
| Late arrivals | Reminder that school starts at 8.30am for F1, 8.40am for F2 and 8.45am for Year 1 to 6. Many children are regularly arriving at 9am or later, this means lost learning time and disrupts the learning of others. Please ensure your child arrives in school on time |  |
| Parentmail | If you find ParentMail emails going to your spam/junk folder, please change your account settings to mark ParentMail as a safe sender. Please also add info@parentmail.co.uk to your contact address book to avoid missing out on emails. |  |
| CURRENT VACANCIES | We currently have some vacancies in school. For more information, please visit the vacancies section on our website. |  |
| SPRING LUNCH MENU | The Spring lunch menu is now available to view on our website and order via ParentPay. |  |

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.

| DECEMBER | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Mon 18 th | F1 Christmas Circle | F1 | |
| | F1 Christmas Party | F1 | |
| Tue 19 th | PTA Christmas raffle | F2-Y6 | |
| | School closes at 1.00pm | All | |
| JANUARY 2024 | | | |
| Thu 4 th Fri 5 th | INSET DAYS – CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND. | All | |
| Mon 8 th | School returns today | All | |
| Thu 25 th | Cherry class assembly 9am | Y2 | |
| FEBRUARY | | | |
| Thu 1 st | Holly class assembly 9am | Y4 | |
| 5 th -8 th | History week | All | |
| Fri 9 th | School closes for half term (usual time) | All | |
| Mon 19 th | School returns today | All | |
| Letter available / to follow | Please join us if you can 😊 | Please note change of date / info. | |