



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



AIMING HIGH ... FLYING HIGHER

Everything we do makes a difference to our children; empowering minds and shaping futures.



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

CURIOUS



THIS WEEK:

CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLY
ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOPS
CLUB CREATIONS
ONLINE CHAT
MAPPING Y1
IMPORTANT MESSAGES
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE... 😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
MWh produced = 77.70
CO₂ saved = 44.13t

GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 LOTS OF CURIOSITY WHILST STUDYING MAPS
IN Y1 THIS WEEK 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Elder		Pear		Prunus	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	72	170	142	82	142	114
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				LIME CLASS		



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLY

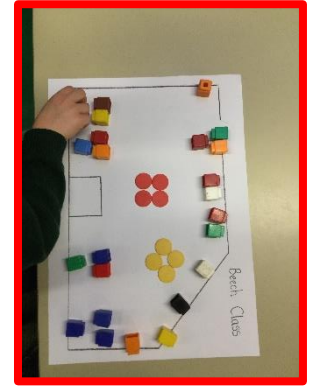


This week our fabulous cherries shared their learning in history about flight and the journey taken by the human race to master the skies! They focussed on particular milestones and inspirational aviators from the past and looked forward with a spot of space travel! They've really enjoyed their topic and presented clearly and confidently. Well done Y2 and thank you to Miss Morris for bringing it all together!



HAZARD ALLEY ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Continuing our work from before Christmas, more of our children have been taking part in road safety workshops provided especially for STOKENCHURCH by our friends at Hazard Alley. Practical, interactive and engaging, they are a really important way to drive home the message of being safe when out on the roads and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Many thanks to the PTA who have helped us to fund these vital sessions.



LIVE LEARNING IN Y1

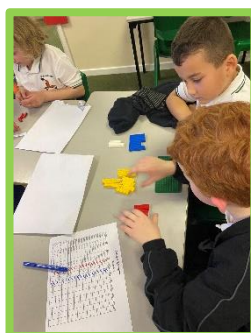
In Computing, Year 1 have been looking at the art of Mondrian and Kandinsky and were inspired to create their own digital versions as part of their Digital Painting unit. In Geography, the children were very excited to look at Google Maps and zoom in to school all the way from space! They then spent time carefully looking at a map of Stokenchurch and working together to label different features. They then made 'messy maps' of our classroom using classroom equipment to show the layout of the room. The children were excellent at talking through their thinking and explaining each area of the room. Well done Y1!



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SCULPTURE CLUB

At club this week, our children worked in pairs to pick a mystery envelope and create a sculpture from the 20 pieces of Lego they unwrapped. We then reviewed each-other's creations before deconstructing them and creating an alternative sculpture from the same pieces. The children worked well together and created lots of sculptures that represented other things, such as a bee, a temple and a spider standing up on two legs!









ONLINE CHAT SPILLING INTO SCHOOL

Just a quick note to parents (and children) about keeping safe online. We do lots in school about the dangers of being online but we can't do it without parental support at home too. We have had several cases recently, mostly amongst older children, of online chats going 'wrong' and inappropriate language, messages and images being shared more widely. In several cases, older children and family members at other schools have become involved. I know that technology is amazing and I know that technology is becoming a way of life for many if not all of our children and families, but the longer we spend in school sorting out issues happening outside school, the less time we have to do the things we want to inside school. We ALL have a responsibility to keep your children safe and them being online, in bedrooms, late at night, without permission or supervision is a potentially risky environment. Any incidents reported in school (because a child is feeling scared or worried or upset) will be dealt with immediately and all parents contacted. There is a poster about parental controls below and lots more information on our website. Thank you for your support – it is important.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

CURRENT VACANCIES	We currently have a full-time admin / receptionist and a midday supervisor vacancy in school. For more information, please visit the vacancies section on our website.	
SPRINGBUCKS GATE OPEN	To help keep you safe, we will from next week ensure the pedestrian gate is open to the school garden when you are dropping off early for Springbucks Gym club. Please use this rather than the car park vehicle gates. Thank you.	
PARKING PROMISE	This week's reminder is not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school entrance and to not drive onto the school premises at the end of the day unless it is by prior arrangement. Thank you for helping us to keep the children safe.	
POLYTUNNEL HELPERS	We have secured a polytunnel and gardening equipment for our school. If you are able to spare an afternoon to help Mr Rose and I put it all together, please do let me know by contacting the school office. Thank you! 😊	
LOVELY LIBRARY LADIES	I would like to thank our brilliant parent volunteers who are now collectively offering 10+ hours per week to help keep our library amazing for the children and to listen to our children read. It makes a huge difference!	
LATE CHILDREN	We are seeing a gentle trickle of children who are arriving a few minutes late each morning. Please ensure that your children are here on time to reduce the impact on their own and others' learning. Thank you!	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the next month or so.
For a full list please see (and link to) our calendar on the school website.

JANUARY 2024			
Tue 30 th	Safer Internet Day	All	
FEBRUARY			
Thu 1 st	Holly class assembly 9am	Y4	
5 th - 8 th	KS2 History week	All	
Fri 9 th	Nursery stay for a story 11am	N	
Fri 9 th	School closes for half term (usual time)	All	
Mon 19 th	School returns today	All	
Thu 22 nd	Prunus Class Assembly 9am	Y6	
Thu 29 th	Larch Class Assembly 9am	Y5	
Letter available / to follow		Please note change of date / info.	
Please join us if you can 😊			



Half Term & Easter Gym Camp Bookings Now Open!

HAZLEMERE CAMPS –
14th Feb & 3rd / 10th April
Hazlemere Youth Centre,
Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB

MARLOW CAMP -
15th Feb & 4th / 11th April
Court Garden Leisure
Centre, Marlow, SL7 2RE

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& EXPERIENCE, AGED 4 – 12 YEARS

Times: Mornings 9am -12 noon (£16)
Lunch Club* 12 – 1pm (£3.00)
Afternoons 1.00pm – 4.00pm (£16)

*Bring packed lunch, supervised free play time

Our camps are a great mix of gymnastics and
Trampoline as well as lots of fun and games!

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Code valid for Feb camps until 22nd January and for Easter camps until end of February.



Green Eden

Monday 12th – Friday 16th Feb

Join us under the big green leaf this half term for
interactive stories, puppetry, crafts and more.

📍 Located outside Black Sheep Coffee.

For further details visit edenshopping.co.uk



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to lead an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, news and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort these out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unwanted content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to set it up on the console. Once that's done, you can email how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At any account store, create an account. Then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike any Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate or content blocked from the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the first step is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding your child's account. Then, in the settings, look for Users & Groups to manage your child's account. While on that page, you can control the content they can see and restrict content by its age rating. Even this is 'locked', however, some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular choices is Samsung, and on their TVs, you can control the content your child can see in the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting'. You can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this is 'locked', however, some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Andy Collins is a technology specialist with more than 22 years experience of working for firms such as the Sunday Times, BBC, PC Pro and Computerworld. He's spoken regularly at tech events, webinars and podcasts, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 3 Live and the TV News at Ten. He has been featured and cited as an expert on the subject of internet safety.

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St. Peter & St. Paul Stokenchurch



Thought you had missed a
Christingle. Come and enjoy the fun
on **Candlemas**
Sunday 28th January

5pm



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