



## Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2017/12

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

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Dear Parents

The Christmas season has started at Stokenham! We have singing and dancing, the smell of mince pies and Christmas cheer is wafting around the school and a gorgeous Christmas tree, beautifully decorated in the hall is taking centre stage. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Powell who kindly donated it to us.



As we speak, there is a huge amount of activity going on in the Hall; the Christmas Fair is in full swing and it all looks rather wonderful! We owe a huge debt of thanks to the PTFA who have worked hard co-ordinating hampers, distributing raffle tickets, organising plates of food and inviting Father Christmas to our School. We would also like to thank the children and of course parents and family for their generosity and contributions.

### Year 1 Art Café Morning - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget to hand in your permission slip and contribution on Monday, for the Year 1 Pottery Morning. Mr Boot from the Art Café will be helping the children to make gorgeous Christmas decorations for the children to bring home.

### Foundation Stage Open Morning - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Next Friday we invite our Foundation Stage parents to come into school in the morning between 9.30 - 10.00am to look at their child's Learning Journeys. This is a fabulous opportunity to see what your child has been doing in school since starting in September. All Foundation Stage parents are very welcome.

### Christmas Performances 2017

Don't forget to hand in your slip for your ticket allocations. **Deadline for ticket allocations will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December by 9.30am.** After this date and time, tickets will be handed out and if applicable to those on the waiting list. As always any queries please see Charlotte in the office.

### Theatre Alibi - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

We are very excited about the Theatre Alibi Company visiting our school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All the children in the school will be watching the performance during the morning. It is called "*Apple John*" which tells the life story of a man called John and an apple tree. It's about growing up, finding your roots and adding rings to the trunk. There will be live music, miming, playfulness and puppetry.



For the performance to be able to go ahead we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per child. Please remember to hand in your slip and contribution to the office **by next Friday - 8<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Christmas Jumper Day! - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the same day as our Christmas dinner we strongly encourage all children and of course the staff to come to school wearing a very festive and decorative Christmas jumper. **Please don't buy one especially** but you can use as much tinsel and imagination to create a festive top. We will also be donating any food items or monetary donations, should you wish, towards the Kingsbridge Food bank. Please bring in any donations to the office during the week. Let's get the tinsel out!

### **Music and After School Clubs**

Please note that **various clubs and music lessons** will be finishing over the next two weeks. Details below:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Last session</b>
Monday	After School Football Club	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday	John Sipple Drum Lessons Holly Molyneux Music	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday	After School Ukulele Club	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday	Little Dragons	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday	After School Tag Rugby	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday	Mrs Chapman Music Lessons Junior Taekwondo	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December

We hope to have a different set of After School Clubs for the children to enjoy next term, starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Forest School**

Please note the Forest School time table for the next two weeks:

<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Foundation Stage and Year 2</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>No Forest School</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Foundation Stage and Year 3</b>

The Forest School area greatly benefit from all your donations. If you have old saucepans, frying pans, wooden spoons, wrapping paper, wooden and paper tubes to help make insect homes, cutlery and after Christmas ... your Christmas tree; these can be donated to the forest school area. The children love making canopies and 'matting' from the branches.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to all parents, pupils and friends for their donations towards this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Stokenham School raised £71.39 to help towards the vital welfare and benevolent work that the legion provides. - Thank you to all.



### **School Dinner Payments**

The end of term is fast approaching and our school dinner payments need to be balanced. All outstanding dinner monies payments need to be handed to Charlotte in the office before the end of term. Please remember that school dinners should be paid for **in advance** and a debt should not be accumulated. A packed lunch will need to be provided if you have not sent in payment or your child's account is not in credit. School dinners are £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week. Any queries please see Charlotte in the office, thank you.

Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Sue Jezard**  
**Executive Headteacher**

## **Congratulations**

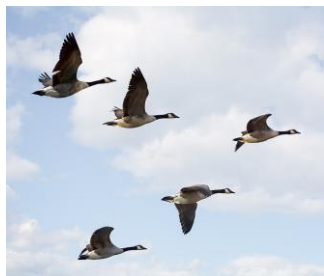
Every Friday we hold a special assembly when we celebrate the children's achievements in school and share successes in their interests and activities outside school.

Our theme this term is:

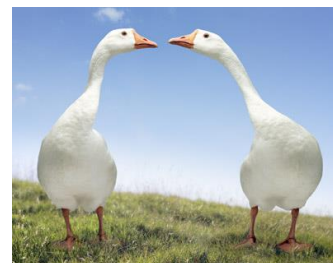
### **New Beginnings**

Children receive a 'Goose' which represents working together, helping each other and being part of a family.

Awards this week go to:



Hugo  
Mia  
Toby  
Max  
Jack W  
Eva  
Hani



### **Mealtime Assistant Award**

Chamilia & Petal

### **Writers of the Week**

FS - Lexi  
KS1 - Finley G  
KS2 - Chloe S

## The Week Ahead - Week 2

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30-4.30pm - After School Football Club - last session
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Deadline to hand in Christmas Performance Ticket Allocations</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Art Café Morning - see above
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30-4.30pm After School Ukulele Club - last session 3.30-4.30pm - Little Dragons After School Club - last session 3.30-4.30pm - After School Tag Rugby Club - last session
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Foundation Stage - Open Morning - see above</b> <b>Deadline for Year 5 Residential Consent Form and Deposit</b> FS & Y2 - Forest School - last session After School Junior Taekwondo - last session

## Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 11 Dec	2.00 pm 6.00 pm	3 & 4	Christmas Performance Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12 Dec	2.00 pm	KS1	Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 Dec	1.40 pm 6.00 pm	5 & 6	Christmas Performance Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 Dec	AM	Whole School	<b>Christmas Jumper Day - see above</b> Theatre Alibi Performance - see above Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 15 Dec	10.00am 2.00pm 3.30pm	All KS1 All	<b>No Forest School</b> Carol Service at Stokenham Church Christmas Party LAST DAY OF TERM

## 2018

Wednesday 3 Jan	9.10am	ALL	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
12 to 16 February		ALL	HALF TERM
Thursday 29 March		ALL	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Please bring your Christmas tree into school, for recycling in the Forest School Area in the New Year.