



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2017/13  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
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Dear Parents

Christmas has arrived at Stokenham! We have a beautifully decorated tree, sparkling lights, tinsel, children singing and general merriment!



**A Christmas Tree, Snowman or Father Christmas Himself?**



What decoration will your child bring home? Thank you to Mr Boot from the Art café who came in on Wednesday and helped our Year 1 children paint and decorate some beautiful Christmas ornaments. These will be ready to bring home before the end of term.



**Christmas Christingles**



Thank you to Sue Durrant from Tesco who came in last week and along with our Year 1 and 2 pupils had a lovely afternoon investigating different Christmas traditions around the world and making celebratory Christmas Christingles with ribbons, sweets, oranges and candles.

**School Christmas Performances**

**Curtains go up at the following times**

DATE	TIME	YEAR GROUP	SHOW
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Year 3 and 4	The Stars come out for Christmas
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Year 3 and 4	The Stars come out for Christmas
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	FS, Year 1 and 2	The Gigantic Star
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	1.40pm	Year 5 and 6	What a Knight
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Year 5 and 6	What a Knight



- The Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December does not require a ticket. The "Gigantic Star" will shine a path into the Hall from 1.45pm for a **2pm start**. Bring tissues as it is a truly wonderful performance!
- Our Lower Juniors (Year 3 and 4) afternoon performance starts at **2.00pm**. The doors will open at 1.45pm. Please do not arrive any earlier.
- Our Upper Juniors (Year 5 and 6) afternoon performance starts at **1.40pm**. The doors will open at **1.30pm**. Please do not arrive any earlier.

For our two evening performances, the children will need to be back in school for **5.40pm** to get ready. Please do not come any earlier.

### **Parking - especially next week**

With all our performances, afternoon and evening, we ask that when parking, please remain respectful towards our neighbours and park considerately. Please do not block access to the village hall, private drive ways or park illegally at road junctions, especially on the roundabout and the lane up towards Coleridge.

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



All the children in the school will be watching the performance about "*Apple John*" which tells the life story of a man called John and an apple tree. Please remember to hand in your slip and £4.00 contribution to the office on **Monday morning** if you have not already done so.

### **Delicious Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Let's get the tinsel out! Next Thursday is our chance to put on our sparkling jumpers and tuck into a yummy Christmas dinner. Please don't buy a jumper especially, but use as much imagination and tinsel to create a festive top.

### **Kingsbridge Food Bank**

For Christmas, we as a school, will 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.

### **Carol Service - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**

We will be taking the children down to Stokenham Church next Friday, for our Annual Carol Service. The service starts at 10am and all parents, families and friends are very welcome to join us at the church. Our Carol Service is always a wonderful and enjoyable event and a fabulous way to end another fantastic Autumn Term and look forward to the Christmas holidays.

### **Foundation Stage, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Slips came home yesterday, to bring a contribution to school for their Christmas party; please do look in your child's Book Bag if you have not seen your slip. We have a very special visitor coming, so your child will be able to share their list with him in person! The party will be finished in time for normal school home time.

## Forest School

Forest School has finished for this term and the children have all had the most amazing time. All the children involved have embraced learning outside in all the elements. Thank you to all the parents who have supported sessions and donated resources. The children have been learning about reading a compass, using tools safely, fire lighting, wind direction, cooking on the camp fire, caring for the environment, learning about native trees and flowers, tree and plant life cycles and investigating insects and other bugs.

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.

**Forest school will restart on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for our Foundation Stage and Year 3 children**

## School Dinners - Outstanding Payments

It is really important that any outstanding payments are settled in the last week of term so we can balance any outstanding accounts. Please remember that meals must be paid for **in advance** and prompt payment is really appreciated to avoid excessive admin time being spent chasing late payments. Thank you for your help. **Please send all monies due in on MONDAY.** Thank you.

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

Yours sincerely



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

## Congratulations

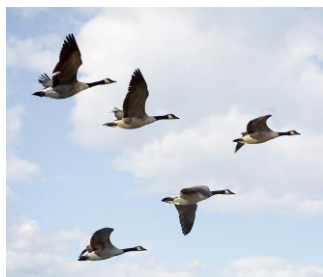
Every Friday we hold a special assembly when we celebrate the children's achievements in school and share successes in their interests and activities outside school.

Our theme this term is:

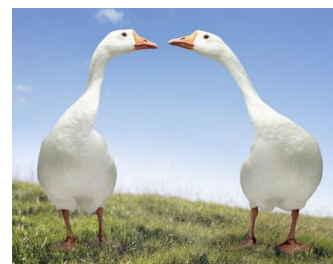
### **New Beginnings**

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

Awards this week go to:



Alfie  
Sonny  
Reuben  
Kaitlyn  
Taylor  
Toby  
Felicity



## Mealtime Assistant Award

Year 6 'Lunch' Girls

## The Week Ahead - Week 1

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm - Year 3 & 4 - Christmas Performance 6.00pm - Year 3 & 4 - Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	John Sipple Drum Lessons - last session Holly Molyneux Music lessons - last session 2.00pm - KS1 - Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	1.40pm - Year 5 & 6 - Christmas Performance 6.00pm - Year 5 & 6 - Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Theatre Alibi Performance - see above Wear your Festive Jumper to School Day Last Day for Food Bank Donations Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	No Forest School 10.00am - Carol Service at Stokenham Church KS1 - Christmas Party 3.30pm - LAST DAY OF TERM

## Dates for your Diary

		2018	
Wednesday 3 Jan	9.10am	All	First Day of Spring Term
Friday 5 January			<b>Mrs Chapman re-starts Music Lessons</b>
Monday 8 January			<b>After School Clubs start this week</b>
Thursday 11 January		1 & 2	<b>Circus Day - details to follow</b> <b>After School Little Dragons re-start</b>
Friday 12 January			<b>Junior Taekwondo re-starts</b>
Tuesday 23 January		6	<b>Maths Challenge at KCC - details to follow</b>
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.