



Weekly Newsletter

Stoke Prior First School

23rd November 2023

It's been another busy week in school, with preparations starting for the Christmas performances and rehearsals getting underway. Letters have gone out today explaining how tickets are allocated. To confirm, there is an initial allocation of **2 tickets per family**. Please only book two tickets in total on the system. Reserve tickets will be allocated afterwards.

At this time of year, we see an increase in bugs and illnesses at school, particularly sickness bugs. We continue to encourage the children to wash their hands regularly, particularly before eating, to try and reduce the spread. Can I please remind you that should your child have any bout of sickness, that they need to remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. This is really important as this timeframe really helps to reduce the spread of bugs within school.

With the onset of colder weather, I felt it was also important to remind everyone of the school's procedure in the event of extreme weather, particularly snow and ice. Closing the school due to bad weather is never an easy decision as there are always a very wide range of factors to consider. Please be aware that I will keep the school open whenever it is reasonable to do so, but in the event of a closure being the safest option, the following procedure will take place.

In the event of having to close the school due to bad weather the following procedure will apply.

1. A decision will be made by 7.00am at the very latest as to whether the school will open.
2. You will receive a text message informing you that the school is closed.
3. The school will be officially closed through the County Council System which will lead to the announcement on local radio stations (Hereford & Worcester 104 FM/Free Radio 102.8FM) and Worcestershire.gov.uk. A message will also appear on the school's website.
4. A notification will be sent by text and put on the website later as to the arrangements for the following day as soon as they are known.

Last Friday was Children in Need Day in School and the children really enjoyed dressing up in spots and stripes. Thank you for your donations as we have been able to donate £127.55 to this very worthy cause.



Mr L Satchwell

Well done! Rainbow Assembly



Well done to Amber Crowhurst, Parker Hill, Reuben Bristow-Mitchell, Paisley Spear, Darcy Daly, Harrison Ruffle, Stanley Coleman, Payton Foster, Freya Godwin and Sophia Kelly.

The Rainbow Cup was awarded to Year 4 for excellent behaviour on their trip to Bishops Wood.



Week at a glance

Monday 27/11	YR Traditional Fairytales Day Art & Craft Club – 3:30-4:30pm Archery Club – 3:30-4:30pm NO Handbells today
Tuesday 28/11	Multiskills Club – 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 29/11	Lego Club – 3:30-4:30pm Dance Club – 3:30-4:30pm PTA Movie Night – 3:30-5:45pm
Thursday 30/11	Y3 and Y4 Violin lessons Football Club – 3:30-4:30pm Martial Arts Club – 3:30-4:30pm
Friday 01/12	Cheerleading club – 3:30-4:30pm

Further Ahead:

Christmas Jumper/Bright Jumper Day – 07/12
 Year 4 Music Morning at AFMS – 08/12 (see letter)
 Dress rehearsal – 08/12 (pm)
 Family Church Service – 10/12
 Christmas plays (Y1,2,3,4) – 11/12 and 12/12 (see letter)
 Reception Christmas Performance – 13/12 10:00am (see letter)
 Tombola donations non-uniform day – 14/12 (see letter)
 Christingle Service at St Michael's Church – 15/12 9:30am
 Christmas fete – 15/12 3:30-5:00pm

Class Three News

We have had a busy start to the Autumn term in Year 3! Last half term our topic was 'Ancient Egypt' and we enjoyed learning all about life in that time period. We continued the theme through into our English where we enjoyed the book 'Cinderella of the Nile' and completed some pieces of writing based around it.

This half term our topic is Antarctica and we are looking forward to finding out all about this polar region, including what the climate is like and also practicing our map reading skills.

In Science we have carried out experiments related to the topic of light and we are now turning our attention to forces - just this week we enjoyed finding out how a toy car travels on different surfaces!

We have been hard at work in music adding accompaniments to the songs for the Christmas performance and we can't wait for you to see it all in a few weeks' time.



Reminders

- Y4 to bring Fifes to school every Monday
- YR PE on Tuesday
- Y1 PE on Wednesday and Thursday
- Violin lesson – Thursday
- Wraparound and lunch bookings close at 1pm each Thursday for the following week.



We're supporting
BBC Children in Need
 Thank you for all of your donations. With your help we raised £127.55 for this very worthwhile cause.



Wednesday 29th November
3:30 - 5:45pm

Booking and payment to be received by Friday 25th November please to secure your child's place.

Children are also encouraged to bring a blanket and a small teddy in a named bag on the day.



NEW clothes recycling bin!

Recycle old clothes, shoes and bags.

Find our bright green bin on the front playground!

