



# Weekly Newsletter

**Stoke Prior First School**

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Welcome back to a new half term and the last one of 2023! The children have returned well rested and eager to learn as always and I was particularly proud of all our Year 4 children on Wednesday for working so hard showing around visitors at our open day. The children were really great ambassadors for the school, confidently and enthusiastically talking to the visitors as they toured the school. I had so many positive and complimentary comments passed to me as visitors returned to the hall. Well done to all the Year 4 children and thank you.

This half term is always a very busy time, particularly as we run up to the festive period with all the various events we have planned. Already this week we have held some auditions for the Christmas performances and the children have started learning some of songs in earnest. As always, we will be notifying you of all the upcoming events ahead of time so that hopefully you can make the necessary arrangements to join us.

Our assembly theme this week is remembrance. Every year we take time to remind the children about the significance of Remembrance Sunday and in addition to assemblies, the children also spend some time in their lessons reflecting on the symbolism of the poppy. Our Year 2 children have made some beautiful clay poppies as part of their art curriculum and these are currently on display for the school to see as they pass our permanent war memorial at the front of the school. The children have also had the opportunity to buy poppies in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and amazingly, some real poppies are in bloom right now in the school garden!

This Sunday at St Michael's church there will be another service for the children to attend if they wish to and as part of this, Reverend Paula is planning to lay poppies at the base of the memorial in the churchyard at 11am. Everyone is welcome.

Please could we also remind parents and carers that one keyring on your child's book bag is great as it allows easy identification at the end of the day, but an increasing number of children are adding multiple items including small toys, soft toys and games to book bags, which all become very distracting in the classroom. Please can I ask you to check your child's bag. Thanks for your support.

**Mr L Satchwell**



**Well done!**  
**Rainbow Assembly**



**There was no Rainbow Assembly before  
half term due to the TED day.**



# Week at a glance

<b>Monday 13/11</b>	Archery Club – 3:30-4:30pm Art & Craft Club - 3:30-4:30pm Handbells Club - 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Tuesday 14/11</b>	Multiskills Club – 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Wednesday 15/11</b>	Lego Club – 3:30-4:30pm Dance Club – 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Thursday 16/11</b>	Year 4 trip to Bishops Wood Football Club – 3:30-4:30pm Martial Arts Club – 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Friday 17/11</b>	Children in Need <b>Violin lessons (rearranged due to Y4 trip)</b> Cheerleading Club – 3:30-4:30pm

## Further Ahead:

YR Family Fun Session – 24/11 2:30-3:30pm

YR Fairytale day – 27/11 (details to follow)

Movie night – 29/11 3:30-5:30pm (details to follow)

## Class Two News

Year Two have been fascinated by their history topic which has looked at how schools have changed over the past 100 years. They were very excited to have a visit from local historian, Sue Abel, who went to the old school in Stoke Prior. She brought along books from her school days, which were backed in wallpaper, and plenty of photographs narrated with amusing tales from the classroom.

The children are fortunate that they are able to relate to the changes, as the original school is still in existence and they could recognise the door that led to a doctor's surgery and chemist. They were also intrigued to learn of an open fire in the classroom and the idea of a sleep in the afternoon.

As part of our science lessons the children have been studying the properties of different materials. One of these materials is clay, which was the medium used for an art project where the children produced individual models of a poppy. The poppies are currently being displayed at the entrance to the school in honour of Remembrance Day.



## 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.



Poppies for the Poppy Appeal can be still bought in school until tomorrow. Merchandise including key rings, wristbands and slap bands can be purchased from the School Office entrance.

## Family Church Service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

@ 10:30am

We'd love it if you could join us at St Michael's Church for the '20 is Plenty' family service which will conclude with a laying of poppies in remembrance.



Friday 17th November

Children are invited to wear normal school uniform with a spotty/stripy accessory or item of clothing as part of their uniform. We welcome a small donation on the day.



Save the date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
3:30-5:45pm  
Details to follow...