



Stonesfield Primary School
Learning together to achieve our best



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NEWSLETTER: Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has arrived at Stonesfield as we prepare for the many school activities. The children are so excited, and it is lovely to see them preparing through advent.



We would like to thank Dave Holloway for our wonderful Christmas Tree, which has been decorated by Taya, Willow, Charlie, Harry E, Beatrice, Isabella H, Daniel W and Rosa along with Mrs Rozee.

If you would like to purchase a Christmas Tree from Dave Holloway, please contact him on 07837889587.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box is ready to receive Christmas cards. Our School Council are responsible for distributing the post each day, please ensure your children write the full names and class on each envelope so that delivery runs smoothly!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to announce we raised £52.08 for the Royal British Legion Appeal, thank you to everyone in school who purchased a poppy.



Parent Survey

A huge thank you for supporting our school with the Parent Survey. There have been so many good ideas and suggestions to take forward to the new year.

Over 60 responses which is over double our previous survey. Thank you.

Fairtrade Cookies

The school council are running a cookie sale every Friday. This is to allow the children to learn about fair trade and the need to support Third world countries. The cookies are tasty as well.

If you want your child to have cookies on a Friday, please send in 30p on the day.

Change of classroom

Chestnut class will be moving into the old library room after Christmas. It is a much brighter room and has a much better cloakroom.

Replacement Fire Exits

We have had replacement fire exits installed outside Willow class. We would like to thank Rob Atkinson for his hard work.

Forest School news

The last few Forest School sessions have involved sharing toffee apples and apple crumble together around the fire, both in daylight and after dark at Wild Club. One of the core principles of Forest School is about creating a community together, a welcoming space for all to play and learn together. Since the first humans discovered fire, which led to a more varied and nutritious diet and therefore greater brain development, fire and food have always been central to bringing communities together - thank you to everyone who has helped build our Forest School community this year.

Tuesday 6th December 12-3pm - Forest School maintenance afternoon

We will be giving the pond its annual clear out and doing some general site maintenance on Tuesday afternoon, between 12-3pm. If you can spare an hour or so at any point, that would be really appreciated. Please bring gardening gloves if you have them - cake and hot chocolate provided!

Forest School requests

If any of you have the following items, we'd be grateful to receive them:

- wellies for older children (size 1+)
- any left-over turf pieces if you've been renewing your lawn recently, these must be untreated, i.e., no fertilisers. They don't need to be in perfect bowling green condition, as there for pond edging.
- any natural packaging included in any Christmas hampers you're lucky enough to receive, typically wood shavings, these make great tinder bundles.
- if you have a natural Christmas tree this year, save the top section, roughly the top 2 sprigs of branches, we can turn these into fabulous kitchen whisks. If you want to do it at home, Uncle Google

will show you how.

- garden trowels



School Lunch Ordering for Term 3

The deadline for ordering school lunches for next term is **Thursday 8th December 2022**. We will not be taking paper lunch orders so please ensure you respond via Parent mail for your child's lunches for term 3 before the deadline date.

After School Clubs – Term 2

Day	Club	Dates	Year groups	Time	Cost
Monday	Dodgeball (Lunchtime) Contact John Andrews andrewactive@outlook.com	31 st October to 5 th December	1 to 6	12.30 - 1pm	£21.60
Monday	Footy Kids www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids	5 th , 12 th December 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd January	All Year Groups	12.30 - 1pm	£39.00
Monday	Drama Club	31 st October to 5 th December	3 to 6	3.15 – 4.30pm	£15.00
Monday	French Club Contact Juliet Taylor juliet.taylor2@btinternet.com	31 st October to 5 th December	3 to 6	3.20 – 3.50pm	£17.50
Tuesday	Stonesfield Strikers – Little Kickers Football Club 	1 st November to 13 th December	Reception to 1	3.15 – 4.14pm	FREE
Tuesday	Wild Club (Forest School) with Sarah Walker	1 st November to 29 th November	3 to 6	3.15 – 5pm	FULL
Thursday	Woolley Club (Craft activities) with Mrs Fenemore	3 rd November to 8 th December	2 to 6	3.20pm - 4.30pm	FULL

FoSS News:

AGM

We are looking for parents to help support the Foss committee. Our AGM is in school on Wednesday 7th December at 3:30pm. We are very worried that FOSS will fold if we do not have enough people coming forward.



Community News:



Christmas Hampers in Stonesfield

For many people, things are very difficult financially this year, with the cost-of-living crisis affecting so many lives, including households in Stonesfield. Any one of us might need support from our village at some point. The Stonesfield Community Pub Group, along with the wider village community, will be making hampers available for households where a little extra help would make a real difference this Christmas.



Would you value some support this Christmas?

Old, young and all those in between, there are times when we all need a little help from our community. If receiving a food hamper would help you or someone you know this Christmas, all you need to do is to contact the school office by 12th December at the latest. They will just need to know – in confidence - your name, your address and how many people are in your household.

Maybe you don't need a hamper yourself, but you know someone who does? It's fine to request a hamper for them if you have their permission to do so.

Hampers will be available to collect from the school office on Tuesday 20th December.

Dates for your diary

<p>Thursday 8th December</p>	<p>Christmas Jumper Day</p> 	<p> Save the Children £1.00 donation please.</p>
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Wednesday 14 th December	Early Years Christmas Performance	10.00am
Wednesday 14 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance	2pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch	
Monday 19 th December	KS2 Carol Concert in the Church	2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Class parties	1:30pm-3:00pm
Wednesday 21 st December	Last Day of Term	School Finishes 1.30pm
Wednesday 4 th January	Inset Day	School Closed
Thursday 5 th January	First Day of Term 3	Welcome back
Friday 6 th January	Rowan Class start swimming	