

Friday Newsletter 1st December 2023

Parents are reminded that they should not book holidays in term time as this has a significant effect on a child's progress. Evidence shows that good attendance is a key factor in enabling children to reach their potential. Our school's target this year is 97% - Please help us reach this.

We are currently at 97.06%, with our reception pupils still leading the way on 99.08%, and Oak class pulling up the rear on 95.8%

School Council

School Council are running a "Design a Snow Globe" competition. This will be completed at home and there will be prizes. If they choose to take part children can collect the snow globe picture from their classroom, and should return their creation by December 15th.



Choir Performances

Our choir have been very busy this week. Last night, Thursday 7th the children sang at the Royal Foundation of The Prince and Princess of Wales carol service at the Priory. This is one of 12 carol services across the UK as part of the Foundation's 'Together at Christmas' initiative. Well done to all the children involved, it was a wonderful community event.

This morning some members of the choir went to the BUPA Care Home in Leominster where they sang some carols and Christmas songs, and chatted with the residents. Many thanks and congratulations must go to Mrs Firth who leads our school choir.

Many thanks to Les Legge who donated a beautiful Christmas tree to the school.





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This week at school



Monkey Puzzle had their final Forest School of the term. Willow class have been swimming every day. Our Christmas tree is being decorated, with the decorations the children are making as part of the decoration competition. There is much practising and rehearsing for Christmas productions, and this morning the children took part in our annual 'Santa Dash'









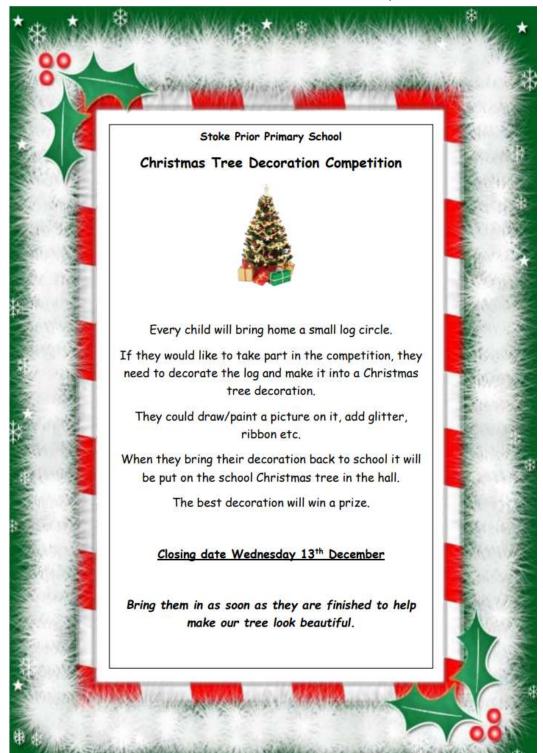




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Christmas Tree Decoration Competition





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Next week at school

Penultimate week before the holidays so pay attention

Wednesday there is a book sale...the Childrens Bookshelf will be here. For parents and carers there will be an opportunity to come in and purchase books at the end of the school day. Each child will receive a voucher to purchase one book, you may also send additional money in with your child to purchase additional books. Envelopes for this money will be sent home on Monday. Books will be £2 each.

Monkey Puzzle and Maple Class have their Christmas production on Thursday 14th at 1.30pm. Christmas dinner is on Friday 15th. Please ensure you order your Christmas dinner online, it is now available for ordering.

> Star of the week & Shield Winners **Stars of the week** 08.12.23 - Mizzie, Harry C, Isaac O, Bertie, Penny, Isla P **Shield Winner** 08.12.23 - Isaac Owen

Can we please ask that children not wear jewellery, makeup or nail varnish to school.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th December - Book sale and Christmas golden ticket Thursday 14th December - Monkey Puzzle and Maple Class show Friday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Tuesday 19th December - Oak Class production for parents 6 Wednesday 20th December - PTFA Christmas Party Thursday 21st December - Willow Class Carol concert. School finishes at 2pm. Friday 22nd December - Village Christmas

Please see the school calendar on the website for all the important dates <u>Calendar | Stoke Prior Primary School</u>

> Value of the Month Joyfullness



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Messy Church @ Leominster Priory

Messy Church dates for this term at Leominster Priory Church are Dec 14. Messy Church is for all ages. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. It's free to attend (donations for running costs are very welcome) and we all finish with a hot meal. Messy Church includes lots of activities including crafts, science experiments, foody fun, games and singing around a Bible story theme. 4 till 6 pm. New families always welcome.

The Shed at Leominster Golf Club

I would like to take a few moments to introduce us, we are The Shed Events - a small, local, family run mobile bar business. We have recently taken over as the catering franchise at Leominster Golf Club. We are going to be doing some events in the coming months that we think may interest the parents, and children that you see day to day.

Breakfast with Santa - 18th & 19th December

Come and join us for a lovely breakfast with Santa himself and get in the festive spirit! Includes Christmas themed colouring activities and a present for each child in attendance. Book to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Party Nights - 9th & 16th December

Come and join us at Leominster Golf Club to start the festivities with a 3 course meal, merriment and dancing! Get in contact to book a table now £35pp