

STENNESS COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14/11/24

News

Although we are now in week 3 of the term I would like to warmly welcome you all back and hope that each and every one of you had a great holiday. With Halloween and Bonfire Night now behind us we can bring out the glitter and get ready for the best term in the school year!

We're delighted to welcome Megan Adamson into the Nursery class.

Upcoming dates -
please take note



Tomorrow is Children in Need Day. For a donation to the charity, the children can come to school in their favourite Pjs, onesies or cosy loungewear.

Reminders

Hi-Viz Waistcoats

We expect all of the children to wear their hi-viz waistcoats or coats every day from now until springtime. It's especially important for those who walk to school or go on the bus, but children who are driven to and from school also need to wear them to walk safely across the carpark.

Attendance

We are continuing to monitor pupil attendance across the school. In T1 quite a few bugs hit us which impacted on our overall attendance. We will continue to monitor attendance throughout T2 and beyond. Whilst we would never want children to be sent to school unwell, please give careful consideration to other reasons for absence (long weekends away, feeling a little tired or under the weather, holidays etc) to ensure your child's individual percentage can remain as high as possible. If a child has an attendance percentage of 90% this equates to half a day off per week, 19 days off per year and over the course of their school career of 13 years mounts up to over 1 year of lost education. At the end of T2 we will be looking at the attendance figures again and hope that individual percentages increase. If we find ourselves in the position where this is not the case we may contact you to ensure proactive approaches are adopted to help it rise. As ever, if your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact us before 10am.

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Upcoming Events and Dates for your Calendars

Reporting Progress Evenings

Wed 20th & Thurs 21st November

Please contact us to make an appointment if you haven't already done so.

Christmas Crafternoon

Friday 29th November

We'd love to welcome you to school to join us in some Christmas crafting from 2pm. If you come along in your Christmas jumpers all the better!

Festive Fridays

December 6th, 13th, 20th

Christmas jumpers welcome!

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th December

A day all children and staff look forward to when they come together to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings.

End of Term Assembly

Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm in the Hall

All welcome. Please come along and join us as we celebrate the season.

Friday 20th December

Last day of Term 2

Monday 6th January 2025

First day of Term 3

Community News

Tree Lighting

Wednesday 27th November at 6.30pm in the Hall

All welcome. Refreshments and carol singing will follow the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

SOCS appeal from Katherine Muir:

✿ HELP NEEDED ✿

SOCS are in the Blue Door week beginning 25th November and would really appreciate any baking! Home bakes are always a good seller and can really boost our takings for the week. We'd also appreciate any raffle prize donations. We plan to make up a couple of hampers, so if anyone is able to donate an item or 2 to put into a hamper, that would be fantastic. Items can be given to Katherine or can be left with Donna in the office. If you're able to help with any of the above, please give me a shout. Thanks very much!