



# STEBBING SPOTLIGHT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 10th December**  
**KS1/KS2 Performance**  
**for children and nursery children**

**Tuesday 11th December**  
**Dance Club Assembly 9am**

**Tuesday 11th December**  
**Woodpeckers Forest School Day**

**Tuesday 11th December**  
**KS1 Evening Performance 6pm**

**Wednesday 12th December**  
**Christmas Lunch**

**Wednesday 12th December**  
**KS2 Evening Performance 6pm**

**Thursday 13th December**  
**Children's Panto - Pinocchio**

**Thursday 13th December**  
**KS1/KS2 Evening Performance**  
**6pm**

**Friday 14th December**  
**Class Christmas Craft Stalls**  
**Parents invited 9.30-10.30**

**Friday 14th December**  
**KS1/.KS2 Evening Performance**

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### HEADTEACHER

**Thank you** to all of the helpers over the past few weeks who have worked hard to ensure our Children's Christmas Market was another huge success. It is always a very special event in the Stebbing calendar and would not be possible without the excellent organisation and preparation! We all had the most marvellous morning!

Don't forget to check the calendar on the website for all of the Christmas events happening over the next few days.

All parents are invited to come into the classrooms next Friday 14th December from 9.30am until 10.30am. This is a chance to buy a few Christmas crafts the children have been making.

Christmas Carol service at the church on Wednesday 19th December 1.30pm. CHILDREN WILL GO HOME FROM THE CHURCH AS USUAL.

**WE EXPECT TO FINISH ABOUT 2.30pm**

### NOTES

**CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS - Children need to come to school for 5.30pm for the evening performances. Please don't arrive any earlier as half an hour is plenty of time to get ready. Thank you.**

**Congratulations for the best Attendance**

**Friday 30th November - Kestrels**

**Friday 7th December - Kestrels**

### COMMUNITY COHESION

This week the children in years 5 and 6 took part in Community Speedwatch. The children worked alongside a police officer to monitor the traffic passing through Stebbing village. Pupils had the opportunity to interview some of the drivers that had been pulled over by the police officer and really helped to ensure that any unsafe drivers reflected on their driving habits.

**A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYNARD MONTESSORI (OUR**

**NURSERY ON-SITE) FOR AN OUTSTANDING OFSTED REPORT!**

### SPORTING EVENTS

On Friday 30th November a small group of year 3/4 and year 5/6 children took part in the family archery competition held at Fitch Green Academy. Having done no training for the event I was extremely impressed with how the children developed their skill and technique throughout the event A special mention to Charlotte Wallbank for winning the year 3/4 girls competition, Harry Brinkley for finishing in third in the year 3/4 boys competition and the year 4 squad for coming in 3rd place overall.

This week, our cheerleading squad attending the Uttlesford schools Cheerleading competition also at Fitch Green academy where our team consisting of year 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed in the UKS2 competition against teams made of years 5 and 6. After performing their routine superbly they finished in an impressive second place which is a testament to the hard work and commitment that the newly formed squad have put in this term. We look forward to seeing how they get on in the next round.

Finally, today saw the year 3/4 dodgeball squads represent their school at the family dodgeball tournament held at Felsted Independent School. Keep an eye on Class Dojo to see how they got on in the tournament.

Mr Le Masurier

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

Friday 30th November

Wrens: Kody Clayden & Harriet Young

Kingfishers: Aldon McGonagle & Olivia Stroud

Woodpeckers: Ronnie Lucas & Lola-Rai Chandler

Kestrels: Millie Lucas & Tallula Page-Blackley

Owls: Hollie Lucas, Daisy Dobney, Jodie Thompson

Friday 7th December

**No sharing assembly due to the AFSS  
Children's Christmas Market.**

## AFSS

Quiz Night was a very enjoyable evening, we had 10 tables full of very enthusiastic people. A special thank you to Ben Chandler for making a great Quizmaster and Victoria Francis for her amazing catering skills.

We raised a fabulous amount of £896.40 !!!! Also a very big "Well Done" to the Teachers for winning !

A big thank you to Cat Smith for organising the Children's Christmas Market. It's a huge task and you did an amazing job, also thank you to all of her helpers. The children looked like they enjoyed themselves and you can guarantee that you will all receive lovely presents on Christmas Day! It's amazing how far £3 goes.....

Another amazing Christmas Fayre, thank you to all of the stall holders for supporting the school and to all of the helpers who came to help. A special mention to Alison Pertwee & Nikki Munson for stepping in at the last minute. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM THE AFSS !!

The next event is the school performances, we are looking a couple of volunteers to sell popcorn ? Please could you let either Cassie, Joli or the Office know if you can help.

## WRENS

The Christmas craziness has officially started. Wrens have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks to learn their lines for the play. We have had a few rehearsals and lots of singing sessions to practise the songs. We cannot wait for you all to come and see it!

We enjoyed ending our dinosaur topic with a fun filled dinosaur day. It was lovely to see so many families join us at the end of the day to join in with some dino themed activities. The children were so excited to have you all in class. Their favourite part of the day was definitely coming back to class to see Peppermint the elf taking a ride on the giant dinosaur.

We have been completing lots of practical English and maths challenges in the environment over the last couple of weeks. These have been linked to our dino topic and also writing about our school trip. The children made fantastic story maps of their day to help them remember the order of events. We also wrote letters and signs to the other children in the school so they know not to touch Peppermint. We do not want him to lose his flying magic.

We had a fantastic day buying presents and wrapping them. The children are very excited to put them under their trees ready for Christmas day. We will be in Christmas craft mode next week ready for Friday morning.

## KINGFISHERS

It has been a busy and slightly varied, but enjoyable, fortnight. We have been rehearsing hard for our Christmas Production 'The Inn-spectors'; singing, speaking our lines, acting, adding facial expressions and actions for our songs, even some of us singing solos. We are now ready for our opening night and cannot wait - there won't be a dry eye in the house! In class we have worked on painting decorations for the tree in the hall, and making crafts to sell in class. In English we have done some 'Talk for Writing' (T4W) to create a story about dinosaurs with actions. We learned to re-tell this story and made our own story maps to accompany it. We rehearsed the re-tell in our groups, which Mrs Lonnen-Smith and Mrs Rodgers recorded for us to watch. Finally we wrote our re-tells independently remembering the verbs, adjectives, punctuation and exciting vocabulary that we had learned. We are doing Magical Maths everyday and are mastering our understanding of inverse and missing numbers. We are consolidating money, halves and doubles, and how to spell the numbers in words. We are enjoying the run up to Christmas, doing lots of fun Christmas-y stories, crafts and learning in class.

## WOODPECKERS

Woodpeckers have been working hard this week and jumping head first into play rehearsals. After leaving Owls and Kestrels to prepare the scenes, we were excited to join them and practise our best singing. We are so excited for the four performances next week!

We are finally coming to the end of our Night Zookeeper project in English. Having spent lots of time preparing many different elements of our story we have been working through our story mountain in stages. Each day we have written a paragraph or two of our story and thought about the key elements we need to make sure we are including and ticking them off on our toolkits. Next week we will be finalising and editing our stories, hopefully we will be able to share them with you.

In Maths we are working on our multiplying and dividing. Having reminded ourselves what each of these operations does, we have moved on to multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Lots of us thought that this sounded really tricky but we have been making good progress. We will be spending the rest of the term thinking about multiplying and dividing by 1 and 0, then looking at all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 and thinking about the division facts that go along with these. It may be a tiring last few days, we are all going to be ready for Christmas!

## KESTRELS

We have had an incredibly busy fortnight preparing for our Christmas production. The children have been working really hard to ensure the show is the best it can be and are very excited for everyone to see it! In English we have been planning our Christmas adventure stories and have been preparing wonderful word-banks to ensure that our writing is as exciting and emotive as possible. We have spent the last week sharpening our descriptive writing skills and learning how to write a strong setting description in preparation for our final piece. In Maths we have continued to start each lesson with our Master Maths sessions and have been spending the rest of our lessons learning about multiplication and division. We began by learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000, before going on to learn the formal method for multiplication. In the past week we have looked at a combination of prime, square and cube numbers and have been carrying out some mathematical investigations in order to deepen our understanding. We have continued our study of forces in Science and have spent the last fortnight investigating friction and levers. The children have carried out some great experiments and have really taken control of their own learning within their Science lessons, showing great enthusiasm along the way. We are now very excited for the rest of the Christmas period and have some great festive activities prepared for the final fortnight of the term.

## OWLS

The Christmas period has begun and we are all having a wonderful time celebrating the children's last Christmas at Stebbing Primary School. With that in mind, we have been doing our very best to make it a special time of year for the children.

First and foremost, the children have been working their socks off to develop their characters, learn their lines and do everything they can to put on a fantastic show for you all. I am always in awe at how the children take to the stage and this year is no different - it's going to be one hell of a show! We can't wait for you all to see it!

In English, we have started and are working our way through our Christmas story project. We started by unpicking a selection of Christmas adverts to identify the main themes, characters and emotions that feature in Christmas stories. To help us understand how the emotions can change during a Christmas story, we created our own 'temporal emotions line graph' which enabled the children to plot the emotions of their own story over time to help generate an appropriate structure. We will start bringing all of our work together as the children will write their stories and then hopefully create a soothing audio book version for you all to listen to at the Christmas market.

Next week, we will be doing lots of Christmas activities in preparation for the Christmas craft morning which I hope you are all going to be able to attend on Friday 14th December where we will be sharing all of our Christmas work - there will be child-made mince pies and freshly made mulled apple juice for you all to enjoy!

As part of this week, the children will be involved in a Gingerbread making competition which is why your child will have come home with a list of confectionery items that they have chosen as a group in an attempt to be crowned the winners of the competition. This will be judged by you all at the Christmas craft morning.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Monday 10th December</b>	<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 Christmas production for children and nursery children</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th December</b>	<b>Dance Club Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th December</b>	<b>Woodpeckers' Forest School day</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th December</b>	<b>KS1 evening performance 6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th December</b>	<b>Christmas lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th December</b>	<b>KS2 evening performance 6pm</b>
<b>Thursday 13th December</b>	<b>Big Foot panto- Pinocchio</b>
<b>Thursday 13th December</b>	<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 evening performance 6pm</b>
<b>Friday 14th December</b>	<b>Class Christmas craft stalls 9.30-10.30</b>
<b>Friday 14th December</b>	<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 Christmas production 1.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th December</b>	<b>Owls' Forest School day</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th December</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Concert at the church 1.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th December</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 4th January</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Friday 15th February</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th February</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
<b>Friday 5th April</b>	<b>Break up for Easter</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	<b>Back to School</b>