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HEADTEACHER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED PUT ON SUCH A WONDERFUL WINTER BALL. I AM REALLY SADDENED THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND AND REALLY HOPE THERE ARE PLANS FOR ANOTHER ONE. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU!

Christmas has well and truly begun at Stebbing today with our fantastic AFSS putting on an amazing children's market and after school craft fayre! We are so lucky that Christmas is such a special celebration for our children. Thank you to all involved.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

We are looking for a new MDA to join our lunchtime team. If this post is of interest then please pop in to speak to Mrs Heys or email mrs.heys@stebbingprimary.co.uk

Don't forget to keep checking our Christmas calendar for all of the vents happening in the next couple of week.

LINK TO
[CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2023](#)

SPORT @ STEBBING

As Christmas celebrations take over at Stebbing Primary School, the sporting events continue to come thick and fast! Our year 5 and 6 football squads travelled to Dunmow Primary School to take part in football friendly to continue the great work started by the children earlier in the year. The teams have developed so much in the short time this year enabling them to compete superbly against tough opposition. We will look to organise more friendlies for all of our teams throughout the year.

Both of our year 5 & 6 squads competed impressively earning themselves one spot in the Uttlesford finals so competition for places is looking competitive.

This week, we also attended the KS1 multi skills festival where all children who attended enjoyed a wide range of activities lead by sports leaders from Saffron Walden County High School.

Finally, we attended a new event for Stebbing as we took part in the Uttlesford finals for the year 6 basketball tournament. Lead by our very own basketballer (Rocco), our mixed girls and boys team represented the school superbly and had the best time in the very new sport for us.

We have 2 events to bring to a close 2023 with the year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6 Uttlesford finals for Dodgeball.

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WOW, what an amazing start the Christmas at Stebbing! We had unexpectedly great turn out for the movie night which we believe was a great new experience for all. It's something we will definitely do again as it raised over £500 towards the pool fund! We had many willing helpers on Thursday to set up the market and on Friday, so many parents turned up to support us. Thank you millions for everyone who donated items, helped with various tasks throughout the weeks, and so worth. It'd be an impossible task to thank you everyone personally but please take credit when we say we couldn't have achieved anything without you parents! We will slow down activities until Christmas now but there will be a gathering at White Hart at some point in December to get together. More info on that will come up in class WhatsApp groups.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 24th November	Friday 1st December
Wrens	Gunnar & Toby	No assembly due to Christmas Markets
Robins	Charlie. S & Millie	
Kingfishers	Ethan & Freddie	
Woodpeckers	Bella, Isabelle, Scarlett & Sienna	
Kestrels	Rose & Alex	
Ospreys	Lucia & Elly	
Owls	Emily & Dan	



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Thursday 24th November	Friday 1st December
Wrens	Larosa	No assembly due to Christmas Markets
Robins	Archie. O	
Kingfishers	Zoe	
Woodpeckers	Clara	
Kestrels	Freddie	
Ospreys	Hadley	
Owls	Lia	

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 24th November	Friday 1st December
Wrens	Charlie	
Robins	Ira	
Kingfishers	Jenna	
Woodpeckers		No assembly due to Christmas Markets
Kestrels		
Ospreys		
Owls		

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
24.11.23		Owls	Kingfishers	
01.12.23		Owls		

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24.11.23	Kestrels	Robins	Kingfishers	Kingfishers	Owls	Kestrels



WRENS



ROBINS



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...Wrens have been busy crafting with Mrs Thorp. We can not wait to show you our creations at our Christmas Craft day. In our Topic lessons we have been exploring different textures. Creating our own word banks to use when writing "That's not my..." books. We have created various front cover illustrations. From 'That's not my truck' to 'That's not my person'. We are building our own sentences using the repeating phrases we identified last week. Wrens have been gaining confidence in their reading skills by playing a matching game, reading a phrase to match a to a photo. In Maths we have been reading: Kipper's Birthday. We have been making Birthday cakes in the playdoh tray, counting candles and decorations. Diving deeper into 4 and 5 we have been revisiting some favourite nursery rhymes. Using our stem sentences and fives frames to represent: "___ is a part, ___ is a part" "_____ is the whole" We love this time of year when our Wrens discover the magic of reading and writing. We have some confident Christmas Card writers this year. Thank you for your ongoing support.

We have done all this and still made time for practicing our Christmas Performance. We can not wait for you to see it.

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear! Robins have been thoroughly enjoying the song practice for our play and also for our Carols around the Christmas Tree, It has been so much fun that we have continued the Christmas magic with all our wonderful craft making ready for our class market. In English we have been continuing our work on captions remembering that a caption explains a picture and a picture explains a caption.

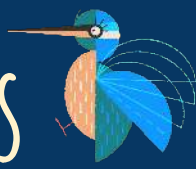
Our phonics lessons have been reviewing all the new sounds we have been learning in the Autumn term and really embedding those sounds. It has been wonderful to see so many children using these sounds when decoding their words and writing within their learning.

In maths we have been looking at numbers within 10, Understanding one more or one less than a number within 10 and understanding the language used for biggest, smallest, greater than or equal to.

The children continue to amaze us as they grow and develop as Year ones. They are growing in confidence everyday. We can't wait to spread Christmas Cheer with you all soon.



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



Kingfishers are starting to feel very festive and they have enjoyed designing their own Christmas decorations in DT. They came up with some wonderful festive designs and we are excited to start constructing them very soon!

In Maths we have been exploring many different addition and subtraction methods and Kingfishers have been independently applying their preferred method to find the answer. We have also been exploring Maths stories, Spotting the mistake and creating questions for our peers. In English Kingfishers have all planned and written wonderful stories, focusing on a beginning, problem, solution and end, based on the story 'A Whale's tale'. They will soon be completing their Hot Writes and I am looking forward to seeing and reading their grand finales! In Geography we have been exploring atlases, learning to utilise the index accurately and comparing the UK to other countries. In Grammar we have been exploring conjunctions, vowels and consonants and learning how to use commas effectively. Kingfishers have been working incredibly hard during their Christmas play rehearsals. It has been lovely to witness their confidence and excitement grow by the day!

Woodpeckers have been working very hard throughout the past two weeks. In maths, they have continued with their Addition and Subtraction unit. They have been focusing on subtracting a 2-digit number from a 3-digit number. The children built on their confidence with the formal written method of subtraction of numbers with up to three digits and exchanges from the tens and hundreds.

In english, the children have thoroughly enjoyed researching the author, Julia Donaldson. They have been taking time to write rhyming pairs in preparation for their own rhyming story, in the style of Julia.

In Geography, the children have been exploring Counties, Essex towns and cities maps altogether. They then worked hard to create a description of where they live using compass directions.

In Science, the children have been investigating forces and friction. In last week's lesson, the children were comparing how things moved on different surfaces. They discussed the meaning of the word 'Friction' and how this may affect the speed of the car, depending on the surface used.



The children in Kestrels have been working very hard on learning their times tables. We have been focussing on 6 x and 7 x tables for the last two weeks, looking at spotting patterns and working out quicker ways to recall the multiplication facts. In English, we have been looking at character descriptions and practising writing not only about how a character looks but also showing how they are feeling by describing their actions and expressions. In PE, the children have choreographed and performed an outstanding Mayan-inspired dance, incorporating individual, group and whole-class work and I am so proud of their creativity and teamwork. Do check out the video on Dojo!

We have also been working very hard practising our Christmas production and we can't wait for you to see it!

In Geography the children have really enjoyed learning about earthquakes and Tsunamis. The children looked at the movement of tectonic plates and the Richter Scale to get a good understanding about how earthquakes are measured. Last week, we had such a good time in the planetarium. I was so impressed with how the children were so keen to share their knowledge of space and our presenter was super impressed with them. On Friday we were also treated to our annual school panto. This was also enjoyed by all and were keen to join in with the singing and dancing! This week we have been completing lots of assessments in class to help to inform our end of term data. The children have shown a real maturing when completing these and it will only help to prepare the children for SAT's next year. On top of all this, we have been rehearsing extremely hard and our production of Olivia is really coming together. We are so proud of how the children in Year 5 and 6 have really taken ownership over this production and we can not wait for you to see it!



GUEST SPOT



What a few weeks! Each and every day, Owls class turn up with a smile on their face and give their all to everything they are tasked with.

Whether that be tricky practice SATs papers, production rehearsals or sporting events.

This week has seen the children have their first go at some SATs papers to give us a better idea of where the gaps are and to also help the children get used to the format. They have all worked their socks off to showcase what they have learnt so far.

We have also concluded our estate agent adverts as seen on Dojo which I think you would agree were a resounding success, they certainly persuaded me that Michael's house was worth a look around.

Christmas in Owls really kicks off now with our Gingerbread D&T project, Christmas coordinates, Christmas stories for our buddies in Wrens, mince pies baking, mulled apple juice making Christmas quiz, crafts and much, much more which you will all be able to see At our Christmas craft market on 15th December

Thank you for all of your support as we embark on building a brand new swimming pool for the local community to enjoy for years to come.

So far this year, we have collaboratively raised a fantastic £8,741 of our initial target of £35,000 with the support from the AFSS, fundraising days, the Winter Party, Stebbing Fete and Stebbing Tennis Club amongst others.

After many meetings and discussions with professionals in the field, we are at the stage where we are starting to make our final decisions with regards to the pool size, structure, facilities, in or out of ground, building or no building - all of which are dependent on funds raised and grants received. We are therefore applying for multiple grants and funds. Thank you to the contacts that have been shared with regards to funding streams. If anyone has any other contacts to support with grant applications, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In the meantime, plans are being made to get our children swimming this year - watch this space!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
01.12.23	Children's Christmas Market
01.12.23	AFSS Christmas fayre 3.15-5pm
11.12.23	Year 3 & 4 performance 2pm
12.12.23	Year 5 & 6 performance 1.30pm
12.12.23	Year 1 & 2 performance 6pm (Children arrive at 5.30pm)
13.12.23	Reception performance 2pm
13.12.23	Year 5 & 6 performance 6pm (Children arrive at 5.30pm)
14.12.23	Year 1 & 2 performance 2pm
14.12.23	Year 3 & 4 performance 6pm (Children arrive at 5.30pm)
15.12.23	Christmas dinner day
18.12.23	Christmas craft market- Parents invited in from 2pm.
19.12.23	Ospreys whole class forest school day
20.12.23	Carols around the Christmas tree 2pm (More details to follow)
20.12.23	End of term
04.01.24	Non pupil day
05.01.24	Back to school