



STOKE HILL JUNIOR

AUTUMN TERM, ISSUE 23

December 2024

DATES

2nd + 6th
December
Y3 Kents Cavern

6th December
Rock Steady
Concert

10th December
Yr 4 Production
5.00pm

11th December
Yr 4 Production
1.45pm

12th December
Festive Jumper Day

12th December
Yr 3+5
Phoenix Show

16th December
Yr 4+6
Phoenix Show

18th December
Christmas Dinner

19th December
Last Day of Term

7th January
Children return to
school

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach December and the holidays draw ever closer, there is an amazing amount for children and their families to look forward to over the last three weeks. As usual the newsletter this month is a celebration of what's been going on (I'm having to roll some of it into the next newsletter!), some reminders and please take time to have a look at a fun activity around Exeter on pages 4 and 5, which could be just the ticket for some fresh air later in the month.

The weather has changed so much recently and safety is always paramount in our thinking. This is why I'm asking you to make sure you and your children are not arriving too early each day. We are having some children arrive just after 8.00am, who are then unsupervised until the bell rings at 8.30am. If you need care for your child then please call Lisa and her team at TreeTops to book a space. Equally at the end of the day, make sure your child knows how they are getting home. School finishes at 3.10pm and we will not let a child leave if you're not there, but when asked they don't always know who is due to pick them up.

We will try not to bombard you with too many emails at the end of term, but please keep up to date with what is happening when, and what your child can wear to school. Our Festive Jumper days are a good example of this later in the newsletter.

For now I'd like to thank all of the Stoke Hill community for making this first term of the year such a brilliant one and wish you all a restful holiday and enjoy whatever you are celebrating or doing over the coming weeks.

Jamie Sullivan
Head of School



School Champions

The following children received school awards in reading, writing or maths during the last month:

Reading: Izzy (5AM), Atena (4T), Delilah (6M)

Writing: Poppy (6B), Yusuf (6P)

Maths: Ted (3B), Liliana (4G), Bogi (4T)



December at Stoke Hill

As we approach the last couple of weeks of the term there are a number of exciting events lined up so please keep a look out for any additional communication.

December 12th - Festive Jumper Day - children can wear festive jumpers on this day if they wish

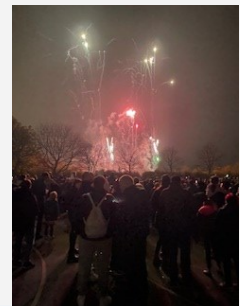
December 13th - Winter Festival Day - the year 6 children run stalls for all children to be part of a fair during the day. No money is required to take part in the fair. (festive jumpers can be worn)

December 18th - Federation Christmas Lunch (the festive jumpers can be worn)

December 19th - Last Day of Term

Fireworks event goes off with a bang!

What a fantastic night the 1200 strong crowd were treated to earlier this month with the PTFA Fireworks event at the Junior School. Thanks to over 100 volunteers, brilliant organisation from the PTFA, an amazing £4300 was raised which goes straight back to both schools to benefit the children.



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Football Update

We were delighted that in their first tournament of the year, the girls in years 5 and 6 finished 2nd in a local tournament held at St James School. They won 3 matches and drew 3 matches. Thank you to Mrs Alam and Mr McKimm for taking the girls.

Meanwhile another school team has successfully qualified for the next round of the Utilita Kids Cup and will play against 15 other schools from Devon. You may remember this is the tournament that our school ended up playing at Wembley a couple of years ago.

Music Concert

Last week we had the most lovely evening of music at the Junior School. Over 30 children played solo pieces, whilst our school orchestra also treated us to some familiar pieces. It is truly staggering to see the dedication, practice and hard work that these children show. For some of our youngest children they are just starting off on their musical journeys, whilst for others they have been performing for years. It's a great evening and another group of highly talented children showing off their skills.

Mental Health Ambassadors Create New Mental Health Mascot for All

Demi in Year 5 is the proud winner of our recent competition to design and make a mental health mascot fit for The Stoke Hill Federation. Her fabulous design of Oreo the Cat was a favourite with all the children. The MHA's and Demi were delighted to spend the afternoon at Build a Bear making mascots for all year groups to have. Oreo the cat will act as a physical reminder for all of us about the importance of mental health and wellbeing. Oreo the cat is curious, caring, calm, inquisitive, strong and a good thinker. All qualities we hope will help us to better understand our mental health and well-being.



School Office Notice

Are you getting a new mobile device over the holidays?
Are you moving house?
Are you starting a new job?

Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact details for your child in case we need to contact you if they are ill or have been hurt at school.



Cross Country Success

Recently we took 32 children to Killerton for the Exeter Cross Country races, where they ran against 300 other children from 8 other Exeter schools. Look at the fantastic results!

Year 5/6 Boys - 6th

Year 5/6 Girls - 3rd

Year 3/4 Boys - 2nd

Year 3/4 Girls - Champions



Around the School



We've had so much going on around school over the last couple of months. As you wander around school there is so much energy and enthusiasm for the new learning happening and the opportunities being given to the children,



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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS TRAIL



9 clues around the city!

Solve the Christmas word and receive an exclusive Exeter sticker sheet!

WIN!

One of five
£100 Exeter
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for grabs!

🎄 ✨ Experience the Magic of Christmas in Exeter! ✨ 🎄

This Christmas, enjoy a free, family-friendly trail across Exeter city centre until 27 December.

🌟 Explore 9 clue locations across the city

📖 Unscramble the Christmas word

🎁 Complete the trail to claim an exclusive sticker sheet and enter a competition to win one of five £100 Exeter Independent Gift Cards! 🎅 🎄

Grab a trail leaflet or follow along online—just make a note of the letters on your phone as you explore. Trail leaflets are available at Visit Exeter information points:

- 🦄 RAMM Museum Garden Entrance
- 📖 Exeter Library Foyer
- 🎫 Exeter Ticket Office
- 🛍️ John Lewis, 4th Floor

🎄 Don't miss out on the festive fun! For more details, visit www.visitexeter.com/xmastrail.

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JOIN US FOR THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS TRAIL!



Explore the city



Visit the 9 puzzle locations



Collect the letters that spell out a Christmas word!



CLUE LOCATIONS

- 1 Central Station**
Located in the planter as you exit the station.
/// folds.groom.common
- 2 Exeter Phoenix**
Located on the railings outside the main entrance.
/// list.enable.fleet
- 3 John Lewis**
Window display to the left of the entrance.
/// rewarding.round.noble
- 4 Howden Insurance**
Displayed in their window.
/// happen.magic.pure
- 5 Princesshay**
Located on the back of their Golden Sleigh under the glass canopy within the mall.
/// tend.pretty.neat
- 6 Guildhall Shopping Centre**
Look down! Located on the floor outside Sainsbury's and Primark.
/// patio.purple.slice
- 7 Thomas Moore**
Located in their windows or if shopping in store look out in the Lego area.
/// arts.cover.soap
- 8 South Street**
Located to the left of the Premier Store on the window of Exeter Cathedral School.
/// slide.junior.alive
- 9 Magdalen Road**
Located in the planter outside Fika Salon
/// firmly.pepper.blend



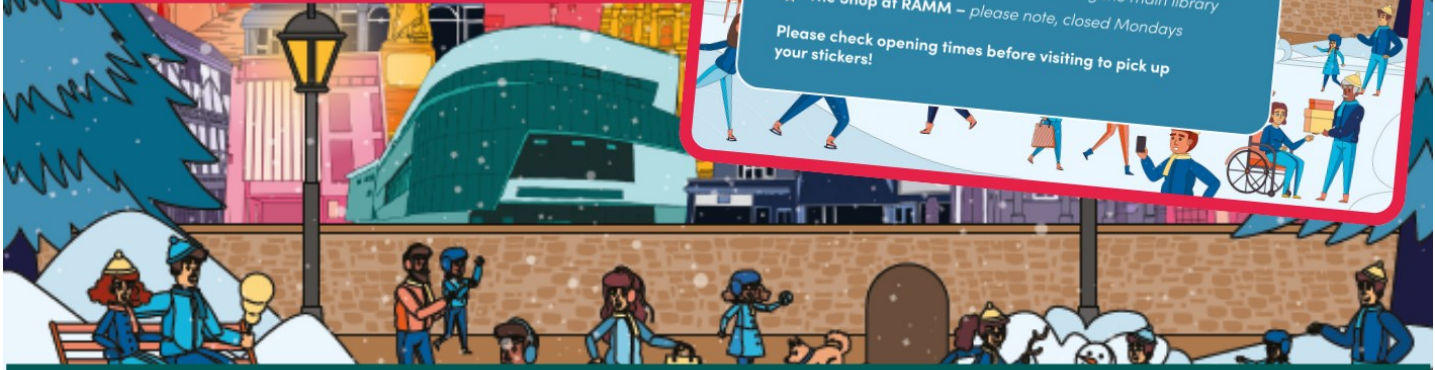
FINISH STATIONS

Once you have finished the trail and worked out the Christmas word, visit a Finish Station to collect your exclusive Exeter stickers!

- ★ Jelly Charity Shop – please note, closed Mondays
- ★ John Lewis – Jewellery Counter on the ground floor
- ★ Exeter Library – The Help Point entering the main library
- ★ The Shop at RAMM – please note, closed Mondays

Please check opening times before visiting to pick up your stickers!

Enter our competition once you have the Christmas word:
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