
Stoke Row C.E. School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to all our children who took their cycle training test this morning. They all passed with flying colours. A big thank you to all those parents who ran the training sessions over the last few weeks and special thanks to Amanda Booker who co-ordinated everything.

It is with regret that we have to inform you that our school crossing lady is unwell at the moment and will be absent from her post until the new year. We realise that this is not a good situation. However, the road safety team are willing to train anyone who feels that they could step in and take over on a temporary basis. This could include a group of parents working on different days. If you are interested contact Sian Gibbons on 07798 637667 direct. In the mean time please be extra vigilant as you drop off and pick up your children, particularly at this time of year as the days get shorter.

There was an unfortunate incident the other day involving an abusive lorry driver outside school which was distressing to everyone concerned. Should any similar incident happen in the future please make strenuous efforts to make a note of the licence plate number and the name of the company so that the school may follow it up.

We would be grateful if parents could send children to school with coats as the weather gets colder. If they all had names in them as well, it would be especially useful!

Christmas dinner for children will be on Wednesday 17 December. There is a special festive menu on the notice boards outside school – do go and have a look. The cost will be £2.40 as usual. If your child is not booked for a lunch that day and they would like one we do need to know by 9am, Monday 8 December to enable the kitchens to prepare. **NO BOOKINGS FOR THIS MEAL WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.** There will also be a delightful alternative dessert for any children who are lactose intolerant. There is a tear off slip at the bottom of the letter to fill in and return to the office.

You may have noticed the advert in the Henley Standard yesterday for a full time teaching assistant at this school. This person will be working mainly in Red Class after Christmas. We are hoping to recruit someone with real experience and skills to join our highly talented team who have been recognised by Oxfordshire County Council as possessing exceptional skills.

On Thursday 20 November, Jane Prior and Pam Cooper took a group of children and all the lovely Christmas Shoeboxes to the warehouse ready for despatch. A magnificent 85 boxes were collected. Thank you and well done everyone.

See over the page for some dates for your diary.

Yours sincerely

S R McTegart
Headteacher

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**I would like to book a Christmas dinner for my child.....on
Wednesday, 17 December.**

**My child eats meat / is a vegetarian. Please tick or circle whichever is appropriate.
Please indicate any special dietary requirements or food allergies**

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I enclose £2.40

Signed.....

Oxfordshire County Council

Diary Dates

Friday	28 November	Non-Uniform Day – please bring in a raffle prize if you are not wearing uniform today
Thursday	4 December	Christingle at the church followed by the Christmas Fayre in the school.
Wednesday	10 December	1pm – Music lessons – transferred from Thursday
Friday	12 December	Green Class Cake Sale after school
Monday	15 December	9.30am – Dress Rehearsal – in Yellow Classroom
Monday	15 December	6.30pm – Christmas Plays – in Yellow Classroom
Tuesday	16 December	6.30pm – Christmas Plays – in Yellow Classroom
Wednesday	17 December	Children’s Festive Lunch
Thursday	18 December	Christmas Parties