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16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

I would like to thank you all for supporting the school over this difficult term with all the measures that we have in place to try and minimise the risk of Covid infections within the school community. I am very grateful that up until now we have not had to close any bubbles.

I would also like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard over this term to ensure that the children continue to receive their education. Every member of staff has played a part in this.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Sarah Bates at the end of this week who has worked for four years as a Teaching Assistant at Stoke Park Junior School and for the Speech and Language Centre before that. We wish her all the very best.

Schools are required to continue to follow up on any positive Covid case in the first part of the holiday. The expectation is that schools need to do this for 6 days following the end of term as this could be the length of time between a pupil being ill on the last day of term, to then developing Covid symptoms, then having a test confirmed as positive. As we finish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, any necessary tracking and tracing could be finalised on 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Can we request that if your son/daughter has symptoms and tests positive within this time, that you contact us through [adminoffice@stokepark-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@stokepark-jun.hants.sch.uk) so that we can implement our tracking and tracing of pupils and staff who would have been a close contact. If they start to have symptoms after this time, you do not need to contact school, but continue to use NHS Test and Trace service.

When we return in January ALL the existing measures will remain in place.

## Christmas Lunch

Many thanks to the HC3S staff for preparing our alternative Christmas lunch yesterday. Thank you to all of our staff who served and cleared away. All the children enjoyed the lunch with Christmas music and crackers.

## Music Concert

Here is the link to the concert performed by our woodwind students

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fey5KTzVb8Y&feature=youtu.be>

A lovely performance from all our woodwind players.

## Stubbington and Condover Hall – March 2021

Unfortunately, we have had confirmation from Stubbington that our residential in March has been cancelled. We are however organising for the children to spend the day there. Information about this and how refunds will be made will be sent out after Christmas.

We are still awaiting news from Condover Hall.

## Stubbington 2022

In January we will be booking Stubbington for the children currently in Year 3 to take part in when they are in Year 4. Any parents wanting to book their child a place at Stubbington will be asked to return a deposit of £50.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## End of Term

School will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm. We re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

For those children being collected early on Friday, please wait on the playground and children will be brought out at 1.10pm

## Lost Property

Any lost property not claimed by the end of this week will be disposed of.

## Congratulations

To Megan Jones who passed her first grading at Karate with Sama Karate and is now a red belt.

To Morgan Roe, Katie Salathiel, Maria Waffa, Dylan Lang and William Frost who have joined the X Club.

**Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year  
Return to school on  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Allison Jenkins  
Headteacher

