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Crazy Hair Day

Raised £44

Thankyou everyone

You can still pay by Parent Pay

It's beginning to feel a lot like Winter!

We have seen frosts again this week and whilst the school has salted the paths and playground, we ask that you take special care when coming to school in the morning.

Please remember children need coats, hats, gloves etc. to keep them warm. Even if they say they don't want them first thing in the morning, it is better to have them in school than not!



Christmas Cards and COVID—we are NOT bah humbug!

Just a reminder, if children are sending Christmas Cards they should be posted in Class Post Boxes the week of 7th December so that they can be quarantined before being given out the last week of term. Thank you our children and families who have made class Post-Boxes—they are fabulous!



Christmas Trees at SSQ—we have two!

Our children are now enjoying the beautifully decorated trees—look how fantastic they are.

Christmas at SSQ—usually the school would be in the throes of full nativity by now. This year we have had to look at things a little differently. The school's main Festive Day will be on **Wednesday 16th December**—this will be the day that we invite children to come to



school in Festive/Winter Jumpers to raise funds for Save The Children. This will also be the day that we will be having our Christmas lunches— in bubbles and recording a special message for parents and families of our Stanton School Community.

Each class is also busy preparing a special 'Christmas Something' for parents as we are unable to invite you into school this year.

We thank you for support and understanding.

On Friday 18th December, school will close for the Christmas break. Parents may collect their children from 2pm on this day. After School Club will run as normal.

The Balloon Race is still on!
<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1084>

The race is finishing in

4	0	58	21
Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds

3 km/h Wind speed WNW Wind direction 4°C Current launch site weather

[Map](#) [Race Leaders](#) [Launch Visual](#) [Buy a balloon](#) [Print](#) [Details](#)



Hi everyone
A BIG Thank You to everyone who supported our Virtual Balloon Race this year. We have raised OVER £500 for Mrs Anderson's Reading Spine in the School Library which is an amazing achievement! We are so looking forward to finding out what books are going to be included, and more info will be coming in the New Year about this. The race is still going, so check out the website where you bought your balloon to see how well yours is doing and look at the current leaders. At the time of writing, the overall Race Leader has travelled 100km, and the Stanton leader at the moment has travelled 80km. Some balloons have popped (mine included) but they may still win as it's all about the distance travelled. Good luck everyone!

Many thanks
Yvonne and the FOSS Team

School Grounds Update

We have been very lucky this week to have help from Buckley Barracks. A team from the squadron have come in to school to help us clear the pond and sensory garden. They have also replanted some of our fruit trees that were struggling to grow in the tyres.



We have also been lucky to have a donation for new planters from the squadron. Thank you so very much to Army Welfare for securing the funds for this and Major Cornwell for arranging the working party. We all agree, the pond and sensory garden has never looked so clear!



Keep your eyes peeled for the new planters over the next few weeks/months!

Staff Vacancy

Very sadly Mrs Morley will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been offered a very exciting opportunity to work for the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in the newly opened Care Farm. We wish her the very best.

We are now in a position that we are recruiting for a Teaching Assistant for Darling Class. In order to work within the Early Years Statutory Framework, this person must have at least a NVQ Level 3 in Early Years Childcare.

The advert will be posted on the school's website and through the Wiltshire Bulletin, however if you know of anyone who have the relevant qualifications and would like more information regarding the role please ask them to contact the school.

Christmas Lunch needs to be ordered now

Christmas Lunch this year will take place on Wednesday 16th December.

Traditional Option

Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage Stuffing & Gravy

Vegetarian Option

Vegan Festive Parcel

**Cheese, Sweet Potato & Parsnip Tart
Roast Quorn Fillet with Stuffing Gravy**

**Roast Potatoes, fresh carrots, Garden Peas
And Brussels Sprouts (Optional)**

Followed by

**Christmas Ginger Shortbread & Vanilla Ice Cream
Strawberry & Vanilla Ice Cream Pots**

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

If we need to close the school in the event of severe weather, we will inform you by the following means:

- A message will be put on the front page of the school website.
- We will email you via our ParentPay system.
- We will post on the school Facebook page.
- We will inform BBC Radio Wiltshire and Heart Radio.

Legend has it that when you go to bed, elves return to the North Pole to report back to Santa on who has been naughty and nice.



We want you to run to the North Pole and back again to report to Santa that all the Chippenham Sports Partnership Schools should be put on the nice list!

To help get all the Chippenham Schools to the North Pole and back again, **EVERY** child in your school needs to run, walk or jog 2 miles throughout the month of December, which means collectively all the Children in the Chippenham Sports Partnership would have run to the North Pole, spent the day with Santa and his reindeers and run back to Chippenham!

In Rhine and Amazon Classes ...

The children in Rhine and Amazon have been combining a busy week academically, with some impressive exercise. They, along with other schools in the Chippenham Sports Partnership, have been taking part in a virtual run to the North Pole (to visit Santa and the elves) and back to Chippenham!

Many of the children have already surpassed their target of two miles for the month of December in the first week, collectively reaching nearly 80 miles despite having a break on Thursday as the conditions threatened turning it into a mud run!

Special mention to Archie, a keen runner, who has already managed more than 8 miles single-handedly this week.

A Challenge from School Games.



FITNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS

15
Second
Countdown

15



1st 	2nd 	3rd 	4th 	5th 	6th 	7th 
8th 	9th 	10th 	11th 	12th 	13th 	14th 
15th 	16th 	17th 	18th 	19th 	20th 	21st 
22nd 	22nd 	23rd 				

There will be **no woods learning next week** so children should come to school in their normal school uniform. There will however woods learning the following week 18th December.
Thank you