



### Family Challenge Winner!



This term Pepper Hill families were challenged to create a model with a fir cone. We were delighted to receive so many wonderful entries. These included, animals, Christmas decorations, spaceships and winter scenes. The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - The Cursley Family "Squirrels Who Squabbled"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Crompton Family "Polar Bears"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Grosu Family – "Hedgehog"

Thank you to all who took part, the entries were amazing, it was clear lots of thought, and effort, went into making them.



### Christingle Assemblies

This year each school will hold their own Christingle assembly, on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.



### Christmas Dinner



Our school Christmas lunch this year will comprise of a chicken dinner with all the trimmings (a vegetarian alternative is available) this will be served on:

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Pepper Hill School**
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Stanton School**

There will be festive music playing during the lunch. At Pepper Hill the children will wear the Christmas hats which they have made in school. At Stanton the children can wear tinsel or Christmas hats. The cost of this festive meal is **£3.00** unless you are entitled to a free school meal. Please order meals in advance via Parent Mail.

### Book Fair – Pepper Hill School

Don't forget the Scholastic Book Fair will be open at Pepper Hill School from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. Please come along as this is a perfect opportunity to buy a book as a gift for Christmas.



### Christmas Pantomime

On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** all the children will be watching an online, interactive performance of 'Pantoland'. This pantomime has been designed to engage and involve pupils from Reception to Year 6.



### Christmas Jumper Day



As always, we will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. All pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper on that day for a donation of **£1**.

### Warm Clothing



Please could you ensure that your child wears a coat and a school sweatshirt, or cardigan, to school. Children will not be allowed to play outside at break or lunchtime if they are not dressed warmly enough.

### School Christmas Discos

These will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

#### Pepper Hill

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the disco will be in the school hall at Pepper Hill between **4:00pm and 5:30pm**.



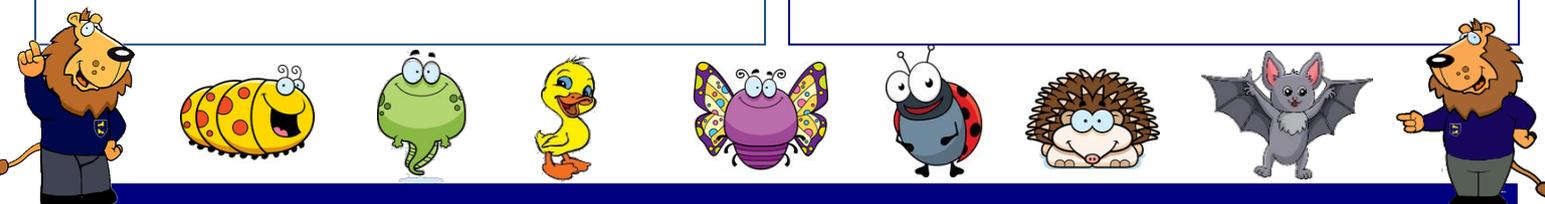
Tickets will cost **£3.00** and will include a drink and packet of crisps. Please book your child's place via ParentMail Accounts.

#### Stanton School



The children in Years 3 to 6 will have their disco at Stanton School between **4:30pm and 6:00pm**. Tickets will cost **£2.00** and will be on sale during break times. A wide range of soft drinks, sweets and crisps will be on sale at this popular event for the children to purchase. There will also be a tombola, and a raffle too for the children to purchase tickets.

**Please ensure that your child is collected promptly from their disco by an adult. Children will not be allowed to walk home on their own.**

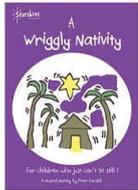


## Christmas Performances

The children are already well under way with their rehearsals for their performances. We are pleased to be able to invite parents and carers in to come and watch.

### Pepper Hill

The Nursery and Reception children are working hard on their performance of "A Wriggly Nativity" and Year 1 and Year 2 are performing "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel". The performances will take place on:



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS 10am

Years 1 & 2 10.45am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS 1.30pm

Years 1 & 2 2.15pm

### Stanton

The children from Stanton School will be entertaining us with their performance of "Superstar". The performances will take place as follows:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

1.40pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

10.15am and 1.40pm



There will be a raffle for parents and carers and all proceeds, from both the raffle and refreshments, will be split between Willen Hospice and the MK Food Bank.

***Please complete the ParentMail form for tickets. Tickets are initially limited to two per family due to fire regulations. However spare tickets can be requested and will be offered should they become available.***

## Colouring Competition

At Pepper Hill School there will be a festive colouring competition, colouring sheets are available to purchase for £1 at the front office. Prizes will be awarded during the final assembly on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**.



## Stanton Christmas Raffle

There will be the annual Christmas Children's raffle at Stanton School, tickets will go sale at the disco and at break times, and every child will be given one ticket free.

## Non-Uniform Day



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**, the last day of term, will be a non-school uniform day when the children can come to school dressed in their own choice of clothes.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

This term we have said goodbye to Mr Darton who has retired after 11 years at Pepper Hill and Stanton Schools. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication over the years and wish him a happy retirement. We would like to wish Miss Sheldrick all the best as she moves on to a new school.



## End of term



We break up for the Christmas Holidays on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** and the children return to school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

***May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!***



# MK Sapphire Federation



Executive Headteacher: Miss H Nicholson

The MK Sapphire Federation currently has a

## Parent Governor Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for a parent to join our Governing Body. Being a Governor allows you to take part in making strategic decisions across the MK Sapphire Federation and support your child's school.

If you are interested and up for the challenge, or wish to find out more about the role, please contact Jayne Scott via email on [pa@stantonschoolmk.org.uk](mailto:pa@stantonschoolmk.org.uk) or by telephone on 01908 221242 for more information.

**AUTUMN TERM 2023  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PEPPER HILL SCHOOL**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle – Federation Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Children’s Christmas Lunch School Book Fair
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Panto Save the Children “Christmas Jumper Day” School Book Fair
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Book Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco - 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December • EYFS - 10am • Years 1 and 2 - 10.45am Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December • EYFS - 1.30pm • Years 1 and 2 – 2.15pm	Christmas Performances • EYFS – “A Wiggly Nativity” • Years 1 & 2 – “Whoops-a-Daisy”
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non-uniform day Break up for Christmas

**STANTON SCHOOL**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle – Federation Assembly
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 LBNGR - Santa Special – 3DP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children “Christmas Jumper Day”
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Hot Chocolate Visit – 6RM
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Hot Chocolate Visit – 6CM Christmas Disco - 4.30pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 LBNGR - Santa Special – 3KS
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Hot Chocolate Visit – 6DB Children’s Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance 1.40pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances 10.15am and 1.40pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 LBNGR - Santa Special – 3TM
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non-uniform day Break up for Christmas

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