

Stedham Weekly news.

17th December
2021

Weeks 13 and 14 at Stedham

What a roller coaster of fun we have had in the last two weeks! The children have thoroughly enjoyed all of the learning and festivities that have been organised by the teachers which include playing Djembe drums, Christmas jumper day, biscuit decorations, Santa chocolate hunt and Christmas parties.

THANKS – THANKS – THANKS – THANKS – THANKS

This has been a challenging term for lots of different reasons and we have all arrived at the end with smiles on our faces and with a renewed passion for learning.

The children will end their autumn term having built stronger bonds with their teachers and teaching assistants. We can end the term knowing that, after a fun-filled holiday, we can return to school to enjoy our new topic, 'Where will your imagination take you?', with the same dedicated teaching team.

I would like to offer HUGE THANKS to our teaching team who have been complete stars throughout this term. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty covering each other when there's been staff sickness, staying positive and supporting each other. We are incredibly lucky to have a team of staff who are hardworking and committed. They consistently strive to create exciting learning opportunities for the children.

Thanks must also be extended to our new FOSS team who have supported the school with many of our festive events. The children loved the 'Chocolate Santa Hunt' and 'Christmas Jumper Day'. The raffle raised an amazing £366 – thanks for your generosity.

It just leaves me to wish all of our Stedham families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Keep yourself safe and well. We'll look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Malcolm Meaby



Dates for your diary

First day of the Spring term	Tuesday 4 th January
INSET DAY 1	Monday 17 th January
INSET DAY 2	Tuesday 18 th January
Half term holiday	21 st – 25 th February
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 8 th April



Congratulations to all those winners in our Christmas raffle.

The chocolate hamper looked amazing!

Thanks to all those who bought tickets.

Exciting developments / Staffing updates

Further Stedham developments:

- Rabbits class are enjoying their new outdoor equipment that include scooters, forest school log seats and milk crates



- The current picnic tables and benches will have a fresh lick of paint over the holidays
- Rachel from Your Space Therapies continues her work with individuals providing weekly art therapy sessions
- Year 6 pupils have all gone home with GGP Revision and Study books for maths and English. These will support our SATs revision programme that starts in the Spring term.
- The new outdoor play equipment is due to be installed on the week commencing

Recent appointments:

- I am really pleased to share that we have some new staff appointments who will be starting in the new year:
 - Mrs Linda Sates, who has been teaching as supply cover, has been appointed to teach Hedgehogs. She will continue to teach year 3 & 4 in the morning with year 2 joining them in the afternoon.
 - Mrs Sarah Alexander will be joining Rachel Dennis in the office and will now work every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
 - Mrs Hannah Thomas will be joining the Hedgehogs staff team as an additional TA. She will be replacing Hannah Raishbrook whose temporary contract ended this term
 - Mr Philip Gago will be back in the Spring term to continue teaching Foxes
 - Mrs Katie Cooper has confirmed that she will continue teaching the year 2 pupils each morning.
 - Miss Gina Beresford will be assisting on Monday and Tuesday mornings in Foxes class

We look forward to all of our new members of staff who will be starting in the new academic year

What's happened in the last two weeks?

Rabbits Class

This week Rabbits class have enjoyed creating travel posters to Lapland which links to their topic. They have been learning about time by playing 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' They have created a magical nativity which has been uploaded on to the website.



Hedgehogs Class

This week Hedgehogs have enjoyed writing Christmas stories. I was lucky enough to have read some of these and thoroughly enjoyed them. They have also written letters to Santa, learnt about the Christmas story and made salt dough decorations. They loved playing the Djembe drums with Mrs Morley the specialist music teacher.



Foxes Class

Foxes have had an exciting week learning about perimeter and area. They have been completing some end of term assessments and worked on times tables. The year 6's will be going home with study and revision guides. They have also made great progress with their swimming.



Phonics Bug Club!

Don't forget to access Phonics Bug Club, to support your child with reading at home.



Times Table Rockstars and Numbots!

We also have access to TTRockstars and Numbots, so the children can practice their times tables and number bonds.



The Magic of Christmas at Stedham Primary

