

# The Early Bird

Issue 6: Friday 8th December 2023



Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7

From the Headteacher.....

Dear parents/carers,

Some very hard working elves in school recently to prepare our school for

advent and Christmas. We thank them for the extra time that they have put in.

We have had some external visitors in school whom we want to work with to

develop our school even further. They were glad to see how our children's' presentation within books has improved since we

introduced the handwriting lines, and that some of our children are ready for normal lined books already! Our team along with our children have worked hard on this as it was a new concept for us all.

I have just a had a super end to a Friday with some of our key stage 2 pupils making full use of our keyboards and instruments. The keyboards only arrived in school a few days ago and they have already learnt a Christmas piece of music. We are incredibly proud of our children's focus, determination and talents. Enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you next week at our Christmas services.

Mrs SM Bowyer

## Dates for your diary

The car-park will be open for parking until 9.40am for the morning services and

between 1:40pm-2:10pm for the afternoon service. 2 adults per child for years 1-6; 4 adults per child for EYFS.

### 14<sup>th</sup> December :

Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Service  
9.30am

Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Service  
2pm

### 15<sup>th</sup> December:

Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas Service 9.30am

Key Stage 1 Christmas Service 2pm

19<sup>th</sup> December: Whole School Visit to the New Vic Theatre -

The Nutcracker

21<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Lunch

22<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Party Day -  
Last Day of Term

25<sup>th</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January : Christmas Holidays

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Staff Training Day school is NOT open to pupils

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 :  
First Day of Term



## Year 6 prayer

Dear God, This week we light the advent candle for hope,

This Christmas we wish for the hope that people aren't lonely;

People are warm and feel loved.

We hope that those who are struggling have a better time in the new year. Amen



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**



## Winter Crafts Workshop



On Monday 27th November we had our Winter Crafts workshop. The parents and children had lots of fun making Christmas decorations. There will be other workshops in the new year so please look out for the details





## Christmas Decorations

On Thursday 30th November we had a visit from Santa's elves who decorated our school. Each door was decorated with The Nutcracker theme.



Year 6



Year 5/6



Year 5



Year 4



Year 3/4



Year 3



Year 2



Year 1/2



Year 1





Reception 2



Reception 1



Nursery



Office



Mrs Bowyer



Mr Farrell



Mrs Ramsden



On Tuesday this week we were pleased to welcome a group of Masters students from Keele University. The students worked with our children in Years 5 and 6 to deliver workshops linked to healthy lifestyles. The children were enrolled into the superhero academy, completing a range of fitness activities to earn rewards and prizes. In addition, they learnt about the importance of healthy eating, hydration and sleep, using their knowledge to successfully complete the end of session quiz! The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and both staff and students from the university complimented our pupils on their positive engagement and excellent behaviour.





## Things Going On

School have secured 6 free tickets for 3 x upper key stage 2 (year 5 and 6) children and a parent to attend. -See Mrs Bowyer or Miss Holland for details.

### **The Royal Institute Christmas Lectures 2023:**

**An offer to you, near you for your children and their families.**

**REAL SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS:** For those children that talk about the science they know or have seen or read about beyond their classes. The children that would be perfect nominees for the scientist of the year (SPOTY) there is a new offer and opportunity to attend a prestigious lecture at Keele University in the inspiring Westminster Theatre.

**SINCE 1825!** The Ri (Royal Institution) CHRISTMAS LECTURES invite a guest scientist to explain and present the latest new scientific ideas to young people. The target audience is **upper Key Stage 2** and Key Stage 3, and their families.

The lectures have been a feature of the BBC Christmas television schedule since 1966 and watching them as a family, for many, is a tradition, a tradition that families at your school have the chance to start for themselves.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** The chance to watch the live stream of the lecture being filmed in London. Children and families across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are invited to listen and watch **Professor Mike Wooldridge** as he reveals the truth about **Artificial Intelligence** in the 2023 CHRISTMAS LECTURE from the Royal Institution.

**For the Diary:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 6pm-8pm, Westminster Lecture,  
Keele University

**EXTRA BONUS:** Tickets are free, car parking is FREE and there will be light refreshments for all on arrival.

# CHRISTMAS Special

**Roast Turkey**  
with **Stuffing and Gravy**  
or **Veggie Wellington**  
or **Quorn Roast**  
*served with Mashed Potato,  
Roast Potatoes, Baton Carrots,  
Sprouts or Peas and Gravy*

**Ice Cream Pot**  
with a **Christmas Chocolate**  
or **Christmas Pudding**  
*served with Custard*

**Choice of Drink**

**Served on:**  
**21<sup>st</sup> December**





# CHRISTMAS Party



Selection of Sandwiches

Cheese Whirl

Cocktail Sausages

Crisps

Carrot and Cucumber Sticks

Christmas Shortbread  
or Krispmas Pudding

Choice of Drink

Served on:  
22<sup>nd</sup> December



## Information



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# HOME ALONE

## AT THE MAC

OUR MAC KIDS ARE HAVING SO MUCH FUN REHEARSING FOR THE BIG CHRISTMAS SHOW, UNTIL THE DOORS SLAM SHUT, LIGHTS GO OUT, AND ALL GOES QUIET! THEY ARE PAST THEIR BEDTIME ON A STAGE THAT NEVER SLEEPS! ITS COMPLETELY FREE SO YOU CAN KEEP THE CHANGE YA FILTHY ANIMALS!

JOIN US FOR THE MITCHELL ARTS CENTRE'S FIRST MAC PRODUCED CHILDRENS SHOW  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HUBB FOUNDATION.  
2ND JANUARY-5TH JANUARY 2024

City of Stoke-on-Trent  
Department for Education



### #HAF2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Hubb Foundation are pleased to announce a number of holiday sessions across Stoke-on-Trent which will offer your child the opportunity to both get active and have lots of fun.

Funded by the Department for Education and in partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council, the Holiday Activity & Food (#HAF2023) Programme offers your child an opportunity to get involved in a whole host of activities for FREE.

It is open to school children aged 4\*-16, who are **Free School Meal eligible**. \*currently in reception class - academic year 23/24

All of our sessions will offer a variety of activities such as physical and enrichment activities and lots of new experiences along with a free meal provided to each child in attendance.

For further information on our sessions or to book a place\*, please visit the Hubb Foundation's website:  
<https://www.thehubbfoundation.com/what-s-on>  
or scan the QR code below

\*If you are unable to attend please ensure you cancel your booking via the website or with your provider so this place can then be offered to those on the waiting list.

Kind Regards,

The HUBB Foundation



### #HAF2023

The Hubb Foundation in partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council are hosting FREE activity sessions for children and families through the DfE Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF).

All sessions will include a healthy meal along with a range of physical activities, enrichment activities and lots of new experiences!



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

