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Dear All,

We have some very busy weeks ahead of us both in and out of school! Please do come and check with us if you need clarification amongst all the festive frolics! There’s a lot to take in and a lot going on until we break up for Christmas on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. This week you are all invited into the hall on Wednesday after school to visit the Robin and Fox Class museum.

**Early Birds and Night Owls**

Please note that on the last day of term (Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December) Early Birds does take place, but there is no Night Owls after school.

If your child is booked into Early Birds and they are unable to attend (either because your plans change that morning or your child is ill please phone Miss Griffiths or Miss Hardiman on the mobile phone number provided for you to keep in touch with staff at this before and after school club. The number is **07974957055**.

**Thank you.....**

**Seventy** Christmas shoeboxes were collected by Salisbury College for the Trussell Trust on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Well done one and all! It was also lovely to see some former pupils helping with the collection. Even lovelier to see the outpouring of kindness and thoughtfulness from our families. THANK YOU!

The very yellow and delicious, ‘Pudsey Bear Cake’ raffled for Children in Need, raised the sum of **£121.25**. Very well done everyone. Thank you to Mrs Hobbs for making the cake! She is amazing and has helped us to raise money for ‘Children in Need’ for years! THANK YOU for all your hard work.

Kaitlyn Croxall and Daisy Thomas in Y6 also made smaller cakes and biscuits for runner-up prizes so many thanks to them! A super effort girls.

The winning ticket belonged to the Harrison family so well done Luke, Josh and the whole family!



**Coming up very soon...**

**F.O.S.S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017 (straight after school)**

The Christmas Bazaar takes place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** in the School Hall. Lots of hard work has been going on behind the scenes, so please make a date in your diary and come and support the event and our school! Once again we are selling tickets to see Santa at a cost £1 per ticket. They are available in the school office on Friday and again in the hall during the Christmas Bazaar. Small groups of children will then be called to the grotto, rather than having a huge queue up the corridor.

If you have pre-bought your ticket for Santa, please go to the hall and wait to be called! Children attending the Christmas Bazaar MUST leave their coats and bags in their classrooms otherwise it ends up being a Jumble Sale rather than a Christmas Bazaar. These may be collected from the classrooms on departure!



#### **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX: MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

The school "Christmas Post Box" will be placed in the school hall from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Christmas cards should not be brought to school before that time. All cards should be placed in the box addressed with FULL NAME (first and second name) and CLASS. Please remember this is only for school cards! Please do not confuse this with the scouts either! This is an internal school delivery service only!

#### **SALISBURY SCHOOLS CAROL CONCERT: MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

We have 47 children (from Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) taking part in this concert. On the evening of the event we shall meet in the foyer of the City Hall between 5.55pm and 6.05pm. School uniform must be worn including school sweatshirt/ cardigan (very shiny shoes and well-brushed hair, please!). Please look after your child's coat during the concert, whether you are staying or not. The concert should finish at about 7:30pm, so please arrange to pick your child up soon after that. If you have any problems or questions, please speak to me, Mrs Watkins or to your child's class teacher.

#### **NATIVITY PERFORMANCES: TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AND WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are performing 'Prickly Hay'. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December with performances to families taking place on the following two days. The deadline for requesting tickets is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 10am! If you did not send a reply slip back, you may have to take pot luck! On the morning of the performances refreshments will be on sale in the school hall. All funds going towards the Friends of Stratford –sub-Castle Primary School (FOSS). **Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 have an order form attached to this letter.**



#### **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL: THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE HAS CHANGED FROM THE SCHOOL CALENDAR! In preparation for the Christmas meal, please indicate on the attached form whether or not you wish to book a Christmas meal for your child. The closing date for ordering the Christmas meal is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The cost for the meal is **£2:50**. **Please complete the slip and return it to the school office. Please do not pay if your child has Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) or Free School Meals!**

#### **MENU**

MAIN: Traditional Roast Turkey; served with sausage and stuffing

OR

VEGETARIAN: "Quorn" fillet

All served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables and gravy

DESSERT: Christmas star ice-cream or Christmas pudding. (Choice to be made on the day for dessert!)

ORDER YOUR MEAL BY RETURNING YOUR ORDER FORM AND MONEY VIA THE BOX NEAR THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL.

#### **LAST SMILEY FACE ASSEMBLY OF 2017: FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 09:10- ish!**

The last celebration assembly of the year takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Jim Platt from the Friends of St Lawrence will join us to present prizes for the annual 'Christmas Art Competition'. Every

year the children decorate the Church with their art. This year the theme is Christmas Carols. Please do feel free to visit the Church and look at the art (after this date!)

**Strictly Come Stratford / The STRAT FACTOR / Stratford's got Talent! : TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Each class will hold preliminary rounds in the morning and decide on who they would like to send to the finals in the afternoon. We are encouraging the children to dance, sing or maybe tell a joke, in the name of entertainment! Sorry we won't have room for any visitors but I'm sure you will hear all about it.

**CAROL SERVICE IN ST LAWRENCE CHURCH at 1.30pm WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Due to lack of space in the Church we are inviting KS2 parents only to come and join us. We would really like all the children to finish term together in the Church and as the EYFS/KS1 parents have the Nativities we thought it was the fairest way of solving the problem.

**Reminders....**

- ❖ Scooter Skills takes place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** (for those who have signed up and paid their money). Please remember your scooters and helmets!
- ❖ The second payment of £20 for the residential trip to Hooke Court (for Year 5 and Year 6) is due **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.
- ❖ The flu vaccination for EYFS children and Year 4 pupils (born 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013) take place in school on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. This takes the form of a spray up the nose!
- ❖ The Termly Topic (Y4 – Y6) is due to be handed in on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.
- ❖ No after school clubs **week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** (except Early Birds and Night Owls)
- ❖ Last swim of the term (Year 4 and Year 5) takes place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.
- ❖ After the Christmas break we return to school on **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

Kindest regards  
Kay Bridson

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**CHRISTMAS MEAL ORDER FORM**

Child's name ..... Class .....

I would like to order a Christmas meal for my child.	YES	NO
I would like to order a vegetarian meal for my child.	YES	NO
My child is entitled to a Free School Meal/ UIFSM	YES	NO

Signed .....

**MY CHILD WILL BE EATING A PACKED LUNCH ON THE CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY:  
YES**

Please circle YES and return this if you do not wish to order a meal this will stop us from chasing you up! Thank you.





