



Life in all its fullness

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Dear All,

I hope you will join the Governing Body, staff and myself in thanking some people whom have really contributed to our school community...

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to **Isabel Habert**, who recently stood down from the dual role of Secretary and Vice-Chair of FOSS (Friends of Stratford School). Izzy worked extremely hard on paper, producing many a colourful and informative FOSS newsletter and worked hard making cups of tea, selling raffle tickets and being a demon with a wheelbarrow at several FOSS events! Thank you Izzy for everything you have done for the school!

Secondly, I would like to mention three governors who stood down at the end of last year... **Simon Bourne, Richard Fowle and Peter Habert**, who all did sterling, work on the Governing Body. Working largely 'behind the scenes' for the school they attended FGB meetings and committee meetings, monitored the school web-site and helped to formulate and write school policies. They also visited classrooms to ensure that your children received the best possible education. Thank you all!

Thirdly, I would like to express thanks to **Gareth Sullivan** who has just stood down as a Parent Governor. Thank you for all your work for the Governing Body, Gareth!

Finally, I would like to thank **Avril Thornton** for all her work as Clerk to Governors. Avril stood down recently after quite a few years of note-taking, minute writing and e-mailing! Many thanks!



SNOW PROCEDURES

If the weather turns snowy, we will send a text out and put information on the school web site.

We only send a message to say when we are closed... not to say we are open!

I endeavour to make a decision as early as possible, because we have so many staff members who have long distances to travel and you need to make arrangements too! Please do bear in mind, that we will do our utmost to keep the school open during the winter but a school without teachers is not much good and we also need to be able to feed most of the school! The other major factor is that we do not have a caretaker, so the snow clearing has to be completed by myself and willing volunteers. This also relies on me being able to get to school!



Please make sure we have your correct e-mail and phone number.



CHRISTMAS PLANS ...

Questions are beginning to circulate about Christmas, so I thought I had better share some of the plans that we have made with regard to the festive season!

This year we are unable to hold a FOSS Christmas Bazaar and to perform the Nativity to a packed audience as usual! In true Stratford tradition we shall make the best of it! Bear with!

As some of you may know, we are filming our Nativity this year and the following 'activities' are also taking place with some 'COVID Considerations'!



ANNUAL RAINBOW RAFFLE – this year all the boxes will be a mix of colours!

FOSS are organising a 'Rainbow Raffle' again this year. We hope gifts/items for a raffle box will be brought in by members of each class to fill a box. Each class will have a box! A mixture of colourful treats and gifts make the boxes look great and great to win. If you would like to contribute an item then please place the items in the crates by the school gate. Once the colourful hampers have been made to look beautiful, the FOSS will take photos and let you see the finished prizes in all their glory!

Donations will be gratefully received from **Monday 23rd November to Friday 11th December** - class crates will be available by the school gate.

The Raffle will take place on week commencing 14th December.

Raffle Tickets may be purchased through **Parent Pay from Monday 23rd November (noon) until 11th December (3pm)** and cost £1 per strip.

Tickets will be sent home in an envelope with your child. A note of your numbers, will also be kept in school just in case any tickets get misplaced!

There will be an option box on Parent Pay where you may leave a note, if purchasing for other members of your family or friends, should they wish to join in! Alternatively, you may purchase tickets through the school office by sending your payment in. Please use an envelope, marked 'Rainbow Raffle' and remember your name!



The boxes will be ready to receive contributions for the Rainbow Raffle from Monday 23rd November (next week). The boxes will be situated at the gate.

Please bring in contributions by Friday 11th December. Many thanks.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX

The school *Christmas Post Box* will be by the gate, from **Tuesday 1st December until Friday 11th 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! We can't deliver to Manchester! This is an internal school delivery service only! Cards will be 'quarantined' for an appropriate time before being distributed.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL/BLING UP YOUR UNIFORM DAY: WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

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 Friday 4th December. The cost for the meal is **£2:50. Please fill in the slip and place it in the drop-box outside the school gate.**

Please do not pay if your child has Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) or Free School Meals!

Christmas lunch and 'Bling up your Uniform Day'! (Be as subtle or garish as you wish, but 'Christmasify' your uniform if you want to. Christmas jumpers, tinsel or hats may be worn, for example!



MENU

MAIN: Traditional roast turkey; served with a pork sausage and a Yorkshire pudding

OR

VEGETARIAN: Quorn fillet and vegetarian sausage

All served with roast potatoes, garden peas, baton carrots and gravy

DESSERT: Iced Christmas biscuit / satsuma



PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER. PAYMENTS (IF REQUIRED) MAY BE MADE BY PARENTPAY OR BY CASH TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE (VIA DROP BOX AT THE SCHOOL GATE).

Early Birds and Night Owls

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 18th December) **Early Birds does take place**, but there is **no Night Owls after school.**

If your child is booked into Early Birds and he or she is unable to attend (either because your plans change that morning or your child is ill, please phone 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**. **This prevents worry!**

Reminders....

- After the Christmas break we return to school on **WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2021**
- **September 2021 Primary School's admissions deadline. (www.wiltshire.gov.uk) 15.01.21**

Thank you all for keeping going with all the new ways of doing things. I really appreciate your help with it all!

Kindest regards
Kay Bridson

CHRISTMAS MEAL ORDER FORM 2020



Child's name Class

I would like to order a Traditional 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

I enclose cash payment of £2.50. YES NO I will pay £2.50 on ParentPay YES NO

Signed

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

Please circle YES if your child is having a packed lunch and this will stop us from chasing you up!
Thank you. Please return slip in envelope with payment and post in the drop box outside the gate.
Kindly return by Friday 4th December.



