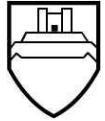




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Thursday 22nd November 2018

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 Friday 21st December at 3pm.

ParentPay

As you know this academic year, we launched a new system ParentPay, which allows you to pay for uniform, school meals, trips, swimming and Early Birds / Night Owls electronically. Thank you for using this facility and I hope the system works for you 'at your end'! Please understand that this is not a booking system just a payment system another way of paying PROMPTLY instead of cash.

From 'our end' you need to know that Mrs Thornton in the school office has to adjust the system manually and she does this once a week, usually on a Monday. Please pay for things as you use / want them rather than allowing a large bill to mount up. This is not a credit system.

Please pay for your school meals in advance. If meals are not paid for, we will lose the service. The meals service has never been in such a state of arrears. Please help us to keep everything running smoothly!

Please pay PROMPTLY, as you did when using old fashioned cash. Thank you.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 21st 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 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.....


Forty-three Christmas shoeboxes were collected on Thursday 15th November. Well done one and all! It was wonderful to see the outpouring of kindness and thoughtfulness from our families. **THANK YOU!**

£56.47 was raised was collected by the school for the **Royal Legion Poppy Appeal**.



The very yellow and delicious, 'Pudsey Bear Cake' raffled for **Children in Need**, raised the sum of **£120**. 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. Many thanks to Mrs Davidson for organising this with Mrs Hobbs.

As last year the winning ticket belonged to the Harrison family so well done Luke, Josh, Isaac and the whole

family!  This year Josh's ticket came out as the winner. Last year it was Luke's!

Please help the FOSS prepare for the Christmas Bazaar...

On Friday 30th November we are holding a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** in aid of the Christmas Bazaar. We are hoping everyone will fill a 'Jolly Jar' and bring it to school on that day. The idea is to fill a jar and perhaps even decorate it for the JOLLY JAR STALL at the Christmas Bazaar. Please put the jars in the crate by the front gate. Many thanks.

Please remember to come to school in clothes you can play in and keep warm in! Make sure they are practical, especially Y4 and Y5 who go swimming on that day.

Please see the photograph below for some fab ideas...



ANNUAL RAINBOW RAFFLE

FOSS are organising a "Rainbow Raffle" again this year. Each class has been allocated a colour and we hope 'gifts/ items' for a raffle box will be brought in by members of each class to fill the box. The boxes will then be raffled at the Christmas Bazaar. Butterfly Class: RED, Owl Class: BLUE, Woodpecker Class: GREEN, Fox Class: GOLD, Robin Class: SILVER.

The boxes will be ready to receive contributions for the Rainbow Raffle from Monday 26TH November (this week). The boxes will be situated in each class. Many thanks.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL SCOUTS...

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST - Last day of posting is Thursday 6th December 2018

Please support your local Scout Groups, save yourself the cost of a stamp and post your local cards with us, we deliver cards in and around the Salisbury area (for a full list of villages please check the poster by the school gate). **Stamps are 30p each and are available from the school office.** The money raised goes to the groups who sell and deliver the cards. There is a post box opposite the front door in the Old School, near the school office. Any questions please call, Emma & Lloyd Turner 01722 341445. Thank you

Coming up very soon...

F.O.S.S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018 (straight after school)

The Christmas Bazaar takes place on **Friday 7th 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 £2 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 10TH DECEMBER 2018

The school "Christmas Post Box" will be placed in the school hall from **Monday 10th 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 10TH DECEMBER 2018

We have 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: WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER AND THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2018

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are performing 'Hey Ewe'. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 11th December with performances to families taking place on the following two days. **The deadline for requesting tickets is Friday 23rd November at 10am!** If you do 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). Order forms for tickets went out last week! A copy of the order form was also sent out by email on the 16th November.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL: WEDNESDAY 19TH 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 Monday 10th December. The cost for the meal is **£2:50. Please fill in the slip and post it in the box outside the School office. Please do not pay if your child has Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) or Free School Meals! Christmas jumpers may be worn to School on this day.**

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: Chocolate coated Christmas tree ice-cream

ORDER YOUR MEAL BY RETURNING YOUR ORDER FORM AND MONEY VIA THE BOX

OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE. 

LAST SMILEY FACE ASSEMBLY OF 2018: FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER at 09:10- ish!

The last celebration assembly of the year takes place on Friday December. Robin Petherick who is the Vice Chairman 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 Light. 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! : THURSDAY 20TH 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 FRIDAY 21ST 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.



SNOW PROCEDURES

If the weather turns snowy we will send a text out, put information on the school web-site and also post a message with Spire FM. **We only send a message to say 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 done by myself and willing volunteers. This also relies on me being able to get to school!

TERMLY TOPIC HOME LEARNING: November / December 2018

The Termly Topic for this term is anything based on the theme of...

'Red, White and Blue'

You may choose one, two or all of three of the colours to inspire you.



Be as creative with the theme as you like. You may create models, cook, draw or paint, take photographs or write a story or poem. You could even compose a song or a piece of music.

You **MUST** make sure that something is in your book as a record of your topic. This could be a photo of your work or you could write about what you did! However, you may also like to do the whole topic in your book, it is up to you!

The deadline for handing in topics is **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2018**. This is compulsory for Y4, Y5 and Y6 and optional for all other year groups. Have fun!

Reminders....

- The flu vaccination for EYFS, YR1, YR2, YR3, YR4 and YR 5 pupils will take place in school on **Friday 30th November**. This takes the form of a spray up the nose!
- The Termly Topic (Y4 – Y6) is due to be handed in on **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**.
- No after school clubs **week commencing MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER** (except Early Birds and Night Owls)
- Last swim of the term (Year 4 and Year 5) takes place on **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**.
- After the Christmas break we return to school on **TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019**
- **September 2019 Primary School's admissions deadline. (www.wiltshire.gov.uk) 15.01.19**

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

CHRISTMAS MEAL ORDER FORM 2018

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 if your child is having a packed lunch and this will stop us from chasing you up!
Thank you.

Please return slip to the School via the box outside the office by Monday 10th December.

DECEMBER 2018

STRATFORD-SUB-CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Christmas Bazaar (FOSS)	Friday 07.12.18 @ 3pm
Salisbury Schools' Christmas Carol Concert in the City Hall	Monday 10.12.18 (Evening)
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/c Monday 17.12.18
Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall	Tuesday 11.12.18 9:30am
Infant Nativity in School Hall	Wednesday 12.12.18 9:30am
Infant Nativity in School Hall	Thursday 13.12.18 9:30am
Last swim of the school year (one term)	Friday 14.12.18
School Christmas Meal	Wednesday 19.12.18
Talent Show	Thursday 20.12.18
School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church	Friday 21.12.18 @ 1.30pm
	
BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS	FRIDAY 21.12.18 @ 3PM
NO NIGHT OWLS AFTER SCHOOL.	