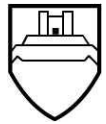




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Monday 17th December 2018

Dear All,

As well as the last few weeks being very busy, they have also been extremely rewarding. I have so many **WELL DONES** and **THANK YOUS** to share with everyone. Here goes...

Firstly **THANK YOU** for helping to make the **Christmas Bazaar** on Friday 7th December such a success. It just proved again, what a strong community we are! Thank you to all the FOSS committee who worked so hard behind the scenes to get everything prepared. However, the FOSS committee could not have succeeded without your generosity; helping to make the stalls and the Rainbow Raffle so sparkling! To everyone who baked cakes and biscuits, donated Jolly Jars, made preserves, donated gifts, manned stalls, created a fabulous grotto for Santa, helped set up and helped to tidy up at the end... a very big **THANK YOU!**

You may be interested to know that the event raised an amazing **£1,120.72**. This money will be going towards our outdoor classroom project. This will be situated next to the bike sheds and will provide a venue for covered outdoor learning (from the rain and the sun!). It will also be used for Early Birds and Night Owls and for parents to have a bit of shelter, when waiting to pick up their children. A multi-purpose deck with a lid!



I would like to thank Mrs Aylett for her hard work and enthusiasm. The **'City Hall Carol Concert Choir'** were fantastic last Monday evening. They sang beautifully and despite the nerves, they gave an extremely polished performance. I am a very proud Headteacher and judging from all the feedback and comments I've received there are lots of proud parents and grandparents out there too! Here is an e-mail I received following the City Hall Carol Concert...

'I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you how wonderful my wife and I thought the Small Schools Carol Concert was. The Stratford pupils stood out in how smart and well behaved they were. They sat so attentively during the other schools performances and walked out to their places perfectly. The amazing Stratford carol was the highlight of a fantastic evening for us with the enjoyment showing on all of the children's faces. You definitely brought a tear to the eye of many of the families present, mine included.

Please pass on our thanks to all the teachers for giving up their time to help out especially Mrs Aylett. You were all an amazing advert for the school and I am very proud to say that my children attend Stratford Sub Castle Primary School.'

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 performed 'Hey Ewe' the Nativity to their families on Wednesday 12th December and Thursday 13th December. The dress rehearsal was in front of the whole school on Tuesday 11th December. All the performances were received extremely well. Once again I am a very proud Headteacher. The singing, teamwork and the overcoming of nerves was fabulous! Here is an e-mail received by the school following one of the performances...

'Good morning. I was invited to attend this morning to see my grandson in the school nativity – and I was absolutely delighted with everything that went on today.

Everything was simply amazing – I would have been more than happy if this was a paid performance at City Hall/Playhouse – it was that good!

The comments by the Head about everyone taking part as individuals and as a team were born out by the children throughout the performance. To remember their words and actually perform Makaton at the same time was outstanding 😊 Thank you again to everyone involved in making this such a lovely experience.'



On Thursday last week Mrs Aylett, Miss Robinson and Mrs Watson accompanied the **School Choir** to the Scout Hut in order to sing to the 'Stroke Club', who meet there. The lady who organised the concert let Mrs Aylett know that...

'Everyone was pleased with the performance yesterday. The enthusiasm was delightful. The children obviously enjoy their singing and seemed very confident. We would be very happy to have a repeat performance!'

WELL DONE to everyone involved in the above events. Go Stratford!!!

This week...

Monday 17th December 2018: A fairly normal day. The Bridge Project are visiting Butterfly Class to work with them on part 2 of 'Colours of Christmas'.

Tuesday 18th December 2018: The whole school is going to make a Christingle (think oranges, candles etc.) Other than that a fairly normal day.

Wednesday 19th December 2018: Christmas lunch and 'Bling up your Uniform Day'! (Be as subtle or garish as you wish, but Christmasify your uniform if you want to. This is for fun and no money or jars are involved!)

Thursday 20th December 2018: Talent Show (See below for details)

Friday 21st December 2018: Smiley Face Assembly and Carol Service in the Church. Break for holiday at 3pm. (See below for details) Please remember no Night Owls on this evening.

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.

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

The last celebration assembly of the year takes place on Friday 21st 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. It is now on display.

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!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAILS REGULARLY

We seem to be asked to send you so much information by e-mail now rather than by flier. Please check your e-mails daily if possible, as there is lots of information coming your way.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The lists for the clubs starting in January 2019 were given out on Friday. Unfortunately, there are some disappointed people, as we had a HUGE amount of interest for all the activities.

I put all the names into a bin bag and pulled them out myself, so I know it was done fairly. I have also put children down as reserves. Therefore, if your child is not interested in taking up their place, please let us know before we break for the holiday and we can make somebody happy!

If your child did not get 'a list' this means they did not get a place in a club. SORRY!

Reminders....

- No after school clubs **week commencing MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER** (except Early Birds and Night Owls) No Night Owls after school on Friday 21st 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**

Here's wishing you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas. Thank you for your on-going support of the school in so many ways! The staff and I do appreciate it. I would also like to thank the staff for their incredible work this term. They have continued to show patience, care and kindness despite battling illness and all the challenges that reduced budgets bring!

Kindest regards
Kay Bridson

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 / 2019

STRATFORD-SUB-CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONTH	EVENT	DATE
JANUARY 2019	Teacher Development Day 3	MONDAY 07.01.19
	ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	TUESDAY 08.01.19
	Clubs commence	w/c Monday 14.01.19
	Primary School Deadline for EYFS September 2019/ 2020 (www.wiltshire.gov.uk)	Monday 15.01.19
	Life Education Centre bus in school for all classes	Monday 21.01.19 and Tuesday 22.01.19
	Y6 Parent Workshop – SATS	Thursday 24.01.19
FEBRUARY 2019	No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/c 11.02.19
	BREAK FOR HOLIDAY	FRIDAY 15.02.19 @3PM
	Teacher Development Day 4	MONDAY 25.02.19
	CHILDREN BACK to SCHOOL	TUESDAY 26.02.19
	No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/c Monday 25.02.19