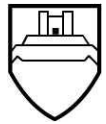




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Thursday 5th December 2019

Dear All,

I would like to share some staffing news with you...

Mrs Hayward (formerly known as Miss Wilson) has secured a promotion and therefore will not be returning to Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School after the Christmas break. We are happy for her and also very proud of her! We shall really miss Mrs Hayward, as she is an extremely kind and professional Teaching Assistant. I am sure you will join me in sending her off with the expectation of peace, love and joy in all that she does in the future. We shall celebrate her wonderful work in Smiley Face Assembly on 20.12.19. Please come and join us if you are able.

Strangely as we say goodbye to one 'Wilson' we shall be saying hello to another! This week the governors appointed Mrs Jane Wilson to cover the maternity leave of Mrs Cook. Mrs Cook's baby is due in March.

Mrs Davidson is currently off work. Therefore we have less capacity in the office to chase people up.

PLEASE PAY FOR SCHOOL DINNERS BEFORE THE MEAL IS TAKEN and PLEASE PAY FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS BEFORE YOUR CHILD ATTENDS A SESSION. Thank you for your help with this.

(Please note this should how it should be whether we have staff ill or not)



F.O.S.S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2019 (TOMORROW...straight after school)

The Christmas Bazaar takes place on **Friday 6th 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 will be available in the school hall on Friday morning 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!

Coming up NEXT WEEK ...



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX: MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2019

The school "Christmas Post Box" will be placed in the school hall from **Monday 9th 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 9TH DECEMBER 2019

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.

A very big, 'thank you' to Mrs Aylett for training our superb choir!

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES: WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER AND THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2019

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are performing 'The Nativity'. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 10th December with performances to families taking place on the following two days. The deadline for requesting tickets was Friday 22nd November and all the tickets have now been allocated.

Refreshments including hot drinks and festive pastries will be served by the FOSS before each performance. So feel free to drop your children off and then head to the hall and relax!

Coming up in the LAST WEEK OF TERM...

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL/BLING UP YOUR UNIFORM DAY: WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

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!) Christmas jumpers, tinsel or hats may be worn, for example!



PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER.
PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY PARENTPAY OR BY CASH TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Strictly Come Stratford / The STRAT FACTOR / Stratford's got Talent! : THURSDAY 19TH 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 2019: FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER at 09:10- ish!

The last celebration assembly of the year takes place on Friday 20th December. Parents, grandparents etc. are always very welcome!

CAROL SERVICE IN ST LAWRENCE CHURCH at 1.30pm FRIDAY 20TH 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 KS1 and KS2 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. The EYFS children will not be going to the Church.

Reminders....

- Last day for Scouts Christmas Post is Thursday 5th December
- Termly Topic hand in date is **Friday 13th December 2019**
- No clubs are being held during the last two weeks of term.
- No Night Owls on the day we break up for the Christmas hols (20.12.19)

Coming up NEXT TERM...

- After the Christmas break we return to school on **TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020**
- Swimming for Y3, Y4 and Y5 commences **THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2020**
- September 2020 Primary School's admissions deadline. (www.wiltshire.gov.uk) **15.01.20**

Swimming

Swimming commences on Thursday 9th January 2020. These lessons will be for **Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.** The children will be transported from school to the Five Rivers Leisure Centre by coach. They will return in time for the end of the school day.

Due to budget constraints there will only be 11 lessons. The dates are:

- **9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th January 2020**
- **6th, 13th and 27th February 2020**
- **5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March 2020.**

The voluntary contribution will be **£3 per session.** This does not cover the entire cost of lessons but goes some way to covering the cost of the coach hire, swimming teachers, life guards and the hire of the swimming pool. Private swimming lessons are very expensive, so I hope you agree this still represents good value for money. Swimming is an important life skill, indeed it could be a lifesaving skill so please if you can support us, in keeping the swimming sessions going. **Payments may be made weekly (£3 to their class teacher) or termly (£33 to the School Office. Payments may be made in cash, by cheque or preferably through ParentPay – this facility will available on January 1st 2020!**

Finally...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the FOSS funds by donating Jolly Jars, gifts for the Rainbow Raffle and other items for the Christmas Bazaar. Also a big, 'thank you' to Jed Doe who was Quiz Master for the recent quiz held at the Rugby Club and which raised £334 for the FOSS. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to illness but all those who 'quizzed' had a great time I hear!

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

