



Life in all its fullness

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Dear All,

Thank you for keeping the staggered starts and ends to the day going. Please also **wear a mask**, if you are able, at the beginning and end of the day. We are trying everything in our power to keep the school open and functioning as normal as possible for our children.

We are suffering from unusually high levels of staff absence; indeed since the start of the school year we have had a compliment of full staff on only seven days! This means we are pretty stretched. If you think we've missed something please do let us know and we will rectify the situation!

As you are aware we have been experiencing our highest ever rates of C-19 infections within our school community. Please help to keep our school safe/ open by following the advice e-mailed out yesterday.



If you are waiting for a test result, please go to the 'Remote Learning' tab on the school website. The drop-down menu will provide you with various options.

What to do if you are waiting for a C-19 test result....

If your waiting for a test result, please may your child complete the following learning:

- Reading Challenge (this is in the back of the *Reading Record*)
- Spellings (this is their *Spelling Book*)
- [Termly Topic](#)
- Mathletics
- [Challenge Boards](#)

Please email your teacher via the class email. Ideally, this should be done daily, or at least every other day. Teachers will provide feedback within two days. Use:

- butterflyclass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk
- owlclass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk
- woodpeckerclass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk
- foxclass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk
- robinclass@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

If you do not have access to email, please ensure you phone the school office on 01722 327227 and alternative arrangements will be made.

Teachers do contact you as soon as possible with work. However, if you feel you have been missed, for whatever reason, please let us know.

As a contingency ...in the event that work can't be provided by e-mail (because too many staff are ill) please use the work posted on the school website.

Thank you.....

Fifty-six Christmas shoeboxes were collected on Monday 15th November. Well done one and all! It was wonderful to see the outpouring of kindness and thoughtfulness from our families. **THANK YOU!** Many thanks to Mrs Gillingham (who works in our kitchen) who wrapped fifty boxes for us and saved so many people a job!

Bag2School this year raised **£151.80 for FOSS funds**. Thank you to all who donated their bags!



Children in Need this year many thanks to you all who helped raise **£238.00** this year.



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, once again, we are unable to hold a FOSS Christmas Bazaar and to perform the Nativity to a packed audience. In true Stratford tradition, we shall make the best of it!

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 colour themed box!

The colours for each class are:

Butterfly: RED

Owl: BLUE

Woodpecker: GREEN

Fox: SILVER

Robin: GOLD

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 **Friday 26th November to Thursday 9th December** - class crates will be available by the school gate. Please place your colourful gifts in the appropriate box!

The Raffle will take place during the week commencing 13th December.

Raffle Tickets may be purchased through **Parent Pay until Thursday 9th December** and cost £1 per book.

- Once books are paid for, they will be available for collection (in a named envelope) on a table by the front gate at the beginning and end of each day.
- Return the stubs by placing them in the 'Black, FOSS Raffle ticket receptacle by the school gate.



RECEPTION YEAR AND KS1 NATIVITY

Once again this year this event will be filmed. If your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2 you should have received a letter home yesterday (on paper).



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX

The school *Christmas Post Box* will be by the gate, from **Wednesday 1st December until Friday 10th December**. Christmas cards must 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 15TH 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 3rd December. The cost for the meal is **£3.00**. **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

OR

VEGETARIAN: Vegetable Wellington and vegan sausage

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

DESSERT: Christmas cracknel pudding / satsuma



**PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER.
PAYMENTS (IF REQUIRED) BY PARENTPAY PLEASE.**

ORDERS VIA DROP BOX AT THE SCHOOL GATE.



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.

Strictly Come Stratford / The STRAT FACTOR / Stratford's got Talent! : THURSDAY 16TH 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! We may film it... if things get too COVID!!!!

Our school hot dinner service ... Use it or lose it!

The governors are exploring several cost cutting ideas in attempt to make the school budget balance. Whilst we really value hot dinners at Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School, the cost of keeping the kitchen going and it remaining viable is in the balance. We need to increase the number of paid meals. Part of our work to do this is to consult with you to make the service work. Please do go to the link below and complete the survey provided to us by our catering contractors HC3S.

We have re-opened the survey for a further two weeks. It now closes on the 7 December.

This is the link [HC3S Parent School Lunch Survey Stratford-Sub-Castle](#)

We hope that helps.


Kind regards,
Karen Clark
Business Promotion Co-ordinator



December 2021

(AMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2021)

December 2021

EVENT	DATE
Salisbury Schools' Christmas Carol Concert in the City Hall (KS2)	Monday 06.12.21 (Evening)
Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall	Tuesday 07.12.21 9:30am
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families	Wednesday 08.12.21 9:30am
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families	Thursday 09.12.21 9:30am
School Christmas Meal / Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 15.12.21
Christmas event (Talent show)	Thursday 16.12.21
School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church 	Friday 17.12.21 @ 1.30pm (Limited numbers: to be decided)
BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS NO NIGHT OWLS AFTER SCHOOL.	FRIDAY 17.12.21 @ 3PM

January 2022

MONTH	EVENT	DATE
JANUARY 2022	Teacher Development Day 3	TUESDAY 04.01.22
	Teacher Development Day 4	WEDNESDAY 05.01.22
	ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	THURSDAY 06.01.22
	Clubs commence	w/c Monday 10.01.22
	Primary School Deadline for EYFS September 2022/ 2023 (www.wiltshire.gov.uk)	Friday 15.01.22
	Full Governing Body Meeting	Monday 31.01.22

Early Birds and Night Owls

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 17th 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 **THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY 2022**
- **September 2022 Primary School's admissions deadline. (www.wiltshire.gov.uk) 15.01.22**
- **Flu Immunisations Thursday 2nd December 2021**
- **Termly Topic based on the theme 'Light' to be handed in Friday 10th December 2021**
- **Christmas Dinner meal slips to be returned in school drop box on the gate Friday 3rd December**
- **Braeside residential trip for Y5 and Y6 – second deposit by 13.12.21 please (£25)**
- **Christmas Card orders to be put in drop box by Friday 26.11.21**

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

CHRISTMAS MEAL ORDER FORM 2021



MENU FOR WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2021

MAIN: Traditional roast turkey; served with a pork sausage

OR

VEGETARIAN: Vegetable Wellington and vegan sausage

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

DESSERT: Christmas cracknel pudding (Rice-krispie decorated Christmas pudding) or satsuma

Child's nameClass

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 will pay £3.00 on ParentPay YES NO

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

Signed

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PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY PARENTPAY OR BY CASH TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



