



*Life in all its fullness*

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Dear All

I do hope you had a good break. Welcome back and here we go! The run up to the Christmas break returns to pretty much 'normal' this year. One exception is that there is **no Small Schools' Carol Concert** in the City hall again this year. However, we will do lots of singing regardless!

The teachers and I were grateful that so many of you braved the wind and rain to attend the Parents' Evenings this week. It was lovely to see you all and to welcome you back into the school buildings and classrooms.

As we embark on this busy term, we do understand the financial pressures that everyone is under currently. Please do or contribute whatever you are able and please do not feel pressurised in any way. The school staff and the FOSS do understand what challenging times we are living in.



Please note the new time for *Smiley Face Celebrations* (as per the newsletter 18.10.22)

### **SMILEY FACE CELEBRATIONS:**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and all subsequent Fridays (14:20 – 14:45)**

Please note the change of time to the afternoons and remember; parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles are very welcome to join in. Come along and help celebrate the achievements of all our pupils! You may wait afterwards, in the hall ready for home time!

### **FOSS BAGS2SCHOOL:**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November (before school)**

The FOSS raise lots of money for the school by using this fund raising idea. It's also a great way to clear out your wardrobe and cupboards. Please bring your items (please check what you can and can't put in the bags) in a plastic bag on the morning of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and not before! Please leave them by the small gate at the front of the school.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



## Please help the FOSS prepare for the Christmas

### Bazaar...

#### 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: SILVER, Robin Class: GOLD.**

**The boxes will be ready to receive contributions for the Rainbow Raffle from Monday 7<sup>TH</sup> November (next). The boxes will be situated at the front gate. Please bring in contributions by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Many thanks**

#### JOLLY JARS

**From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November we are holding JOLLY JAR DAYS** in aid of the **Christmas Bazaar**. We are hoping everyone will fill a 'Jolly Jar' and bring it to school on one of these days. 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. Everyone bringing in a jar will go into a draw to be the first in the queue to see Santa (and for free) on the evening of the Bazaar. Put a jar in the crate and receive a raffle ticket from Mrs Bridson!

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





## **CHILDREN IN NEED:**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

A bucket by the gate will be in waiting for any donations you may wish to make!

Children may come to school in non-uniform or uniform if they prefer! Please ensure that all clothes and shoes are safe to run a round in and that the usual rules on hair and jewellery are followed. Many thanks.

## **Christmas Box Appeal: 2022**



Once again, we are sending a leaflet from the *Foundation for Social Inclusion* regarding the Christmas Box Appeal 2022. Mrs Gillingham (who works in the school kitchen) has once again wrapped some shoeboxes in Christmas paper for anyone who wishes to take part. These are available from the front gate at the beginning or the end of the day. Please note you may also wrap your own!

We do appreciate that times are tricky now, so if you are unable to fill a whole box perhaps team-up with someone else.

**Deadline for box collection = Monday 14.11.22**

(Boxes to be collected from school during the week, but we do not know when exactly)

**Please place completed boxes into the crate at the front of school or hand to a member of staff**



## **INFANT NATIVITY:**

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are performing 'The Nativity' to an audience for the first time in since 2019. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December with performances to families taking place on the following two days. The children will perform on both of these days, but to simplify ticket allocation and give you more advance notice, we have designated a day for the families of each class to come along.

Tickets are free for the performances and will be sent home **next week**. Every child will be allocated 3 tickets for their designated 'class performance'.

**Day 1 - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Butterfly Class (09:30 – 10:30)**

**Day 2 - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Owl Class (09:30 – 10:30)**

On the morning of the performances, refreshments will be on sale in the school hall from 09:00. All funds going towards the Friends of Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School (FOSS).

Kindest regards  
Kay Bridson

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## STRATFORD-SUB-CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 2

MONTH	EVENT	DATE
<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	<b>ALL BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>TUESDAY 01.11.22</b>
	No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/c Tuesday 01.11.22
	Parents' Evenings (In person)	Tuesday 01.11.22 & Wednesday 02.11.22 15:20 – 18:00
	FOSS: Bags2School Collection Day – bring on the day and not before please!	Friday 04.11.22
	Clubs commence	W/C Monday 07.11.22
	Children in Need (Non-uniform day)	Friday 18.11.22
	Christmas Bazaar (FOSS)	Friday 25.11.22 @ 15:00
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/c Monday 05.12.22 w/c Monday 12.12.22
	Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall (To the school)	Tuesday 06.12.22 09:30
	Infant Nativity in School Hall to Butterfly families – DAY 1	Wednesday 07.12.22 09:30
	Infant Nativity in School Hall to Owl families – DAY 2	Thursday 08.12.22 09:30
	'The Bridge project' in school working with all classes	Thursday 08.12.22 & Wednesday 14.12.22
	School Christmas Meal /Bling up your Uniform Day	Wednesday 14.12.22
	Christmas event (Talent show, party or film: to be decided)	Thursday 15.12.22
	School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Friday 16.12.22 @ 09.30
		
	<b>BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS</b> <b>NO NIGHT OWLS AFTER SCHOOL.</b>	<b>FRIDAY 16.12.22 @ 15:00</b>

