



Life in all its fullness

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Friday 11th November 2022

Dear All,

This time last year all the letters contained C-19 management, rules and contingency plans. It's so good to be able to write to you about positive matters.

Thank you.....

Christmas shoeboxes continue to be brought into school. It is 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 the boxes for us and saved so many people a job!

Deadline for box collection = Monday 14.11.22

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

Bag2School this time raised **£112.40 for FOSS funds**. Thank you to all who donated their bags!

The **Rainbow Raffle** contributions and donations for the Christmas Bazaar are beginning to come in. Many thanks. I do hope you are able to join us after school on Friday 25th November 2022

NOVEMBER



CHILDREN IN NEED NON-UNIFORM DAY:

Friday 18th 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.



FOSS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (in the school hall):

Friday 25th November at 15:00

Please note there will not be Smiley Face celebrations taking place on this day.

DECEMBER



Nativity Tickets: Thank you to the parents of Butterfly and Owl Class for picking up their Nativity tickets today. The remainders will be outside school in a blue box next week ready for collection.

If you to swap tickets with another family, please don't involve us, just get on and make your own arrangements. This does mean however, that entry on the days is by **TICKET ONLY. PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING YOUR TICKETS WITH YOU TO THE PERFORMANCE.**

If you have spare tickets, which you are unable to give away or swap with anyone, then please feel free to return them to the blue box. If you are looking for another ticket please keep an eye on the box. Again, we will not be able to facilitate the organisation of this, as we don't have the office staff to do so.

Day 1 - Wednesday 7th December: Butterfly Class (09:30 – 10:30)

Day 2 - Thursday 8th 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).



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX

The school *Christmas Post Box* will be by the gate, from **Thursday 1st December until Friday 9th 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!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL/BLING UP YOUR UNIFORM DAY: WEDNESDAY 14TH 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. A paper copy of this form is being sent home this evening with your child.

The deadline for ordering the Christmas meal is Friday 25th November. 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! (YR, Y1 and Y2)

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 FOR WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022

MAIN: Traditional roast turkey; served with a pork sausage and Yorkshire pudding

OR

VEGETARIAN: Vegetable Wellington and Yorkshire pudding

All served with roast potatoes, garden peas, baby carrots and gravy

DESSERT: Christmas chocolate brownie or fresh fruit



PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM BY FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER.

PAYMENTS (IF REQUIRED) BY PARENTPAY PLEASE.

ORDERS VIA DROP BOX AT THE SCHOOL GATE.



Strictly Come Stratford / The STRAT FACTOR / Stratford's got Talent! : THURSDAY 15TH 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!

CAROL SERVICE IN ST LAWRENCE CHURCH at 09:30: FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be attending this service on the last day of term. Families of these pupils are invited to join us at this service.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Early Birds and Night Owls breaks even and we do not make a profit from these sessions. **Please, please help us to keep Early Birds and Night Owls running by using the new booking and payment system.** The school is running a deficit budget and time in the office is precious. We are not permitted to replace certain job roles when people leave. Added to this, we do not currently have a Finance Officer as Mrs Thornton left for a new job earlier this academic year. We hope to recruit her replacement this month!

Mrs Munt, Mrs Watkins and I are currently trying to cover tasks that were completed by Mrs Davidson and Mrs Thornton, so time is precious and we do not have time to chase non-payments and make bookings.

If you do not know how to book we are very happy to talk you though it, as it will save everyone time and worry in the long run. There is information and instructions on the school website. Go to the PARENTS tab and then EARLYBIRDS and NIGHT OWLS. Or use this link..

<https://stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk/parent-info/early-birds-and-night-owls/>

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 16th 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 **07432 845958**. **This prevents worry!**

Reminders...

- **After the Christmas break pupils return to school on WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023**
- **September 2023 Primary School's admissions deadline. (www.wiltshire.gov.uk) 15.01.23**
- **Termly Topic based on the theme 'Music' to be handed in Friday 9th December 2022**
- **Christmas Dinner meal slips to be returned in school drop box on the gate Friday 25th November 2022**

Pleas...

Please make sure we have your correct e-mail and phone number

Please DO NOT park on the zigzag lines directly outside school. Access needs to be kept clear for emergencies at all times. There is also a high volume of pedestrians at this location, so it is for the safety of all to limit the vehicles around this area.

Please DO NOT park in the bus stop. If parked cars block the bus stop, the school bus and other public buses cannot pull in properly and therefore end up blocking the road.

Please DO NOT park on the corner of Mill Lane. We have had legitimate complaints from local residents and other parents. Apparently, some people are blocking pavements and the entire road with irresponsible parking.

Thank you to all of you who park and drive carefully so that we can ensure the safety of all our children.



Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

CHRISTMAS MEAL ORDER FORM 2022



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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

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM VIA THE DROP-BOX BY **FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.**
PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY PARENTPAY PLEASE.

