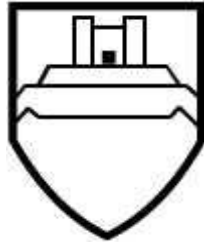


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC  
Primary School  
Newsletter

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
2023



Life in all its fullness  
John 10:10

Thank you to all those who completed the online parent questionnaire last week, and especially for the wonderful comments. I am really pleased that everyone who completed a questionnaire said their child was happy to come to school and felt safe. I also appreciate your honesty and will address any concerns and work hard to make our school even better. At Stratford, the staff and I, are constantly reviewing the ways we do things, and we want to do the best we can.

Some parents were unsure to whether they were informed about their child's learning. We do this via our website – the class pages give you lots of information, including the curriculum maps of what will be taught over the year. We also share this at parents' evenings and I try to include some of what the children have been learning in my newsletters.

Homework was also highlighted as an area of uncertainty. Our current home learning policy is attached. If you would like to discuss this further please e-mail me, [head@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk), and we can discuss these together.



Thank you to all who entered the 500 words competition.

**Prizes will be awarded in Smiley Face Celebrations on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### CHILDREN IN NEED

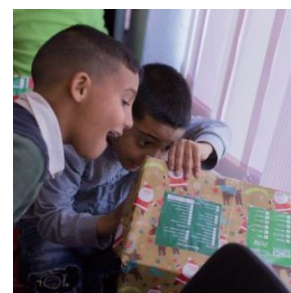
Thank you to all those who donated for Children in Need on Friday, we raised a fantastic total of £250. Well done everyone!



### **Christmas Box Appeal 2023**

Thank you to all who have made up a shoe box.

Please return boxes to school by Thursday  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.



## Christmas Bazaar

Raffle tickets will be sent home this week, in an envelope. Please return the envelope with any sold raffle ticket stubs and money and/or unsold raffle tickets to school and put in the drop box!

We are collecting items for the Christmas bazaar in the outdoor classroom.

We need:

- Items suitable for the children's tombola and adult/children Lucky Bags. Items in good, nearly new condition please.
- Chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Christmas craft items – these can be hand made
- Bottles for the bottle tombola

We would also like cakes and biscuits for the cake stall but will collect these on the day of the bazaar.

## Rainbow Raffle

In addition to the items above we also run a rainbow raffle. Each class is allocated a colour and we asked for items of this colour to be donated and then a hamper is made up, for example, if your child's class colour is red you can bring in anything red, eg red wine, baubles, shower gel, Maltesers. Please make sure items are in date, new or nearly new.

The colours for each class are

**Butterfly Class: Red**

**Owl Class: Blue**

**Robin Class: Green**

**Woodpecker Class: Silver**

**Fox Class: Gold**

**There will be a crate for each class on the small playground in the outdoor classroom to put items in.**

## Jolly Jars

**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 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. 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 have your name written down for the draw!

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



## **Butterfly and Owl Class Nativity - Hey Ewe!**

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will be performing 'Hey Ewe!' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 5<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, 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 today. Every child will be allocated 3 tickets for their designated 'class performance'.

**Day 1 - Wednesday 6th December: Butterfly Class (09:30 – 10:30)**

**Day 2 - Thursday 7th December: Owl Class (09:30 – 10:30)**



If you want 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 each day 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 small blue box labelled spare Nativity Tickets by the gate. If you are looking for another ticket, please look in 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.

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 **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Christmas lunch and 'Christmas jumper/Bling up your Uniform Day'!** **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

(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!)

Best wishes

Justine Watkins