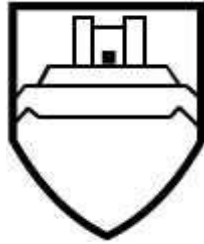


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Monday 27th November
2023



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

Clubs

Last week of clubs is week beginning Monday 13th December. There will be no clubs in the last 3 days of term.

Night Owls will continue until Tuesday 19th December.

Please note there will be no Night Owls on Wednesday 20th December 2023.



Congratulations to our winners of the 500 words writing competition.

KS1 Winner – Arthur M (Owl Class) KS1 Runner up – Matilda T (Owl Class)
KS2 Winner – Eva M (Woodpecker Class) KS2 Runner up – Yana S (Fox Class)

Miss Smith and the teachers were really impressed by the entries and enjoyed reading them. It was good to see the children using the tools they had been taught in class in their stories.

Christmas Box Appeal 2023

Thank you to all who made and brought in a shoe box for the Christmas Appeal. We had 46 in total, a fantastic effort for our small school. Well done Team Stratford!



Christmas Bazaar – Friday 8th December at 15.00

Please remember to return any sold raffle ticket stubs and money and/or unsold raffle tickets to school. Put in an envelope and pop in the drop box!

We are continuing to collect 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 4th December – Wednesday 6th 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!

All tickets have now gone home, thank you to those who have returned any unwanted tickets and put in the spare ticket box. Please have a look if you need any extra. Unfortunately I cannot add any more tickets as we are limited for space in the hall.

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.

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 1st December until Wednesday 13th 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 15th 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!

Strictly Come Stratford / Stratford's got Talent! : Wednesday 20th December

Each class will hold preliminary rounds in the morning and the children vote to decide on who they would like to send to the finals in the afternoon. We are encouraging the children to play an instrument, dance, sing or maybe tell a joke or two, 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 Celebrations of 2023: Friday 15th December at 09:10- 1sh!

We will be holding our last Smiley Face Celebrations of the year in the morning of Friday 15th December. This will hopefully give parents, who find the end of the day difficult, a chance to come along and celebrate with us.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 14:00 – Tuesday 19th December in the Church

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

SNOW PROCEDURES

The weather is forecast to turn colder over the next few days and although no snow is forecast, if it does ever snow, our procedures is as follows.

**We will send a text out, via parent mail, 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!**

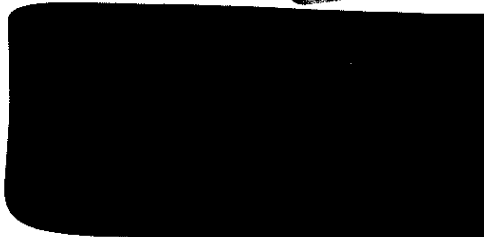
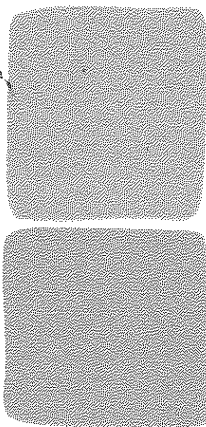
We endeavour to make a decision as early as possible, because we have so many staff members who have long distances to travel and you need to make arrangements too! Please do bear in mind, that we will do our utmost to keep the school open during the winter but a school without teachers is not much good 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!



Best wishes

Justine Watkins

We all need help sometimes.



Are you a parent or carer needing support? Are you a young person needing some advice?

For information on things to do, places to go, practical tips or who to talk to, All Together is a website with information and advice for you.



wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether