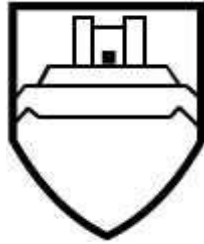


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Tuesday 12th December
2023



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

As well as the last few weeks being very busy, they have also been extremely rewarding. I have so many **WELL DONES** and **THANK YOUS** to share with everyone. Here goes...



Once again, **THANK YOU** for helping to make the **Christmas Bazaar**, on Friday 8th December, such a success. The idea of having some stalls outside proved very popular and the weather was on our side! It just showed, yet again, what a strong community we are! Thank you to all the FOSS committee who worked so hard behind the scenes to get everything prepared. However, the FOSS committee could not have succeeded without your generosity; helping to make the stalls and the Rainbow Raffle so sparkling! To everyone who baked cakes and biscuits, donated Jolly Jars, donated gifts, manned stalls, created a fabulous grotto for Santa, helped set up and helped to tidy up at the end... a very big **THANK YOU!**

WELL DONE to all the pupils in Butterfly and Owl Classes who performed 'Hey Ewe' to their families on Wednesday and Thursday, last week. The dress rehearsal was in front of the whole school on Tuesday and the older children thoroughly enjoyed it. All the performances were wonderful. Once again, I am a very proud Headteacher. The singing, Makaton, teamwork and the overcoming of nerves was fabulous!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Every year the children decorate the Church with their art. This year the theme is *Light*. The children's beautiful artwork will be on display in the church from Thursday evening (14th December) and all over the Christmas period. Please do feel free to visit the Church and have a look. Thanks to Miss Crook and Mrs Watson for taking the time to decorate St Lawrence, so everyone can see it over the Christmas-tide.

Every year, the 'Friends of St Lawrence' provide prizes for this competition and we are grateful for their involvement once again this year. The art will be judged by two independent judges, Mrs Uren and Mrs Harrison, from the village community. Thank you to these ladies for their time and expertise.

At *Smiley Face Celebrations this week*, prizes for the winners of the annual 'Christmas Art Competition' will be presented by Mr Ian McGill, Chairman of the 'Friends of St Lawrence.'

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX



The school *Christmas Post Box* will continue to be by the gate, **until TOMORROW, Wednesday 13th December**. 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 sorted by Year 6 on Thursday and handed out on Friday.

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, with school uniform, for example!

CAROL SERVICE IN ST LAWRENCE CHURCH at 14:00 TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Woodpecker Class will be leading the Carol Service and Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be attending on the penultimate day of term. Choir will also be singing. Families of these pupils are invited to join us at this service.

We break up for the holidays at 3pm on Wednesday 20th December .

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY NIGHT OWLS ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER. If you have booked your child into Night Owls on ParentPay please cancel your bookings before Tuesday 19th December.

Reminder...

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2024 are Teacher Training Days.

All children return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins