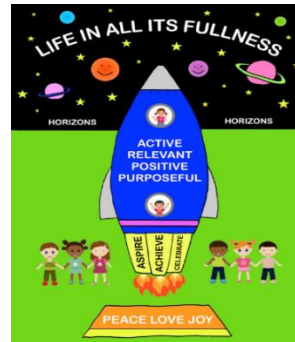


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter



Wednesday 4th December 2024

Life in all its fullness John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is

Trust

'My God is my strength in whom I trust'

Psalm 18.2



Christmas came early this week as we received the report from our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection.

I am SO very proud of the report and everything that it says about our school, children, staff and community! As you will see from the full report which is attached with this newsletter and will be available on the website, we have received 'Judgement One'. This is the highest judgement achievable and suggests that, through the school's vision and practice, we are living up to our foundation as a Church school enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

I believe that the inspector really understood our school and she has highlighted how:

'Relationships within the school are excellent. Inspired by the vision, this is a school where pupils and adults feel understood, valued and nurtured.' She also praised the school saying *'A profound internal culture of acceptance and belonging enables 'Team Stratford' to thrive together, as well as each member being valued for their uniqueness.'*

Mrs Robinson also commented on the *'tangible sense of belonging pervading the school, which is warm and inclusive. This deep communal identity is known by pupils and adults as 'Team Stratford'. It is the school's shorthand to convey its all-embracing culture of acceptance and worth.'*

The inspection was highly complementary of our relationship with the church saying *'the partnership between the school and the local church is natural, heartfelt and mutually nourishing.'*

I could not be prouder of the report and all that it says about our school. It is testament to our children, staff, governors, families and wider community that this report reflects the commitment of all to 'live life in all its fullness'. Stratford truly is an extraordinary school, where everyone, child or adult, is known and valued as an individual and our strong Christian ethos and values help ensure that everyone flourishes.

Important messages for the next couple of weeks

All clubs finish this week, except for choir whose last session will be next week. A letter regarding clubs for next term will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

There will be **no Smiley Face Celebrations on Friday 13th December** due to the Christmas Bazaar'

Smiley Face Celebrations on Friday 20th December will be held at 09.00, not 14.40, as this is the last day of term and we are holding our Talent show in the afternoon.

There will be **no Night Owls on the last day of term, Friday 20th December**. All children to be collected from school at 3.20pm.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX



The school *Christmas Post Box* will be by the gate, from **Monday 2nd December until Monday 16th 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**. We will deliver the cards out to all the children on Thursday 19th December after Christmas dinner.

Please remember this is only for school cards! We can't deliver to Manchester! This is an internal school delivery service only!

Butterfly and Owl Class Nativity – Prickly Hay

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will be performing 'Prickly Hay' on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December 2024. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 10th 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.

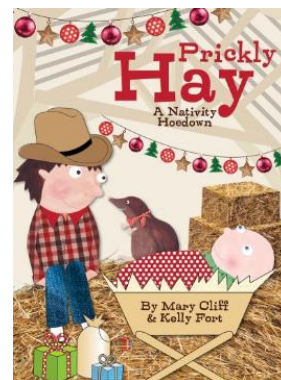
Tickets are free for the performances and were sent home on Monday 25th November. Every child was allocated 3 tickets for their designated 'class performance'.

Day 1 - Wednesday 11th December: Butterfly Class (09:30 – 10:30)

Day 2 - Thursday 12th 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**.

Doors will open at 08.40 on each day. You are welcome to come into the hall, find a seat and enjoy a tea/coffee and mince pie while you wait. The performances will start at 09.30 promptly.



Christmas Bazaar – Friday 13th December 2024 @ 3.20pm

Please remember to return any sold raffle ticket stubs and money and/or unsold raffle tickets to school and put in the grey raffle ticket bin outside the school gate!

We continue to collect items for the Christmas bazaar.

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

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

Rainbow Raffle

We are collecting items for the Rainbow Raffle hampers. Please bring items of your child's class colour to out in the hamper. For example, if your child is in Robin Class then bring items that are 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: Blue

Owl Class: Green

Robin Class: Red

Woodpecker Class: Silver

Fox Class: Gold

There will be a crate for each class outside the front gate before and after school.

Jolly Jars

From Monday 9th December – Thursday 12th 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. The jars can contain anything from sweets to hair bands, crayons to stationery. Everyone bringing in a jar will go into a draw to be the first person to meet Santa and have a special one to one time with him and his elves, on the evening of the Bazaar.

Please give your jars to Mrs Watkins or Miss Crook so they can add your name to the draw.

If you need any jars we do have some and they will be outside the school gate from today.

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



Christmas lunch and 'Christmas jumper/Bling up your Uniform Day'! Thursday 19th 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, over normal school uniform.


Strictly Come Stratford / Stratford's got Talent!

Friday 20th December

This year we will be holding our Talent competition in school on Friday 20th December. We are encouraging the children to show off their talents whatever they maybe. They could dance, sing, play an instrument or maybe tell a joke, in the name of entertainment! Children can enter with friends from their class or other classes. We hold preliminary rounds in the morning in classes and then the children vote on who they would like to see in the final. Finals take place in the afternoon. Sorry we won't have room for any visitors but I'm sure you will hear all about it.

Finally,

We currently have vacancies on our governing board, for a foundation governor and 2 parent governors. Information regarding our parent governor vacancies is on the other attachment with this letter. Please see the message below regarding the foundation governor vacancy.



Could this be you?

Our village school is in need of a Foundation Governor.

This role may be filled by any Christian, whether or not they worship at an Anglican Church.

For further details please contact
Revd Suzie Allen (701333) or Carole Long (324421)

Best wishes
Justine Watkins

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TERM 2

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 04.11.24
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 04.11.24
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 11.11.24
Parents' Evenings (In person)	Wednesday 13.11.24 Thursday 14.11.24
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 09.12.24
Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall	Tuesday 10.12.24
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Butterfly Class)	Wednesday 11. 12.24 @ 09.30
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Owl Class)	Thursday 12.12.24 @ 09.30
Christmas Bazaar (FOSS)	Friday 13.12.24
School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Wednesday 18.12.24 @14.15

No Night Owls on Friday 20th December 2024

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TERM 3

EVENT	DATE
Teacher Development Day 4	Monday 06.01.25
No before/after school clubs <u>except</u> Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 07.01.25
After school clubs commence	w/b Monday 13.01.25
Primary School Deadline for EYFS September 2025/ 2026 (www.wiltshire.gov.uk)	Wednesday 15.01.25
Y6 Parent Workshop – Year 6 SATS TEAMS meeting.	
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 10.02.25
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 14.02.25

TERM 4

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 24.02.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 24.02.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 03.03.25
National Offer Day: SECONDARY	Monday 03.03.25
Open Door afternoon. Come and look round the school and see displays, books and classrooms!	Tuesday 25.02.25 Thursday 27.02.25
Parents' Evenings (Online)	Wednesday 05.03.25 Thursday 06.03.25
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 31.03.25
School Easter Service in St. Lawrence Church: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Friday 04.04.25 @14.15

No Night Owls on Friday 4th April 2025

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TERM 5

EVENT	DATE
National Offer Day : PRIMARY	Wednesday 16.04.25
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 22.04.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b Tuesday 22.04.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 28.04.25
Key Stage 2 SATs Week/Assessment Week.	w/b Monday 12.05.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b 19.05.25
Class Photographs	Wednesday 21.05.25
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 23.05.25

TERM 6	
Teacher Development Day 5	Monday 02.06.25
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 03.06.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 03.06.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 09.06.25
Meeting for Parents of new intake September 2025	Wednesday 18.06.25
Induction Session 1: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 25.06.25
June Fayre	Friday 27.06.25
Induction Session 2: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 02.07.25
Induction Session 3: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 09.07.25
Sports day	Thursday 03.07.25
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 10.07.25
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 14/07/25
Family Open Evening – all welcome	Thursday 17.07.25
Leavers' Service in St Lawrence Church	Thursday 24.07.25 @ 13.30
No Night Owls on Thursday 24th July 2025	

Academic year 2025 2026

Year 6 Braeside residential Wednesday 24th September – Friday 26th September 2025

More details to follow this term