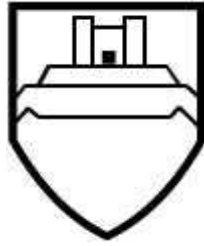


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

As I look back and reflect on another year as Headteacher of our school, I do so with pride and joy. I feel very privileged to work in such a wonderful place. It has been a very successful year, with recognition of our amazing school from outside professionals from Ofsted and SIAMS.

I would like to thank all the staff who work so hard, go above and beyond and are committed to making our school the best it can be. They always put the children first and want the very best for them now and in their future.

I would also like to thank you, parents, grandparents and other members of your family who are involved with our school. I know how lucky we are to have your support and it makes such a difference to the children because we all work together.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of all our children. They work hard, strive to do their best, show understanding and empathy for others and know they are all loved and valued as part of our team.

Go Team Stratford

Thank you to all who came to our wonderful Christmas Bazaar, we raised a fantastic **£2091.09!** This is a staggering amount for our small school and the biggest ever raised. I cannot thank you all enough. This money will go towards educational visits and resources to enhance learning for **your children**. We have plans to improve the library so some of the money will also go towards that project. Well done to all, a great team effort, yet again.

WELL DONE to all the pupils in Butterfly and Owl Classes who performed **'Prickly Hay'** to their families on Wednesday and Thursday, this 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!



Thank you to all who came to our end of term Christmas Carol Service. It was lovely to see how full the church was. I think you will all agree Woodpecker Class led the service very well and spoke beautifully. Thank you to the choir for their performance, they sounded wonderful, and a special thank you to Mrs Aylett for organising the choir and playing the organ.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to our winners of the Christmas Art Competition:

**Dexter (Fox Class), Jack (Woodpecker Class), Esmé (Robin Class),
Nye (Owl Class) and Sophie Hi (Butterfly Class)**

Every year the children decorate the Church with their art. This year the theme was Christmas Carols. The children's beautiful artwork is now on display in the church and will be all over the Christmas period. Please do feel free to visit the Church and have a look. Thanks to Mrs Rudman and Mrs Watson for taking the time to decorate St Lawrence, so everyone can see it.



Stratford's Got Talent!

Well done to all the children who took part in Stratford's Got Talent today. It was fantastic to see the vast array of talents on show, **Stratford really has got talent!** Congratulations to our winners and runners up:

EYFS Runners up – Albie W and Conor
 Winners - Mya, Oliver and Enzo

KS1 - Runners up – Lydia and Arthur E
 Winner - Felix

LKS2 Runners up – Jessica and Sophia
 Winner - Liyanna

KS2 Runner up – Jack T
 Winners – Annabelle, Iris and Jack F



Well done to Bea from Woodpecker Class who was a finalist in the Carter and May Christmas card competition. She has won £100 for the school!
Great work Bea!

Reminder...

Monday 6th January 2025 is a TD day
Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Justine Watkins