



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



A NOTE FROM MISS WHITE



I would like to start the newsletter with a huge well done to Reception! On Tuesday, they performed their nativity to the whole school and they blew us away! They then performed it to all their grown-ups on Wednesday and made them all very proud. It was amazing to see how much the children have progressed since starting school. They sang beautifully and performed with confidence! Thank you to Miss Hitchens and the Reception team for all their hard work in putting the performance together.

It has been another busy week here at Stratford Primary with Year 5 visiting the Mad Museum on Tuesday afternoon and Year 4 visiting Stratford Bentley care home to sing to the residents. We still have two more weeks before our Christmas break and we have lots planned including the FOSP's Christmas fair next Thursday, our Christmas Church service at Holy Trinity on Friday 15th at 1pm and a Festive Evening on Monday 18th!

Dates for your diary

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*How much a
Christmas card
from 1843 sold
for in 2014. It
was designed
by Henry Cole*



- 11th December - Reception off to see The Gruffalo in Warwick
- 12th December - Rocksteady concert KS1 & KS2
- 13th December - Y1/2 Christmas concert 10am & 1.30pm
- 14th December - FOSP Christmas Fair
- 15th December - Christmas service Holy Trinity church 1pm
- 18th December - FOSP festive evening 5.30pm
- 19th December - Y1/2 Puppet show (in school)
- 20th December - Christmas Lunch day (party clothes can be worn)
Showcase evening 4 -5.30pm
- 21st December - KS2 Theatre visit
- 22nd December - 2pm school closes - all children to be collected
- 8th January - Staff Training - school closed
- 9th January - All children return to school

STAY SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Which is safer: Roblox or Minecraft?

Roblox and Minecraft are both sandbox style games that allow players to be highly creative in imaginary worlds. These games are very popular with children because they are easy to play and allow players the freedom to create while socializing with others. Both games have a multiplayer function that allows users to chat with one another while they are playing the game. However, as with all online chat platforms, there can be some safety risks for children when engaging with these games. Minecraft and Roblox have both reported incidents of inappropriate content for children. Roblox has utilized human moderators and chat filters and players can block other users and report bad behaviour. This makes it slightly safer than Minecraft, which does not have the 'under 13 safe chat.' Nor does it give parents the ability to log on and monitor their child's game.

Always make sure your children are playing where you can see them and check in with them. You wouldn't let them play out of sight from you in the park so keep an eye on them when they are online.



SAFEGUARDING - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

EACH WEEK WE WILL SHARE SAFEGUARDING MESSAGES HERE FOR YOU

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE, HEALTHY AND WELL.

Soon it will be the Christmas holidays and we want everyone to know that safeguarding and looking after our families is our number one priority. We monitor our emails during the festive period. Remember you are not alone. Please reach out to us on admin2042@welearn365.com or head2042@welearn365.com even if it is just for a chat or you want advice about your child.

Just because the school building is closed it does not mean we stop working or supporting you. We want to help.

The Warwickshire Family Support Helpline is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. Call them for advice on **01926 412412**. A member of the team will direct you to the right person.

Look after your mental health. Visit wellbeingforwarwickshire.org.uk for the right information or for someone to talk to.

In some homes all some families get for Christmas is abuse. Reach out to the Refuge helpline **0808 2000 247**. Remember you are not alone.

For children Childline is always open. Call **0800 1111**. When life feels difficult they can help.

A wonderful animal nativity. We are so proud of our Reception children. They performed so well.



PARENTING SUPPORT - EXTRA HELP

There are lots of free online parenting courses available. Need help understanding behavior, or understanding trauma and adverse childhood experiences or perhaps you have a couple of hours to complete a short course on sleep, routines and boundaries and challenging behaviour. Book your tickets through the following:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-parenting-support-71623337213>

Understanding your child's mental health



- If you are interested or worried about your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Designed to work alongside the learning in the 'Understanding your child' course
- Works well with the 'Understanding your child's feelings' taster



Understanding Children's Behaviour - 2 hour Workshop

Fri, Jan 26, 09:30

Lighthorne Heath Primary School *...
Free



Understanding your Teenager - Virtual 2 hour workshop

Fri, 2 Feb 2024 10:00 GMT

Free



Sleep Workshop

Fri, Jan 19, 10:00

North Leamington School *...
Free



Virtual Routines and Boundaries Workshop

Fri, 8 Dec 2023 10:00 GMT

Free



COMMUNITY SUPPORT - EXTRA HELP FOR FAMILIES. CHECK OUT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HUB - ACTIVITIES AND DROP INS AVAILABLE AT FRED WINTER CENTRE IN STRATFORD.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday-Friday, 9.30am-11am

Sponsored by *Mor Bakery*, *The Cornish Bakery* and *Pret a Manger*. Come in for breakfast, stay for the conversation. Sessions led by our wonderful volunteers.

POTTERY

Monday, 11.30am-1pm

Have a go at designing, creating and painting a pot.

GARDEN PROJECT

Tuesday, 10am-12pm

Facilitated by a lead gardener and supported by volunteers. Sessions supported by the RSC, as part of the 'At the Forest's Edge' community project.

CRAFT SESSION

Wednesday, 11am-1pm

A range of activities. All materials provided.

FOODBANK

Monday 5pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 12pm-1.30pm
Thursday 5pm-6.30pm
Friday 12pm-1.30pm

Distribution sessions operating four times across the week

MIND

Monday 10am-12pm
Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm
Friday 10.30am-12.30pm

Wellbeing sessions operating three times across the week

NHS

Thursdays

Mental Health and Physical Health nurses to support individuals at risk of homelessness.

CITIZENS ADVICE

Fridays

Drop in every Friday morning.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT - FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- **Escape Arts and Stratford Youth:** several youth clubs in Stratford weekly – including gaming/arts/junior/senior groups
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- **LifeSpace Offer:** LifeSpace mentoring sessions available at Stratford Youth Hub
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- **To get in touch:**

Email: hello@stratforyouth.org

Website: www.stratforyouth.org



Attendance, Houses & More

School Council news

Don't forget the closing date to create a 'Stop it please' poster is Friday 15th December.

10 dojos for every entry.

Arden – this week's house cup winners



Arden = 1144
 Hathaway = 1116
 Hall = 1032
 Shakespeare = 909



This week's winners are:

Year 2 with 99% and

Year One and Year 5= 98%

Rest of school

Reception = 95%

Year Three = 96%

Year Four = 97%

Year Six = 96%

Whole school attendance is:

97%

Fabulous attendance everyone.
 Thank you.

George and Desmond are super pleased.



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FOSP - Friends of Stratford Primary News



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU. OVER £4000 OF FUNDS WERE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A BRAND NEW MODERN SOUND SYSTEM IN THE HALL AND A PROJECTOR. THE CHILDREN CAN FINALLY SEE THE SCREEN. IT HAS MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO ASSEMBLIES AND PERFORMANCES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RAISING THE FUNDS FOSP. WE WOULD LOVE A NEW STAGE NEXT WHICH IS COMPACT AND LIGHT TO MOVE - IT IS ON OUR WISH LIST - £5000.

Children Only Christmas Fair



On



Thursday 14th December 2023

Takes place throughout the school day.

Face painting and glitter tattoos, splat the santa, snowball competition, lucky dip, tombola, spin it to win it and much much more.

Lots of fun to be had and lots of prizes to be won!

There will also be an appearance from a very special visitor.....Ho, Ho, Ho!



£5 per child to be given in a clearly marked envelope to reception. Children will receive tokens to spend on the day, please see flyer in book bags.



Registered Charity No.506999



An Evening of Festive Music and Family Fun



On
18th December 2022

17:30 - 19:30



To be held in the school playground

(Make sure you wrap up warm, if we have rain we will be in the school hall)

Enjoy an evening of festive music, with performances from **Year 4 Pupils** and **Shipston Brass Band**. There will also be plenty of opportunity to enjoy some of our favourite Christmas tunes.

Hot dogs, hot chocolate, mulled apple juice and sweet christmas treats will be on sale to get us all in the christmas spirit.

Father Christmas and his sleigh will be joining us with a present for the children and plenty of opportunities for a photo.

FOSP Christmas Raffle will be drawn (don't forget to buy your tickets)

There will be a special prize for the most festive family!

Adults £2.50 each,

Children over 1 £2.50 to include a present from father christmas,

Children under 1 free.

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Please enclose all money in a clearly marked envelope with families name and break down of ticket requests (to include any children under 1 years of age) along with a telephone number to be given to Stratford Primary School office by Friday 8th December 2023.

Some photographs forest school.



Staffing news



For personal reasons, Mrs Rossborough (also known as Mrs Ingate) has resigned from her position of class teacher at Stratford Primary. Mrs Rossborough has worked at Stratford since 2016 and during her time here led Science and PSHE. We wish to thank her for all the work she has done with children and families over the years. It is appreciated. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.



We have recruited for the position of Year 4 class teacher and we are pleased to let everyone know that Miss Standen who has been the supply teacher since the start of term in Y4 was successful. She will formerly take over the position on 1st January 2023. Last summer Miss Standen got married and will be known by her married name Mrs Archer in January. Please welcome her to our family if you see her on the playground. Mrs Archer will lead computing and PSHE.



Thank you Year 4 for singing at Stratford Bentley Care Home for the Elderly. They loved your singing and you made their day.

