



COMMUNITY ACADEMIES TRUST

Friday 17th December 2021

The Stratford Standard



Christmas Message from the desk of the Executive Head

What a lovely last week we have had here at Stratford Primary with Christmas plays, singing, Christmas lunch and festive crafts everywhere. It has been a happy end to an Autumn term filled with so many memories; new Reception children joining us, water day for Year 6, stargazing in the forest, meeting Bobby the reading dog, visiting the space centre, working with our resident author, celebrating Diwali and creating our Remembrance trail to name just a small part of our curriculum. Stratford Primary continues to go from strength to strength and the children are on the whole happy, motivated learners. A huge thank you to all the children for their resilience and cheery natures, they brighten our lives. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Withers for continuing to move Stratford forward in her new role as Head of School. She has led the team so well through some difficult times this term but always with a smile and her ideas for developing the children's experiences have been phenomenal. I think she is very proud of the pupil safeguarding team particularly and how they have taken ownership of behaviour and mental health. A huge thank you as well to all the staff at Stratford Primary who keep going no matter what, the teaching and learning is always so creative and they go above and beyond to help each other out.

Today was very exciting as children drew the tickets for the Christmas raffle. There were many fantastic prizes and some happy faces as their names were drawn out. A festive thank you to Friends of Stratford Primary for organising this and also for the Christmas fayre which the children really enjoyed as well as the Mayor. FOSPS continue to support the school in so many ways and are determined to make sure the children have access to books for reading, IT equipment, playground equipment and so much more. Thank you from us all. A Christmas thank you to our governing body too who continue to challenge the school in providing the best possible education for the children. They work tirelessly behind the scenes with the leadership team. The children wish you all a happy Christmas.

I do hope you all have a wonderful Christmas time with your families and keep safe and well. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday 5th January.

'Christmas is a togethery sort of holiday' said Pooh. 'That's my favourite kind' said Piglet.

Happy holidays!

REMEMBER:

Tuesday 4th January - INSET Day, school closed to children

Wednesday 5th January - RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 17th January - Reception Vision Screening

The school calendar is also available on the school website.

DREAM DRAW

WINNERS!

Well done to the winners this month - remember, there is still time to join the Dream Draw for the remaining months!

1st prize: Marie Offer

2nd prize: Stephen Norrington

3rd prize: Jackie Keogh

Weekly Attendance by Class

Reception	91.0%	
Year 1	94.8%	Whole School:
Year 2	97.2%	95.58%
Year 3	96.4%	
Year 4	99.2%	
Year 5	95.9%	
Year 6	94.1%	

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:
 Midday Supervisor (2 required) 12-1pm, 5 days per week
 Cleaner - 3.30-5.30pm, 5 days per week
 Please email the school office on admin2042@welearn365.com to enquire.



Arden	209
Hall	252
Hathaway	273
Shakespeare	200

Notes for Parents:

School will reopen at the normal time on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas.

Safeguarding Corner

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TIKTOK is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips (typically known as 'shorts') for sharing and posting to popular feeds or channels. Unlike other social media, Tik Tok is not for sale and is owned by a Chinese company. It is not available in the UK for children under 13.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
 Most children reporting on an adult's feed are aged 13-17 and are not intended for children. However, some content is inappropriate for children and young people. This includes content that is violent, sexual, or contains hate speech. Parents should monitor their child's account and report any inappropriate content to the app.

EXPLICIT SONGS
 Tik Tok has a large library of music, including many popular songs. Some of these songs contain explicit lyrics and are not suitable for children. Parents should monitor their child's account and report any explicit content to the app.

TIKTOK FAME
 Some children become famous on Tik Tok and receive a large number of followers. This can lead to cyberbullying and other risks. Parents should monitor their child's account and report any cyberbullying to the app.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY
 Tik Tok has a large user base and is very popular. This means that children's accounts are often visible to a large number of people, including strangers. Parents should monitor their child's account and report any suspicious activity to the app.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
 Tik Tok is designed to be addictive and can lead to children spending a large amount of time on the app. Parents should monitor their child's account and report any excessive use to the app.

IN-APP SPENDING
 Tik Tok has a virtual currency called 'coins' which can be used to purchase virtual gifts and other items. Parents should monitor their child's account and report any in-app spending to the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT**: Discuss with your child what is appropriate and inappropriate content on social media.
- MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS**: Ensure your child's account is set to private and that their profile is not visible to strangers.
- LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING**: Teach your child how to report and block users who are harassing them.
- ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING**: Use the app's Family Pairing feature to link your account to your child's account and monitor their activity.
- USE RESTRICTED MODE**: Use the app's Restricted Mode to limit the content your child can see.
- MODERATE SCREEN TIME**: Set limits on how long your child can spend on the app each day.

Meet Our Expert: National Online Safety (NOS) #WakeUpWednesday

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and festive season, with very best wishes for the New Year, from all the Governors at Stratford Primary School.

Reception

This term the children have been learning about a ticket around the world. The children have been learning about several different countries. We have met Marcel, the Howler Monkey from Costa Rica; we have tasted Indian food and made Diva lamps and learnt all about the history of Italy. The children have also been learning their phase 2 letters and sounds to read and write. They produced their first piece of independent writing using ideas from the story Shhh! From Pie Corbett's reading spines, one of several texts we will regularly revisit this year. They have settled in beautifully and it feels like they have always been here!



Year 1

Wow! What a term! We have been invaded by a Space Alien called Beegu, found a spaceship in our classroom, visited the Space Centre, learnt about emperor penguins, made frost, investigated materials and to top it all off practised and performed our Christmas play; Lights, Camel, Action! with Year 2.

Year 2

What a fantastic term we have had with our topic 'Making a Mess'. We have been to the pottery place to decorate our very own plates, have carried out many investigations using a variety of everyday materials, learnt all about different religious festivals, written our own marvellous medicine instructions and chapter for what happens when 'Grandma gets the medicine' and even had a go at making our own

ice cream. On top of all of this, we worked so hard on putting together an incredible performance of 'Lights, camel, action' a Strictly come dancing take on the Christmas play. Year 2 wish you all a Merry Christmas and remind you to... 'Keep dancing!'



Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting first term. We have learnt all about chocolate and all things yummy which finished with an exciting trip to Cadbury World. In the first few days back after half term, we got to visit the Heart of England forest team and spend a day in the woods before starting our next topic, Wicked Wild West where Year 3 got to meet Sheriff Edwards to learn all about life as a cowboy. In the final week before Christmas, we have been designing Christmas baubles and stained-glass windows.



Year 4

On Thursday 9th of December year 4 were greeted by Queen Victoria and her lady in waiting. We listened to how Victorians used to live and the difference between the rich Victorian and the poor Victorians. We then walked amongst the Christmas market stalls and were able to see many food items and beautiful Christmas decorations. We also saw entertainers such stilt walkers and people who were dressed up. The market was very busy and there were lots of people buying Christmas presents. Year 4 would like to wish one a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New



their every-Year.

Year 5

What a busy term we have had! We started the term off with our visit to the National Space Centre, then went stargazing with the Heart of England and finished with a funny pantomime. We were lucky enough to have a real Estate Agent in school and made it to the local newspaper. The best part of Year 5, according to the children, has been baking and meeting Santa! Year 5 wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Year 6



What a busy and productive term! Year 6 have really risen to the challenge of being 'top of the school' and have made a fantastic start in their position as Stratford Primary leaders and role models. So far this year, we have been scientists travelling the world, following in the footsteps of Charles Darwin, and also have loved immersing ourselves in the history of WWI and WWII, during our Britain at War topic. Our thoughtful and emotive trench diaries and poems, inspired by Wilfred Owen, will transport you back to the battlefields during The Great War, whilst our Time Traveller's Journal pages, set in the Second World War, both entertain and inform the reader brilliantly. We are also very proud of our creative work around this theme, especially our beautiful wet felt poppies and our 'Make Do and Mend' bunting, created as part of our End of War celebrations. One of the highlights of Year 6 so far has to be meeting our new Reception buddies, getting to know them and of course, proudly watching them perform in their Nativity play. We are all looking forward to January when our class will be entering the realm of the Frozen Kingdom. Until then - a huge 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year' from all in Year 6!