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Reminders: Children can be collected from 1.30pm on 20th December, Christmas Post Box is OPEN!

Letters issued this week: None

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play 9.30am and 5.30pm	Drama 3.30-4.30pm Textiles 3.30-4.30pm What We May Be, The Other Place - Year 6	Art 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Rocksteady Performance 10am Boy in a Dress KS2 - 1pm Choir Performance - Kings Warwick 7pm	Midsummer Night's Dream Year 4 - 4.15pm Christmas Jumper Day - Minimum £1 donation for Save the Children

Well the North wind shall blow and we shall have snow! Maybe not quite but as I write this the wind is certainly rattling around the house and it was extremely chilly stood on the gate tonight at the end of school! Bearing that in mind, please make sure your child has a suitable coat, hat and gloves so they can wrap up warm. We do encourage them to fasten their coats whenever they are outside.

Santa's little elves have been into school decorating our doors for Christmas and if you get the chance to walk around school you will see that our theme this year is The Nativity. I have seven very colourful cattle lowing on my office door.

We were all bowled over by our Reception class performance 'Hey Ewe' on Tuesday. It always brings a tear to the eye when our youngest pupils confidently own the stage. They had certainly learnt all their lines and songs and performed with gusto! I think it is testament to the quality of education they are receiving in the classroom that they are able to stand up in front of all the people who make up the audience and not be scared or worried. Thank you to all the EYFS team led by Mrs Slater. It was brilliant.

Wednesday was a busy day for everyone when Aladdin came to Stratford Primary. Reception, Year 1 and 2 were entertained by West Midlands Children's Theatre. They loved it – 'Oh yes they did!' You can see photographs from the play under our photo gallery on the website. We also welcomed our regular elderly visitors who enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas lunch cooked by Kelly and her team. They were waited on by our Year 6 children and entertained by the choir. Always lovely to see them. Again you can find photos on our website.

Thursday afternoon we opened up our school to prospective parents and our Year 6 pupils enjoyed showing visitors around. I always say that our Year 6 children are the product of everything we have to offer at Stratford. For the majority of them they have been with us since Reception (7 years) and it is clear by their confidence and how much information they share with our visitors that they love our school. Everyone who comes to look round our school always comments on happy the children are and how creative it all is.

All of the staff participate in ongoing professional development and this week we welcomed Jonny Hunt from 'Respect Yourself' to share a programme we will be delivering soon to teach the children about staying healthy and understanding relationships. There will be an opportunity for parents to find out more about this programme in the New Year before we start teaching the children. We already teach the children about 'Taking Care' and 'Protective Behaviours' and this new resource will enhance our curriculum even further.

I hope you all have fun at Friends of Stratford Primary Christmas Fair today and are completely in the festive spirit. We are always grateful for everything our Friends do for us. They have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes getting tombola prizes, raffle prizes, games and secret presents ready. So a huge thank you from us all.

'Kindness is free, sprinkle that stuff everywhere.'

Stay warm, safe and well this weekend.

Mrs Humphriss

Year Group	Percentage
Overall	97.4%
Y6	95.3%
Y5	97.7%
Y4	100.0%
Y3	96.7%
Y2	98.7%
Y1	99.7%
YR	93.1%



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 4 with 100%.




Well Done!



Well done - Hathaway!

Fluent in Five - Examples

An example of Y1 Fluent in Five daily questions

1. $7 - 1 = ?$	
2. $7 + 1 = ?$	Use...  A number line ...to help you
3. $3 + 7 = ?$	

Early Finish - 20th December

On 20th December, the last day of term, we will be holding our service at Holy Trinity church at 10am.

You are welcome to collect your children from school from 1.30pm that day.

VASA Lunch

We welcomed the members of VASA for lunch again this week. They enjoy spending time talking with the Year 6 pupils during their hour with us.



Forest School Activities



Year 1 have been creating Christmas decorations at Forest School this week.

They used a bow saw to make tree cookies and printed their chosen design.



Choir - Victorian Market



Our superb Choir, led by Mr Moss, joined the opening of the Victorian Christmas Market on Friday morning.

Aladdin!

There was a lot of shouting 'He's behind you!' on Wednesday morning when The West Midlands Children's Theatre Group brought Aladdin to school with an amazing performance for Reception and Year's 1 & 2.



Year 2 - Kenilworth Castle

Year 2 enjoyed a beautifully sunny, but very chilly day at Kenilworth Castle last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

'I really enjoyed the trip to the castle. My favourite part was when we had to smell all the different pots. The fish and the sweat pots were disgusting!' - Oscar B

'It was a really interesting day. I had lots of fun walking around the castle and garden.' - Oliver P

'I really loved learning about the Portcullis trick. The castle guards would raise the first portcullis so that the invaders thought someone had left it open. As they walked under the first portcullis, they would drop it and trap them in between the two. That was fun!' - Enoch S



Reception Nativity - Hey Ewe!

Our Reception children did us extremely proud on Tuesday morning with a beautiful performance of their Christmas play - 'Hey Ewe!'

They were very well behaved, remembered their lines well and it is clear that they will be the stars of the future!



WHAT WE MAY BE



Local Events

This is a free, interactive exhibition at The Other Place on Wednesday 11th December, 4pm.

Tickets are free and are available at www.rsc.org.uk

Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post Box is now open! The last day for posting is 19th December. Please remember to include on the envelope, the first name, surname and the year group. **Merry Christmas!**