

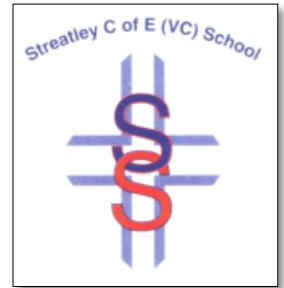


## Newsletter 7:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

*Village school with a passion for learning*

*@StreatleySch*



Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of Streatley Primary School,  
65 days of school, 2 weeks until Christmas Day and 22 days until 2017.

### **Governor news**

"It seems incredible that we are already at the end of this term, but the Governors have been keeping busy working with our excellent team of staff and supporting the school. We have had our usual meetings for the Finance and Staffing, and Curriculum and Standards Committees as well as the half termly Full Governing Board session. We are very happy to note how well the school is progressing and have a chance to discuss the School Development Plan to keep up this momentum throughout the academic year.

We are very conscious of the need to make a permanent appointment for a Head Teacher as soon as possible. As such, the post is currently being advertised in the Green Sheets educational recruitment paper. The closing date for applications will be early in January with a view to conducting interviews before half term in February. We look forward to keeping you informed of progress as soon as we can.

In the meantime, the Governors would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff at school for their hard work through the term, and wish all of them, the parents and students of the school a very Happy Christmas."

### **DISCO: THANK YOU**

Super event, the children loved the decorations and social gathering.

Again, great organisation and delivery by Friends of Streatley School. Thank you to all who helped with set-up, supporting children and the big clear up. Children and staff enjoyed the pre-Christmas warm up boogie.



### **Community Links**

**Parent lunch:** Great response to our parent lunch share, 90 covers in total. As a result Mr Law (Sophia's daddy in FS) has offered to help us on his days off. He is in the police force and kindly sent us his schedule to choose two days most weeks to help us with lunch cover. We are **hugely grateful** to him as this has been an extra-large commitment by school staff this term whilst we still try to recruit.

## **Chair of FoSS news update**

Terms 1 and 2 have been a busy time for everyone, including FoSS. The committee have several new members and has organised a host of fun events. From the Halloween discos to the Christmas discos, it has been (and continues to be!) action packed. The whole school enjoyed the visit by the travelling theatre group that put on wonderful entertainment of Robin Hood last month (in lieu of the annual trip to the Watermill Theatre pantomime), which was fully funded by FoSS. FoSS also sponsored the clear up of the pond area, and the Halloween and Christmas decorations have really brightened up the school entrance.

We saw wonderful baking at the beginning of the term for the Macmillan coffee morning, and next week the children will enjoy our fantastic cook's labours once more at the school Christmas meal. FoSS members will decorate the hall and serve the teachers, students and staff. Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers on Thursday to support Save the Children.

Behind the scenes, FoSS have also updated their pages on the school website and continue to support and encourage everyone to use the [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website for online purchases to gain cash back for Streatley Primary School. So far we have raised £242.00! Don't forget to remind friends and relatives to sign up to help us reach our £1000.00 target.

Looking ahead to the next two terms, we are busy planning a quiz night on Friday 24th February 2017 at the Morrell Rooms. All parents, teachers, and governors welcome! Team tables will go on sale in the new year for this event - keep your eyes peeled! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in early April, and no doubt there will be some further egg-citing themes for the school pond area – let us know if you'd like to help surprise the children with any ideas or decorations.

Until then, FoSS wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **Football Trials**

Dear Streatley,  
Premier Football Trials Ltd is hosting a football scouting event on the 2nd January 2017 at Reading Football Club, The Dome, Madjeski Stadium for children 5 to 11 to showcase their football skills in front of some of the top football club academy scouts in the South East.

We would love for all children to be given the opportunity to participate in this event and give them the best chance to be identified by some of the top football academies. Please check out our website for further information.



## **Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday 15th December we're inviting all pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. The whole school will be taking part, with everyone getting the chance to show the world their silly side by wearing their favourite festive knits for the day.

We're asking pupils to make a £1 donation, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world. Heads' and deputies will pop round in the morning to collect donations.

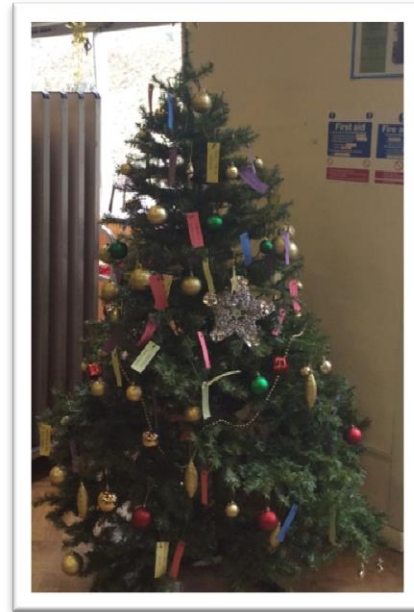
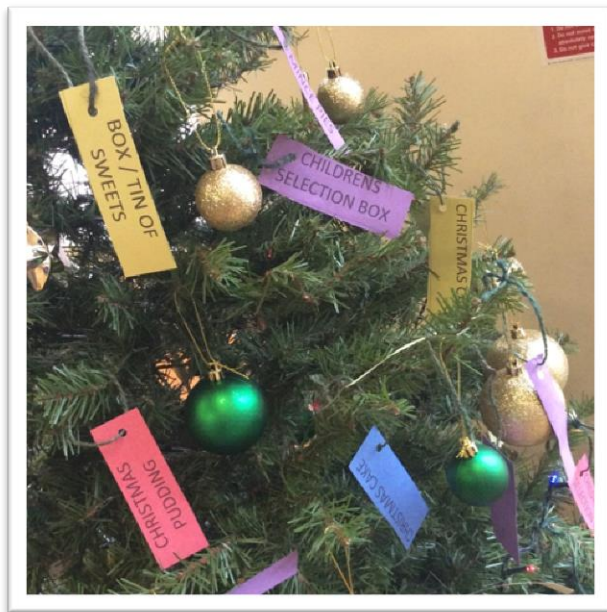
The money they raise will help Save the Children give the world's forgotten children a brighter future. It could help bring essentials like healthcare, education, protection and food to the millions of children around the world who are missing out on the most basic support.

And you won't need to splash out on snazzy new sweaters to join in the fun – simply decorate an old woolly to create your own crafty masterpiece!

If you'd like to find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, simply head to [christmasjumperday.org](http://christmasjumperday.org) or get in touch with the school to find out more about our plans for the big day. Don't forget to bring in your £1. Warm regards, Friends of Streatley School

### **Jesse Tree/ The Giving Tree**

Here at Streatley Primary, we try to give more than we receive, especially at Christmas Time.



The Christmas Tree in our school was decorated as a 'Jesse' / Giving Tree. It had gift tags on, identifying 'goodies' you can purchase for those who may be in need. When we receive these items, we make hampers for those in our community (not necessarily our school) for Christmas. This year we are hoping to provide 3 or 4 hampers and any extra items will be delivered to a local homeless charity. We hope you will support us by purchasing an extra one or two items when you do your own shopping for this great cause. Any items can be bought into school and placed under the Christmas Tree or dropped off at the office. Thank you so much in anticipation of your support! Your child today chose a tag from our sharing tree.

### **After School Clubs**



INSET 3<sup>rd</sup> January FUN DAY – Spaces available. Forms must be returned by Monday so we can assess feasibility of this day. Parents have asked for more wrap around care but we do need more than 10 to make viable.

MULTISKILLS CLUB - Fridays is already full, therefore please do not send in any more forms as there are no places.

All remaining clubs have **spaces** at this time.

To secure a place for your child, please complete form and return with cheque ASAP.

## The Oratory School Cricket Christmas Camps

19th December - 23rd December

Half Day 10:00am – 12:00pm Full Day 10:00am – 3:00pm

£20.00 Half Day £30.00 Full Day £120 Full Week

For boys and girls aged 7 – 13. Suitable for all abilities.

Fully ECB qualified coaches. Confirm your place or book online via the contact details  
[WWW.DANHOUSEGOCRICKETCOACHING.COM](http://WWW.DANHOUSEGOCRICKETCOACHING.COM) Email: danhousego@hotmail.com

Mobile: 07916 804605

## Pride

### Douai Abbey Year 5/6

On Tuesday we were invited to a beautiful and magical church service as Douai Abbey, Woolhampton. Mr White accompanied the children who attended and he said it was both magical and stunning. He was very proud of the children and Francesca Ramachander read clearly and with confidence. Thank you to everyone who supported us to attend this Christmas event for selected schools.



## STRUTT PARKER- CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Pippa Andrews from Strutt Parker called regarding the colouring competition. Fraser Howe was shortlisted. His prize will be arriving in the next few days. Well done Fraser.

## **Request for help**

### Church Support

Sadly we have had very little help so far for the church next week. We have 1 helper to walk, 1 helper to change KS1 and just 1 helper for FS. We are unable to go to church without the correct ratios. Please can you help? Call the office and leave your name. We need you!

We need your **support to walk to and from the church**. We need 5 helpers both ways as we don't know how many children we will be walking back. Please give your name to the office and let them know if it's one way or return.

## Safety

- ✓ Parent complaint to local councillor has been made about inconsiderate parking by our parents. Last night at Full Governors it was shared that at the recent Parish Council meeting a complaint had been lodged. This complaint is linked to parking and reversing across the junction and corner. We have responded by saying we will again that our parents' park considerately and allow time to use the turning circles on the Coombe. Please help us keep our children safe.
- ✓ Designated Child Protection Officer: If you are concerned for a child's welfare please speak to Miss Roberts who is our designated child protection officer.
- ✓ To ensure your child is registered and has their lunch ordered, please enter the **school via the office after 8.55**. We shut the lower and upper side gate at 8.55 to ensure all children are registered for fire and do not miss out on ordering lunch.
- ✓ **E-Safety:** Are you concerned about apps or online chatting? See our [Parent page](#) to learn how to protect your family.

## Communication

Follow us on Twitter for learning and local events. @StreatleySch see web pages too.

### Learning Stars: Children recognised for excellent learning behaviours

Congratulations to Miss A. Kulkarni and Master A Cheshire FS, Master T Stafford and all of Yr1/Yr2 for their behaviour at the museum, Master J. Caulfield Yr2, Master J. Lyon and Master J. Ramachander Yr3, Miss F. Illingworth and Master F Charles Yr4, Master C. Davies and Miss F. Youngs Yr5, Miss A. Friel Owen and Miss D, Arnold-Baker Yr6.

*Father Christmas is visiting school hopefully next Friday morning. He is giving me a call on Wednesday.*

Foundation Outdoor Area Improvements...should be beginning next week!

## Respect and Responsibility

Next newsletter will include the Vice Chair's Governor Profile- Andy May

### **Head Boy and Girl and Deputies Lunch Meeting**

Today I had lunch with my heads' and deputies. They had put together an agenda and we discussed their thoughts and ideas for school improvement. They took turns, listened carefully to each other. All assigned key actions with realistic deadlines. One of their ideas was to reward good and kind behaviours further. They would like me to consider buying prizes for incentives but also thank those who go above and beyond. They would be behaviour spies and enter the children for fortnightly reward.

Last day of term: **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Return on: **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

On behalf of staff and children we thank you for a super term and we wish you all good health for 2017.

Festive wishes,

*Miss L Roberts.*

Acting Headteacher