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Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last newsletter before we break up for Christmas. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year! **Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th December will be Christmas jumper/own clothes days!**



Carol singing around the Christmas tree-POSTPONED due to the weather forecast

Unfortunately, due to the forecast of heavy rain throughout the day from about 11am leading to the possibility of flooding in the area, we have had to take the decision to postpone the carol singing to **Monday 11th December** at 3.15pm. The Friends of Stawley School are inviting everyone to join in and there will be hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies.

After School Clubs have now ended for this term and will recommence in the week of **Monday 8th January**.

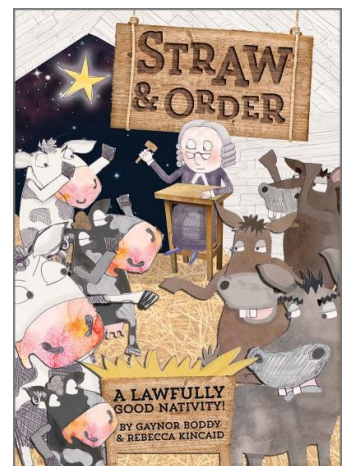
'Straw and Order'

Filming is now complete for this year's nativity Play 'Straw and Order'. We look forward to unveiling our production at **6.30pm on Tuesday 12th December**. A secure link will be sent out to parents and carers for this - more details will follow.

The Friends of Stawley School will be holding a film premiere at Appley Pavilion commencing at 6pm on Tuesday 12th. The theme is 'Dress to Impress/Christmas/Glitz and Glamour'. Popcorn and prosecco will be available and there will be a raffle. Entrance is free but donations for FOSS funds will be gratefully received. FOSS posters will be included in book bags and a copy is attached to this newsletter.

Please confirm your attendance using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/N4QH4th9AJ> so that FOSS will know how many are attending this event.



Spring Term 24 Menu now available for ordering

The new menu for Spring Term 24 up to the February half term break has now been published on Parentpay. The allergens information is attached to this newsletter and is available on the school website.

We must place the school meals order **no later than next Wednesday** for the first week back after Christmas. Your **orders are required for Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January and also for the following week commencing Monday 8th January** as Mrs Adams will be placing this order before the children return to school.

Please place your orders on Parentpay now for the first TWO weeks back to school.

Year 2 Multiskills Festival

There is a Year 2 Multiskills festival at Court Fields on the morning of **Wednesday 13th December**. **The Year 2 children should come to school dressed in their PE kit and be ready to depart by minibus at 9am sharp.** The children will return to school at midday so will be in plenty of time for our hot Christmas dinner

Hot Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday 13th December** the whole school will be enjoying our annual hot Christmas lunch supplied by the Beambridge Hotel. The menu will be turkey with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy followed by chocolate mini roll. There will be no charge for this as it is being covered from school Unofficial Funds.



The vegetarian option will be vegetarian sausages, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy and there will also be dairy free and coeliac options. Mrs Adams has ordered vegetarian or special dietary options for all those who have contacted her.

A Christmas Carol

On **Thursday 14th December**, the whole school will be attending 'A Christmas Carol' at the Brewhouse theatre Taunton. The coach will depart school at 9.20 am for the performance, which starts at 10.30am. The cost of this visit has been met from school funds.



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The coach is expected to return to school at approximately 1.30pm, which will be too late for our usual hot meal service so ordering via Parentpay is blocked for that day. **We are requesting that all children bring in a festive themed packed lunch for that day instead plus plenty to drink.** They will also need smart school uniform in school colours only please plus a warm coat and sensible footwear. There will be no staff remaining at school during this trip.

End of Term

Term ends at 3.15pm on **Friday 15th December**. The children return on **Thursday 4th January**. (**Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd are INSETS**).



H Tempest Sibling and Individual Portraits

The deadline for ordering photos with free delivery back to school has now passed. You will still be able to order photos using the unique code on the photo proofs but there will be a charge for postage to your home address.

Important-Admissions Process 2023/24

This year due to budgetary constraints, Somerset County Council will NOT be sending out letters to parents of children due to start school in September 2024.

The deadline for applications for Primary School from Sept 2024 is 15th January 2024.

The application portal on the Somerset County Council website is open for Primary admissions and parents can apply on line <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/> or they can phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on the Somerset County Council Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SomersetSchoolAdmissions/>

Book of Excellence for the week beginning 27th November

Gracie OB	For always thinking of others before herself and helping out with the younger children in the school nativity
Lucas	For a really positive attitude to everything he has done this week. He really is a 'wise man'!
Nola	For a really positive attitude to school and always putting in 110%!
Joey	For excellent work at his times tables this week. Well done!
Tommy	For fantastic work in his phonics and a super memory of the sounds.
Wilbur	For trying his best in everything that he does and always with a positive attitude.
Sholto	For wonderful singing whilst we were recording.
Wilf	For fantastic writing on the woolly mammoth.

Dates for your Diary (new dates appear in red)

Mon 11th Dec	FOSS -Carol singing, hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies around the Christmas Tree 3.15pm –everyone welcome to attend.
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Stawley Christmas Film Premiere 6.30pm. A link will be e mailed to all parents. FOSS Premiere night at Appley Pavilion 6PM. Theme is 'Dress to Impress/Christmas/Glitz and Glamour. Popcorn and prosecco and there will be a raffle.
Weds 13th Dec	Christmas jumper/own clothes day Yr 2 Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-midday Hot Christmas lunch provided by the Beambridge Hotel
Thurs 14 th Dec	AM Whole school visit to Taunton Brewhouse for A Christmas Carol. Departing 9.20am Packed lunches will be required today which can be Christmas themed.
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas jumper/own clothes day



	End of term at 3.15pm
Tues 2nd Jan 24	INSET DAY
Weds 3rd Jan 24	INSET DAY
Thurs 4 th Jan 24	Children return to school
Mon 8 th Jan 24	After school clubs recommence this week.
Mon 15 th Jan 24	Deadline for Primary School applications for Sept 24
Weds 7 th February	Year 1 Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30am-midday
Fri 9th Feb 24	HALF Term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 19 th Feb 24	Children return to school
Thurs 28 th March	Easter Holiday commences at 3.15pm
Mon 15 th April 24	Children return to school
Fri 3 rd May 24	INSET DAY
Mon 6 th May 24	Bank Holiday-school closed
Weds 22 nd May	Reception Multiskills Festival at Court Fields from 9.30am to midday
Fri 24 th May 24	HALF Term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 3 rd June 24	Children return to school
Weds 10 th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Multisports Festival at Court Fields from 9.30am to midday
Weds 24 th July 24	Summer holiday commences at the end of the school day

