

Stanley St Andrew's

Church of England Primary School

We are all looking forward to the Christmas holiday it has been a packed term with lots of lovely events for our children.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair was a great night in school where we all came together to continue the hard work of fundraising for our school. My thanks goes out to FOSS who worked very hard to plan and organise our Christmas fair. On the night, we raised a staggering £1400, which was nearly three times as much as the previous year. This money will go towards providing the school with new reading books, musical instruments and supporting the work we are doing with mental wellbeing.

FOSS

FOSS are a great group of parents that are helping to fund raise for the extra things in school for our amazing children. We are very grateful to this team of dedicated parents who do so much for the school. This year on our wish list we want to supplement reading through class sets of books, purchase an assessment system, explore resources to support mental wellbeing for our children and enhance music in school. These are all extra items that will help staff to make assessments on all aspects of learning. If you have not yet attended a FOSS meeting please look out for their next one to get involved. I am very grateful to the members who have wrapped, sold raffle tickets, secured raffle prizes and just help to keep things going. Thank you.



Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. We wish you the very best over the festive period and look forward to seeing you on Monday 7th January 2019.

TEAM FOSS would like to thank all the adults and children who have helped over the last few months, especially on the run up to Christmas. Everyone pulled together to make the Christmas Fair absolutely magical and to raise £1400 is just amazing! We still can't believe it! 😊

Mrs Stanley-Wainwright and the team have been busy making plans to put the money to good use, purchasing much needed books for the children, so they can start using them in the new year.

On behalf of TEAM FOSS, we'd like to wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2019!**

Performances

The Christmas performances have been magical this year with lots of opportunity to see our talented children on stage. It melts my heart to see our children in school singing, dancing and learning their lines. The robin performance was wonderful both for the children and staff. Thank you to all the parents for creating and providing such fantastic costumes.

Puffin class production certainly went down a treat with such confident, articulate children with beautiful singing. Well done to all the children and staff for a great production.

Kingfisher class again the children and staff putting in lots of effort and standing up to the plate to produce a great production.

Golden Eagle class worked hard on their carol concert and it was lovely to be able to combine that with Rev Ingrid's leaving service.

Kolkata

This year Mrs Davies and Rev Ingrid will be going to Kolkata in early January. As part of the project we are continuing to focus on phonics and number work. This year we have put a wish list on the school website of resources that are to be taken out, the main resource is our staff sharing their expertise with our school in Dum Dum.

I do appreciate the support that parents continue to give for this important project and I know that our children here in Stanley are learning about the act of kindness and will enjoy the reward of giving. It has been my pleasure to see our children coming into school with resources to send for their friends in India.

Website

My thanks go to Mrs and Mr Hodson for being amazing sponsors for this fantastic resource. The school website continues to be updated and all classes take the responsibility of putting their class news on weekly. We will continue to add new content, policies and information this should be your first port of call if you require information.

Easyfundraising

Don't forget if you have shopping to do join easyfundraising. It is a really easy app to download and will help to raise money for the school. Currently we have raised £683.73 from 58 parents signing up. Just imagine how much more we could raise if all parents took part.



Parking

We still have a few issues with parking. There are a number of parents who are still parking at the top of the drive for breakfast club. This is really frustrating for the residents who have to listen to car engines running and radios. We have worked hard to liaise with the pub for parking please use the facility.



Reading

Continue to hear children read on a daily basis as it helps to promote their understanding of the world. Regardless of your child's reading ability it is essential that an adult signs the reading record so that we are able to monitor.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

We welcome Meghan to our team who will be in charge of breakfast club. Meghan's role will be to ensure all children start the day with a healthy breakfast and have the opportunity to complete a range of activities. Meghan and Miss Barnes work together in after school club to ensure that the children have a range of activities including the completion of homework.

The after school club have a display up in the cloakroom showing the different activities/ crafts that they do and the planning for the term.

Community links

As a school we have worked really hard to continue to develop links with our local community. In particular, the golden eagle class have been regular visitors to cake and company which has been running for many years. It has been my pleasure to take small groups of children up to the village hall to meet with the elderly community and have high tea with them. During this time it has been wonderful to see our children having in-depth conversations with them and finding out about their lives. Equally the adults have enjoyed talking to the children and finding out about life in schools in 2018. To see their faces light up when we walk into the hall is precious. We are going to continue this project as I believe it is an important part of our children's development and promotes wellbeing for the adults.

Safety (TIPS/ HINTS and ADVICE)

A useful website for parents to assess if apps are suitable for your child can be accessed at <http://www.net-aware.org.uk> Here you can find lots of advice and search for information about a site, a game or an app.

If your child starts talking about an app or game and you are not sure what it is, you can enter the name of it on this site's search facility and it will give you all the detail you need to enable you to make safe choices about its use.

Payments

Thank you to everyone using the silver tin in the office for payments to school. Please ensure you fill in your child's name and details on the money envelopes. Reminder that school dinners are £2.10 per day.



**Have a Safe and
Happy
Christmas and
see you all in
2019!**

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