



Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week is set to be a massively busy week here in school with lots of events planned. Please don't feel you have to commit to all our events, I know as a working parent myself that December is super busy for us all. We have planned lots of different things in the hope you can grab some time to come to just one or two things.

Below are the dates and details of the three different shows – please remember that this year these are ticketed events so you will need a ticket to be able to guarantee entry. Tickets can be purchased from the front office.

Cal Shaw  
Head Teacher

**Early Years Show**  
**“Our First Nativity”**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 2.30pm

Lower Hall – Doors open at 2pm for a prompt start to the show at 2.30pm

Tickets on Sale now  
£1 each

**Year 1 & 2 Show**  
**“A Wiggly Christmas”**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
2.30pm

Middle Hall – Doors open at 2pm for a prompt start to the show at 2.30pm

Tickets on Sale now  
£1 each

**Junior Show**  
**“Carols at Christmas”**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
5pm

**NOTE CHANGE OF TIME & VENUE**

Middle Hall – children will stay with us in school and practice then perform at 5pm.

Doors open at 4.30pm  
Tickets on sale now  
£1 each

## Christmas Dinner

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December



11.30am	Nursery
11.45am	Reception
12pm	Year One
12.15pm	Year Two
12.40pm	Year Three
1pm	Year Four
1.15pm	Year Five
1.30pm	Year Six

Approximate  
Times

If you have booked a Christmas Lunch with us here in school, I have detailed the approximate times when lunch will be served for each year group. I promise we won't serve your children lunch before the allotted time but with over 500 lunches to serve there is no guarantee we won't be running a bit late. Thank you for your patience.

We want the day to be a special and memorable event on our Christmas Calendar and we're really looking forward to seeing you all. Please only come if you have already booked a meal as space in our hall is limited

# Stroud Green Bake Off

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

We have been totally overwhelmed by the quality of the amazing entries in our first Stroud Green Bake Off. You have done brilliantly, well done! The bakes, cakes and biscuits will be on sale at the Winter Fair so please do come along.



## Winter Fair Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

12pm – 3pm

*We are going to be outside in the playground in our traditional Winter Market – so wrap up warm!*

Come and enjoy the Winter Fair! Funds raised will be added to the pot of money to help with the playground refurbishment project. Buy raffle tickets, mooch around the craft stalls with homemade crafts and bakes, see Father Christmas, sing some carols, buy some presents and get teachers to help you wrap them!

The day will run as follows:

12:00pm:	Fair opens
12:30pm:	Father Christmas arrives
1:30pm:	Festive Winter songs from Stroud Green Choir
2:30pm:	Raffle draw
3:00pm:	Fair closes

If you can lend a hand, please just turn up on the day.

### DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

- If you have a child who will be turning five before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 you need to make an application for a place in our Reception before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. **Please don't miss out on a place by missing the deadline.**

If you have any questions at all about our reception classes at Stroud Green Primary please email: [head@stroudgreenprimary.com](mailto:head@stroudgreenprimary.com)

### Meeting Reminder

Year Three – Hopper class – Parents meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9am

Year Six – Cassatt class – Parents meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 9am

### Food in School or on Playgrounds

#### POLITE REMINDER

We do have a number of children in school with very severe food allergies which could result in them needing emergency lifesaving treatment if they came into contact with certain food products – some of the main problem foods for us are nuts, seeds, certain fruits like kiwi and even eggs. We would ask you please to think carefully about the food you are bringing onto site and make sure there are never any NUTS in any of the food. We want our children to be safe in school and your help to make this happen.

Thanks for your support

goodbye ♡

Ms Shretsha will be leaving us after 28 years of teaching here at Stroud Green. That is simply a phenomenal commitment to our school and children. She is taking up a teaching post in Islington and I wish her all the best – Thank you Reena x



After 25 years at Stroud Green Georgie is set to leave us to teach in a small independent school in Highgate – they are very lucky to have her as she is an amazing teacher who has done fantastic things for our children – we will miss you!

BYE BYE



Mr Telford is leaving us after a couple of very successful years teaching in our Year Three. He is following his heart and passion by taking up a music teaching post in Waltham Forest. I know he will be amazing, doing the thing he loves the best.

# Junior Carol Concert

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 5pm

### Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

On Tuesday next week children will be performing in our annual Carol Concert – *we had initially planned to do this in the park but the weather forecast is looking very cold and wet.*

The concert will take place at 5pm in the middle hall at school. The children will remain with us in school at the end of the day to undertake one final practice of their songs before performing to you later in the evening. I will of course provide them with snacks to keep them going until the concert. You can buy a ticket for the carol concert at the school office, come and watch all the children perform, join in with the celebrations and then head off home by 6pm.

We think it is important for your child to perform with their classmates, so I really hope you will support us. Being able to present work they have learnt is an important part of our new learning journey at Stroud Green and will prove to invaluable when they transfer to secondary school.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday evening.  
*(Mulled wine and Mince pies on sale to help the festive spirit)*

#### THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

To Reception Children, Year One, Year Three, Year Four and Year Six.

Your exhibitions of home learning projects this half term were simply brilliant. You have all worked so hard; from homemade Bronze Age tools on Monday (which wouldn't have looked out of place in a museum), to food diaries, fact files and junk modeled bodies – they were all so fantastic. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the projects and will look out for your projects in Spring term.

#### STAR OF THE WEEK (Infants)



#### New Menus to be launched at the end of January

Myself, School Council and the kitchen staff have been working hard to develop new menus which will launch in February 2018. The children have requested the return of custard, shepherd's pie and spicier foods. They have also asked for more opportunities for parents and families to join them at lunch time and also some themes meals. The plan is slowly coming together and we hope to be ready to launch in February.

Alongside new menus we will be introducing a more clearly defined packed lunch policy which hopefully will help parents with guidance on what is allowed in packed lunches. We want and need children to eat healthy and well at lunchtimes so they are fueled for the afternoon of learning – improving our menus and supporting packed lunches is a key priority for us next term.



# Next terms Topic

Year Group	Spring 1	Spring 2	Trips and Exhibitions
Nursery	Food		<p>Ms Acero is still busy planning the trips, visitors and exhibitions for next half term – we hope to get this information out to you in our first newsletter of 2018.</p> <p><b>Exhibitions</b> Are always linked to topic teaching and will be projects we ask you to undertake at home.</p> <p><b>Educational Visits</b> Are planned so they link with the learning in the topic. It may be that we visit a museum where children have been before but we will either be visiting a specific exhibition or have booked a workshop – we always need adult helps to make our educational visits work</p>
Reception	Up and Away	Transport	
Year 1	Humanities Old and New Toys	Science Everyday Materials	
Year 2	Science Living things and their habitats		
Year 3	Science Animals inc Humans	Humanities Romans	
Year 4	Humanities Egyptians	Science States of Matter – solids, liquids and gases	
Year 5	Science Life cycles of plants and animals	Humanities Sign turning points – WW2	
Year 6	Humanities Benin	Science REVISION FOR SATS	

## Christmas Forest

Finsbury Park donated our glorious Christmas Tree this year. Please do support them and get your tree from there. For every tree they sell they plant a tree in a deprived area around the world.



## FREE English Classes starting in January

First Class Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 9am

Come and learn some early spoken Language with Ms Slavokova our specialist language teacher. Meet other parents and learn some quick tips to help your children at home.

**Reminder: Please ensure all school fees are paid up before the end of term. Thank you!**

## November Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Tamay in Degas for his fabulous effort in the maths challenge. He rose to the challenge of finding maths in real life and taking photos; writing some calculations or even word problems. Instead, he went one step further and made a wonderful and very impressive model of an Advent calendar - how seasonal and creative!

Well done Tamay, I can't wait to see what you produce in the next maths challenge!



Dear Parents/ Carers

Just a quick reminder, we will be holding spelling bee activities next week. Your child will be involved in a variety of spelling activities, based on the Aut1 and Aut2 spelling lists, for their year group.

Please continue to encourage your child to learn the key words they need to be able to spell by the end of the year.

Many thanks.

Miss White (English Lead)