



# Stroud Green News

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to a new school term, I hope you all had a happy and restful break. This half term in school is going to be exceptionally busy with the start of new topics, lots of brilliant exhibitions planned and of course the run up to the festive season. I know it feels too early to be using the word 'Christmas' but here in school we have already started to make plans and allocate dates to events. On the back of this newsletter I have posted our Christmas calendar so you can start to get important dates in your diary.

Also in this newsletter is a call out for help from parents who might have a little time to come in and volunteer. Finally, I wanted to thank all of you for the brilliant turn out at Parents Evening – we had 99% attendance of parents and children which is amazing!

Cal Shaw  
Head Teacher

## Home Learning

We have revised and streamlined our Home Learning expectations for all year groups and alongside this newsletter is a leaflet explaining how it all will work. We will be running two MyMaths workshops for parents/carers.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm and repeated on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.  
If you have any queries please speak to class teacher.

### Poppy Appeal



The School Council have started selling Poppies at the start and end of each school day – please support this year's Poppy Appeal.

### Best Attenders

**Week Commencing**  
**16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**98.4%**

**Miro Class**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have any spare time next week to help us with some specific volunteering? We are desperate for parent helpers who have skills in the following areas;

### Task One

Construction of a flat pack metal shed – This shed is large and heavy and will take a couple of people at least half a day. We have the shed, tea and biscuits if you have the time to construct it for us!

### Task Two

Basic DIY jobs – there are loads of really little jobs like putting up shelves, fixing bike racks, downpipes etc. None of the jobs are beyond anyone who has good basic DIY skills – could you spare us half a day?

### Task Three

Photography – we have had a new website built but some of the photos in our galleries look a bit tired and we need some fresh ones – do you have time to come and take some pictures of children and school life?





If you have any time and can help me please email or pop into school.

Many Thanks, Cal.

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## Stroud Green's Countdown to Christmas

1 (Friday)  Christmas Jumper Day (Chocolate donation)	2 (Saturday)	3 (Sunday)	4 (Monday)  Last Day to order Christmas Lunch	5 (Tuesday)
6 (Wednesday) 2pm Year 4 Music Concert	7 (Thursday)	8 (Friday)  9.30am Christmas Bake Off Assembly	9 (Saturday)  12pm-3pm Winter Fair	10 (Sunday)
11 (Monday)	12 (Tuesday)  4.30-6.30pm Christmas Carols Finsbury Park with St Aidan's (Juniors - Year 3-6)	13 (Wednesday)  Christmas Dinner Day	14 (Thursday)  2pm Early Years Christmas Play (Nursery & Reception)	15 (Friday)  2pm Infants Christmas Play (Infants - Yrs 1 & 2)
16 (Saturday)	17 (Sunday)	18 (Monday)	19 (Tuesday)  Christmas Disco Infants 5.30 - 6.30 Juniors 6.45 - 8pm	20 (Wednesday)  End of Term (Normal time)
21 (Thursday) Christmas Holiday 	22 (Friday) Christmas Holiday 	23 (Saturday) Christmas Holiday 	24 (Sunday) Christmas Holiday 	25 (Monday) Christmas Day 

**PLEASE NOTE:** A Separate letter about ordering your Christmas lunch with us will be coming out next week – Please wait for that letter before trying to book your meal. Thanks



## Stroud Green Helping the Homeless this Winter



This month I want us all to think about how lucky so many of us are to have a nice warm home, food on the table and people who care for us. Since joining Stroud Green School I have been struck by how many homeless people live in and round the area. This winter Stroud Green children and staff will be joining together with a local homeless charity to support them through the winter.

### **What will be happening in school;**

A volunteer from a local homeless charity will be coming in to talk to all of our children about the work they do. Then some of our junior children will be visiting a local homeless shelter and helping to serve food, prepare beds for the night and meet some of the service users. They will be stacking shelves at the local food bank and packing boxes of food for delivery.

### **Welcome packs for homeless shelter users;**

We are planning on putting together packs/boxes with items such as shower gel, razors, adult socks, hats, tooth brush, tooth paste and maybe a small bar of chocolate – we are asking you to please donate a few of these items. Our school council will be making up the boxes and taking them to the shelter. (old shoe boxes would also be great!)

### **Food Bank donations;**

We will also be collecting food for the local food bank. They particularly like dried and tinned foods such as powdered milk, pasta, pulses and tinned foods. We are asking you all to look in your cupboards and just donate one or two things this winter that can help us stock the local food bank. Members of school council will again be managing the project and helping me deliver the food to the food bank in Finsbury Park. They are also desperate for children and adult underwear – particularly new socks and pants as these hardly ever get donated.

### **School Events this festive season;**

We will be charging £1 per ticket to come to our school Christmas shows this year, all proceeds will be going to Caris the local homeless charity to help with their winter support programme.

Thank you for your support – I will be talking to the children in assembly on Monday about how November will be our month of giving and particularly thinking about others.

### **Home Learning Exhibitions this half term**

As part of our Home Learning Strategy we are asking parents to spend some time making things at home with your children – the children’s work will then be exhibited at the end of the school day in the hall to be shared with the whole school community.

Year Group	Exhibition Date	Project
Year 3	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Homemade Bronze Age Tool
Year 6	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Written Fact File - Evolution (Topic linked Research Project)
Year 4	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Four Week Food Diary – Linked to Our Bodies
Reception	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Homemade Rangoli Pattern (Diwali) – Linked to Patterns
Year 1	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Junk Model of themselves – Linked to Our Bodies