



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Families,

Wow, what an amazing week! Kick started by the Christmas Fair on Saturday, it really shows the community and family spirit we have here at Stambridge Primary. The Fair had a lovely atmosphere and raised a fantastic £576. Thank you to the Parent Council, volunteers and staff for all their hard work. We raised £313 at the Book fair. Thank you everyone for your support. On Tuesday and Thursday the children performed brilliantly in the Christmas production, showing off their talents of singing, dancing and acting. It was wonderful to see the hall so full of parents. On Wednesday we held our annual Christingle service at the church and again the children were fabulous. The week has been completed with a Christmas movie night and the children and staff enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner: pulling crackers, telling jokes and enjoying the Christmas music. With winter in full swing, please familiarise yourself with our extreme weather procedures at the bottom of this week's newsletter. Twitter is the first place a message will be added about the school's opening status.

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Have a lovely weekend!

Best attendance of the week goes to **Sapphire Class with 100%**  
Whole school attendance: 98.43%  
(target 97%)

#### Christmas Helpline

Unfortunately, for some families Christmas can be a difficult and lonely time. If you would like to speak to someone, Family Lives can help. You can talk to one of their Family Support Workers by calling the confidential [Family Lives Helpline on 0808 800 2222](https://www.familylives.org.uk).

**Our school field and hall are available for hire. Competitive rates and all proceeds will be used to support our Hearts Promise pledge to provide life long memories for our Stambridge children.**

**Reminder! Christmas Disco and Wear Something Christmassy on Monday £2.00 per child.**

We are very pleased to be introducing a cashless system into school early in the New Year. Parents will be able to log onto their account and pay for school dinners, school visits and activities. Don't worry if you haven't got internet access, you can also pay in local shops via PayPoint. No more hunting for £1 coins in the morning! More information will be coming soon.

#### Upcoming dates

Monday 17th December – Disco 2 - 3.30pm  
Tuesday 18th December- Christmas flower arranging 3.15-4.30- **Please book a place** (places still available)  
Wednesday 19th December – KS1/KS2 Ukulele assembly 10.30  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term  
**Next week SCHOOL DINNER MENU – Please see website for change in menu.**

#### Stars of the Week

Everyone has been so superb this week at the productions and Christingle the whole school are stars.

#### Awards this week

##### Platinum

Sophia B and Elliott G

**This weeks 100% attendance with no late mark.**

##### Amber Class

Pearl, Vinnie, Alfie, Bill, Berty, Chloe, Bobby, Elsie, Sam, Anais,

**Amethyst Class** Bailey, Lexi, Rose, Elliot, Dylan, Jasmin, Alfie, Sophia, Summer, Chloe, Annabelle, Ashton, Ava-Joyce, Willow, Harvy, Kyeron.

##### Sapphire Class

Oliver, Max, George, Isla, Daniel, Olivia, Jack, Teigan, Ruby, Alina, Keira, Sienna, Robbie, Connor, Tiarna, Isla-Rose

##### Onyx Class

Charley, Issy, Gui, Jessie, Isabella, Danny, Belle, Isobel, Ethan, Lillyann, Henry, lilah, Miah.

As you may be aware, at Stambridge we receive our hot meals from Waterman Primary School, which is also part of the HEARTS Academy Trust. At the Trust business meeting this week, school business managers shared some concerns about food deliveries. Our schools are making contingency plans for the next few months due to the political uncertainty leading up to the country leaving the European Union. We are finding that food deliveries are less efficient in some areas than others but we wanted to reassure parents that we are all working together to plan for any issues that may arise. However, if food deliveries continue to be an issue we will at times have to change menus at short notice. School business managers will continue to keep parents informed through newsletters and twitter if there are any ongoing issues. We would like to thank the fantastic kitchen and lunch teams who work hard in increasingly difficult times to ensure that pupils have a positive lunch time and nutritious food at Stambridge.

#### Head Pupil corner

**This week has been brilliant! With the plays, Christingle, movie night, Christmas dinner and the Christmas fair, we raised £576.00. It has been jam packed!**

**Hope you have a good weekend.**

Henry & Jessie 😊

Amber class have been amazing this week! A very busy week for all, and they have wowed Miss Parker and I with their beautiful singing and wonderful behaviour during the Christmas plays and in Church.

We have been reading the Christmas story and talking about the importance of the Nativity story to Christians.

A fun filled week making Christmas crafts, Christmas cards and making our own tree using our hand prints!

Our number of the week has been number 8, which we are now experts on!

Amethyst class have definitely made me a very proud teacher this week.

We have also been busy finding fractions of amounts and learning about the Christmas story preparing for writing about it next week.

Next week we will be busy doing lots of Christmassy things as well as investigating 2D and 3D shapes.

Sapphire Class have been wonderful in their performances this week and I am extremely proud of them. This week they have enjoyed creating 3D dioramas of the rainforest, using a variety of resources and labeling them to show the different layers and habitats which can be found there.

I wish everyone in Sapphire Class a safe and happy Christmas.

Onyx Class have been wowing me all week this week! Not only with their amazing performances and confident readings during the production and Christingle, but in class too. They have shown superb resilience when working with their fractions and have produced some eye-opening ideas of what they would use their magic pencil for, if they had one, to change the world. I can't wait to see the letters they write to Malala about these ideas next week.

As we move into the colder months of the year we are reminding parents and carers of our policy on school closure during critical incidents and extreme weather. During these times our key priority is keeping pupils and staff safe.

1. Our school rarely closes. We are a service funded by the taxpayer and we have a duty to open in all but the most extreme circumstances.
2. We make decisions based on the level of service that we can provide.
3. Head teachers make decisions at the time of need.
4. All notices to close will be announced on twitter accounts first, then texts/class dojo.
5. If there are no announcements the school is open.
6. If the school is closing, we will make all efforts to let you know as early as possible. Usually by 7.45 am. We do not make closure announcements the day before except in the most extreme cases.
7. Site staff/senior staff assesses the site only and not the surrounding roads.
8. It is up to parents to make their own risk assessment and decide whether it is safe to travel to school.
9. If schools need to close during a school day parents will be informed by the same means identified at point 4.
10. School staff stay at school in all critical situations until the last pupil has left. If there is an emergency and they need to move pupils from the site parents will be informed via twitter/text/class dojo.
11. During critical periods school staff are very busy keeping the site and pupils safe. Please do not call to ask if the school is closing. In many cases the answerphone may be on. Monitor your twitter/dojo/texts. This helps us to keep pupils safe and focus on their needs and not on answering individual calls. During these busy times the telephones may be on answerphone.