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Stathern Primary School
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Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our November newsletter.

There have been lots of new and exciting things happening in November including Class 4's visit to Launde Primary School in Leicester to see Emmanuel Jal. As a former child soldier from Sudan, Emmanuel's powerful message of belief courage and gratitude was delivered to the children through a unique combination of dance, song and poetry – it was a thoroughly inspiring visit. Dove Cottage, received flowers that we have been nurturing through difficult weather! They were also treated to songs from the WW2 era and in turn our children got to join in their afternoon quiz! It was lovely to see the positive difference the children made to the residents well-being. As we head towards the Christmas period, we are really hoping you can join us at one or all of our events. Please check the back of this newsletter for dates which include our Nativity, Eastwell concert, Carol Service and Celebration Assembly. Please visit our website for full dates and lots of event photos. *Mr Lee*

Emmanuel Jal Visit – 26th November – “Never Give Up, Never Give In”



Class 4 – Dove Cottage – Making a positive contribution to society – sharing flowers and WW2 songs



Dates and Things to Remember:

- Tree Day – Mon 2nd Dec
 - Christmas Fair – Sat 7th Dec – 2-4pm*
 - Eastwell Concert – Fri 13th Dec – 7-8pm*
 - Senior Citizens Tea Party – Mon 16th Dec – 2pm
 - YR-2 Nativity @ St Guthlacs – Wed 18th Dec – 2pm & 5:30pm*
 - Celebration and Carol Service @ St Guthlacs – Fri 20th – 2pm*
 - INSET – 6th Jan
 - First day back - 7th Jan
- *Parents welcome*

Eastwell Concert – Friday 13th December

With 12 groups auditioning to take part alongside, choir, guitar groups and instrumentalists, Eastwell Concert promises to be another brilliant musical showcase so we hope you can join us. Look out for tickets which will go on sale during next week and include refreshments.

FOSS - Christmas Fair – Sat 7th December 2-4pm

Thank you to everyone who supported the Halloween Disco and the Curry & Quiz Night. Our Christmas Fair will include performances by each class, food made by each class, stalls, games and of course a visit from someone in red! We hope you will be able to join us. FOSS is helping raise money for new reading books which we will be sharing with you in the new year through our reading events for each class.

The Fleas' Christmas Story – Wed 18th Dec 2pm & 5:30pm

Class 1 and 2 have been working hard on their Nativity with the older children supporting the singing. With two performances on the same day, we hope you will be able to come along - tickets for all will be available from the 9th December.

Celebration Assembly& Carols - Fri 20th December

On the last day of term we hope you will be able to join us at 2pm at St Guthlacs for a showcase of the children's learning and a chance to sing with us whilst enjoying a mince pie, tea or coffee and maybe even a mulled wine!

Before that please also remember our Tree Day this Monday (2nd December) where we are asking pupils to dress in the colour of trees from different seasons and donate £1 or more for the Woodland Trust to plant a tree and help save the planet!

Sports, Health and Well Being Update

Well done to the children who competed in the Danone Small Schools Football County Final in Leicester. The team won three games and lost once, qualifying for the semi-finals before narrowly losing out. Top 4 in the county is a huge achievement! Congratulations to our Sportshall Athletics and Basketball teams who finished 5th and 3rd respectively. Well done to our girls football team who beat Bottesford but narrowly lost to Brownlow in the county qualifier.

We have been working closely with the Soil Association and Food for Life planning in lots more exciting work around farm visits, world food, healthy recipes and where our food comes from. We are now officially a Routes To Resilience accredited school as a result of our extensive character work. Thank you for supporting this work at home!



Governor Corner – Felicity King

I have been so moved by how many children were touched by Remembrance Sunday and the ongoing impact of conflict on service men and women through The World. Even the youngest children told stories about our heroes and the significance of the poppy. I don't think I've ever seen the church looking so beautiful with art, craft and written contributions from all ages. This is a shining example of the way the staff are embedding a truly creative curriculum this new academic year. As pupil numbers have grown the staff have responded to ensure the finite space is used as safely as possible. Recent visits have shown me how hard all the staff work to make break and lunchtimes refreshing, relaxed and inclusive. In addition I have been touched by the kindness shown between the children and the staff during before and after school club provision. Despite the on-going rain I am always met by such sunshine when I come to school and that's all thanks to the energy of your children and the staff who create this special place of love, learning and community.