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Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the very autumnal weather, we have had another brilliant week. I was particularly impressed with our Y3 and Y4 pupils who braved the wind and rain on Tuesday for forest school. Every single one of them assured me they had the best time!

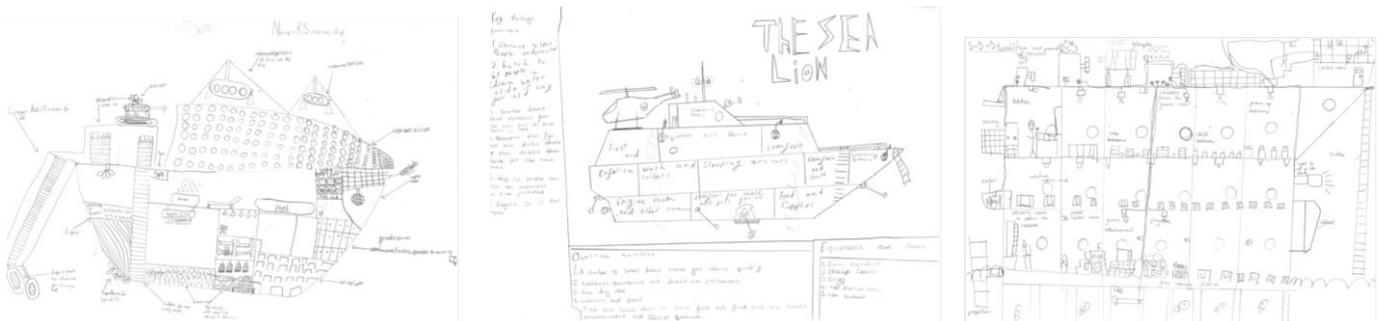
**Front Page**



Just in case anyone missed it, our beautiful Reception children adorned the front page of the 'New to School' section in the Stroud Gazette last week. We are so proud of them, they have settled in and are making excellent progress. They also keep us smiling every day as they are always this happy! What a fantastic photo.

**Thank you**

I would like to thank Mrs Johnson for joining us last Friday and inspiring the children to design a life boat. The children were enthralled and worked hard to include all vital elements in their design. The final designs, fully annotated with details about materials and the importance of different areas have been submitted this week. Please see the attached piece of writing by Bea.



I would also like to thank all the parents who were able to join us for our 'Drop In' session. It is lovely to see so many of you and a wonderful opportunity to share the hard work and great progress the children are making.

**Parent Forum**

We held a meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm, minutes will be published soon. It was the least well attended meeting we have had so far. Could I ask for feedback as I am not sure if this was due to the time or the awful

★ weather? We try to rotate the times of the meetings to accommodate different working patterns but I am happy to focus on the 9am and 2:30pm slots if these are the most suitable time for parents. I look forward to hearing back from you.

★ **School Council – Food Bank Appeal**

★ There is a Christmas Hamper collection box in the entrance of the school to collect any donations for the Stroud Food Bank. The school council have requested items that will help make someone else's Christmas special. The 'Top Ten' Items are: **Tinned Ham, Christmas Biscuits, Savoury Crackers, Fruit Squash & Cordial, Boxes of Chocolates, Instant Hot Chocolate, Nuts, Bags of sweets, Luxury Crisps, Cranberry Sauce.** Anything you can offer will be gratefully received.

★ **Christmas Fayre – Celebration Worship change of time!**

★ Please note that Celebration Worship will be held at 9am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December to assist with setting up for the Christmas Fayre.

★ \*\*\*\*\* REMINDERS \*\*\*\*\*

★ **Wellies or spare outdoor shoes**

★ It is wet and muddy outside but the children are still full of energy. I would love to give them access to as much space as possible at lunchtime, however, I am mindful that muddy shoes are not good for the school carpets or parents! We have bought some dustbins as storage for wellies or similar suitable outdoor shoes if you would like to send something in for your child to have in school. Thank you to those who have already sent some into school. If you have any old boots that longer fit, we'll happy take donations!

★ **Making Robins Class Christmassy!**

★ As the Christmas decorations start to appear out of the loft, can we please put out a request for any unwanted decorations, old blank Christmas cards, wrapping paper or other festive paraphernalia. Mrs Walker and Mrs Smith have sleigh-load of ideas to start spreading the Christmas cheer and getting everyone in a seasonal mood. Any additional resources you can provide will be gratefully received!

★ **Christmas Fayre**

★ The FOCS are working very hard behind the scenes to prepare for the Christmas Fayre, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm in the school hall. All are very welcome and please remember to bring your friends! To encourage donations towards the tombola and raffle prizes, there will be a **non-uniform day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** All we ask is that your child brings a contribution for the Christmas Fayre.

★ You will hopefully have received minutes from the FOCS meeting outlining donations and help needed for the event:

- ★ • decorations for the grotto- especially lights (these will obviously be returned after the fayre)
- ★ • cakes/other yummy treats
- ★ • raffle and tombola prizes
- ★ • lucky dip prizes need wrapping (we will most like hold a 'wrapping party' the evening before the fayre for anyone who can help)
- ★ • HELPERS ON THE DAY! We will need a fair few people to help at the event as well as setting up and clearing up. A rota is being put together and will be left in the entrance foyer at school.

★ Once again, thank you for your continued support with all the wonderful things going on in school.

★ I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

★ Aisling Stranack  
★ Interim Headteacher

**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Toby  
**Owls:** Harry M, Molly B, Erika,  
Harry P

**Attendance:**

**Robins** – 97.8%  
**Owls** – 95.6%

**Respect:** “Respect is how to treat everyone, not just those you want to impress.” **Richard Branson**

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Joseph  
**Owls:** Harry P

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Anna-Mae for having an excellent have a go attitude towards her reading this week.

**Owls:** William – for taking real pride in his work this week.

**Clubs:**

**Monday:** Cross Country Club Lunchtime;  
**Tuesday:** Raffles Forest School (Y2 – Y6) 3:15-4:15pm

**Dec Dates**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Celebration Worship 9am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity 6pm Village Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nativity 2pm Village Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Service St Bartholomew’s 9:00am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – End of Term

**FOCS Future Events:**

7th December- FOCS Christmas Fayre in the school hall and grounds 3.15pm

*Please note- Dates and times are subject to change, we will update you as soon as possible.*

**WE ARE COALEY ~ We Believe      We Respect      We Belong**

"Design a boat to save 1000 people"

The Royal Navy has launched a competition, aimed at school children Primary and Secondary, challenging them to come up with a design for a ship capable of rescuing up to 1,000 people.

We were lucky enough to take part in this competition and Mrs. Johnson came into School on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> to introduce this to both Robins and Owls. We had to design a ship that would feed, entertain, medicate and provide both sleeping and toilets.

We had to think about how we would get the people out of the water and onto the ship; ladders, speedboats, helicopters, conveyor belts and even caskets that would lower into the water. Then, we had to consider entertainment for the children and toddlers followed by Sleeping quarters.

There was a varying range of sections, Rosa and Bella designed a disco into their boat, Mia, Molly B and I had a glass bubble at the bottom of our boat and Liam, Adam, Erika and Ava even inserted a Bowling alley!



We would all like to thank Mrs Johnson for coming in to the School and showing us how to design our boats.

The competition will run throughout the year and will end on 1 December 2018 where the entries will be judged by a team of industry professionals and will choose 3 winners for each category.

Written by Beatrice S