

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a Good Start to 2019!



Dear parents, carers and members of Stretford Children's Theatre & Stretford Youth Choir, welcome to our December newsletter.

Join us as we look back on our 2018 Christmas show, discover how you can continue supporting our charity and find out what lies ahead of us in 2019!

Thank you for everyone who joined us in Stretford Public Hall on 6th December for our annual Christmas show, joined by Stretford Youth Choir who rocked those Xmas songs - definitely one of our favourite things of 2018! We are extremely proud of all our young people and had some fantastic feedback!



Next term's dates and location

All sessions for the New Year and Easter Terms will continue to be at

Victoria Park Infant School

while the hall completes it's refurbishment.

SYC - Choir - Wednesdays

New Year term - 9 Jan, 16 Jan, 23 Jan, 30 Jan, 6 Feb, 13 Feb - [6 weeks]

Easter term - 27 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar, 3 Apr - [6 weeks]

SCT - Drama Sessions - Thursdays

New Year term - 10 Jan, 17 Jan, 24 Jan, 31 Jan, 7 Feb, 14 Feb - [6 weeks]

Easter term - 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 21 Mar, 28 Mar, 4 Apr - [6 weeks]

Did you know you can support SCT & SYC via the Co-op's Community Fund when you shop in store AND via Amazon Smile when you shop online?

Until November 2019, if you are a **Co-op** member (costs £1 in store) every time you shop at Co-op and buy own brand items, and if you have nominated SCT, we will received 1% of the total spend. You can see our page [here](#).

So, please:

- a) sign up to be a member,
- b) nominate Stretford Children's Theatre as your chosen charity (via your membership account) or by calling 0800 023 4708.

You only have to do it once and it's very straight-forward. Our local stores are on **Barton Road** and **Taylors**

You can support SCT online too! When shopping on amazon, simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk instead of the normal amazon and select SCT as your chosen charity.

Continue shopping online as usual, and amazon will donate 0.5% of your total spend to Stretford Children's Theatre.

It is easy and at no extra costs to you!

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Don't forget to sign up for Gift Aid with us [we can claim an extra 25p for every £1.00 you give at no extra cost to you] and please check we have all your details on our system in case we need to contact you.

Volunteers needed

Do you want to come and help us at our sessions - drama or choir? We always need volunteers to help out and interact with the children during our sessions. Do you enjoy being with children and have a few hours to give each week? We will ensure you have a DBS check and you will only do what you are comfortable doing.

Interested in becoming a Trustee of SCT/SYC?

If you are interested in becoming a voluntary Trustee of SCT/SYC, please get in touch via stretfordchildrenstheatre@gmail.com

Trustee's roles include being an advocate, supporting events, attending meetings and taking on specific roles, and ensuring the efficient administration and governance of the charity.

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 17 January 2019

We will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 17 January 2019 at 6pm at Victoria Park Infant School. We'd like to invite you all, including those members that won't be in sessions at the time, to attend and participate.

The AGM is an opportunity to hear a summary of what has taken place throughout the year (September 2017-August 2018) including our achievements

and challenges; hear about and contribute to plans for the future, including specific objectives we've set out; financial performance, and again financial forecasts; and for resignations and appointments of trustees (since we are a charity). There will also be an opportunity for general discussion including ideas, recommendations and questions.

The meeting will last for around 30-40 minutes and we'll provide teas, coffee and biscuits (nice ones!)

We'd like to reach out to you and ask that you show your support by attending.

A busy AGM demonstrates engagement with the charity, and this helps us going forward with future funding bids.

If you do choose to attend, you can contribute or just listen, and everyone is welcome. We hope you will take this opportunity to be part of what we still consider to be a fledgling but essential part of Stretford's offer for children and young people.

You don't need to confirm your attendance, but feel free to find out more via stretfordchildrenstheatre@gmail.com

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year from all of Stretford Children's Theatre and Stretford Youth Choir!

From 2019 onwards we will send newsletters each term with updates on what is happening at Stretford Children's Theatre & Stretford Youth Choir

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCTStretford/ & www.facebook.com/pg/StretfordYouthChoir

Twitter: [@sct_stretford](https://twitter.com/sct_stretford) & [@choirstretford](https://twitter.com/choirstretford)

<http://stretfordchildrenstheatre.org.uk>

