



Stratford – Sub – Castle Church of England VC Primary School



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Learning for life in a positive and caring Christian community



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Dear All

It has been a very busy few weeks. Thank you to all of you who entered into the spirit of the VIP days, your feedback was encouraging to read. This is a super event and we will continue with it next year! It was also good to see so many of you at the recent Parents Evening, It is lovely to share your child's successes with you. I hope you have found the new short mid-year report sheet useful. I would be grateful for any thoughts on this.

Thank you for all your letters and words of support during the recent Local Authority Evaluation and the SIAMs Inspection. The SIAMs report has now been published and I am able to share the findings with you. I am pleased to say that we were judged to be a **GOOD** church school. This is the best we could hope for given our OFSTED rating. A full copy of the report is on our school website but the summary reads as follows;

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Stratford sub Castle Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary as a Church of England school are good

- Children have a good understanding of Christian values, what these look like in daily life and how they influence their thinking.
- Creative experiences to explore prayer provide opportunities for children to develop their appreciation of the relevance of prayer in their own lives.
- The school's Christian vision is reflected in the care and support for each individual child.
- The church makes a full and significant contribution to the life of the school through governance, leading worship and pastorally.

Areas to improve

- Develop creative opportunities to explore a personal spirituality through high quality experiences that enable children to express a growing depth of understanding in innovative ways.
- Develop planning for collective worship so that Christian values are explored in greater depth through links to biblical stories.
- Establish a robust system of monitoring and evaluation of all aspects of church school life that involves all members of the school community.

Unfortunately...

On a less happy note, I must inform you that one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Clare Smith has had to resign and leave her post due to challenging family circumstances. I would like to thank Mrs Smith for her hard work during her short time with us and to let her know that she is in our prayers.

Sadly, Mrs Wareham will not be back before the Easter break as her eye operation requires some follow-up checks. Mrs Williams has agreed to work with Kestrel Class until Mrs Wareham returns and also to work with Mrs Wareham for a handover period on her return. Thank you Mrs Williams!

Congratulations.....

The '*I'm Going to Paint a Perfect Picture*' home learning is a sight to behold. It is so good we want to put it all on display! There will be an opportunity to see the creative responses to this song during the first week back after the holidays. The IGTPAPP Exhibition will be open for one and all at

08:45 – 09:15 on Monday 24th April and at 14:50 – 15:30 on Friday 28th April.

Menu: On the web-site and the board at the front of school and next to the hatch!!!

I hope you enjoyed the chance to taste school meals at the recent Parents' Evenings. I hope you were able to see and taste the wide range of fresh fruit and veg available each day to the children. Sodexo have worked really hard to improve their menus and they are very tasty as well as nutritious! They are no longer printing individual menus. We will be inviting parents to come and join us for a school meal in the summer term on a class by class basis! Look out for details after the break.

PTA News: There is a PTA meeting tonight at 19:00 in the staffroom. The PTA Bingo evening raised £435.60

Smiley Face Assembly: There is a Smiley face Assembly on Friday April 7th at 09:10ish!

Thank you for all your on-going support for the school and the things we hold dear. Have a very happy Easter. I hope to see you at Church on Palm Sunday!

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

St. Lawrence Church: Palm Sunday

Procession and service

April 9th 2017

This will be a special family service led by Tessa and Sub Club children so all ages are most welcome

- **9.40am** Children, families and congregation meet at school
- **9.45am** Procession departs from school to St. Lawrence led by Sub Club children
- **10am** Service starts
- **11am** End of service with refreshments provided in the Reading Room.