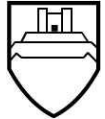




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Dear All

As another busy term begins I have lots of news to share with you. I do hope you enjoy this term and all it brings. Hopefully it will include some sunshine!

Firstly, I would like to offer my congratulations to Mrs Wareham who has been successful in securing a new post for September. Mrs Wareham’s new school is larger and will provide a different set of opportunities for her, well as being a little nearer to where she lives! Whilst we are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Wareham, we are happy that she is developing her career. I would like to thank Mrs Wareham for all her hard work during the last three years at Stratford.

This means that the Governing Body are currently in the process of recruiting a new teacher for September 2017. Next academic year Miss Crook will move to teach the Year 5/6 Class and the plan is to secure a teacher for the Y4/Y5 post. Adverts for this job go out this week. Staffing in the rest of the school will remain much the same as this year although Mrs Waters will take over the responsibility for Butterfly Class, as she will increase her teaching hours in September 2017.

After-school Clubs

Now that the mini-marathon has taken place, we no longer need to train for it! Instead there is a KS2 Athletics club on a Friday after school. Please note there will be no Athletics Club on the Fridays which clash with the June Fayre (23.06.17) and Parents Evening (14.07.17).

CLUBS START WEEK COMMENCING 12.06.17.

Class photographs were sent home today. Please note that all orders for class photos need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 15th June 2017.

Bottle Week! (Bottle Week: Wednesday 7th June – Wednesday 14th June 2017)

Yes folks it’s nearly that time of year again! Traditionally we hold bottle at the beginning of June, so that we can have a brilliant bottle tombola at the school **June Fayre (Friday 23rd June 2017)**. This has proved to be very successful, thanks to some of you having a real competitive streak! This year we have been caught out a little by the holiday so we are starting bottle week a bit later than advertised on the school calendar and Wednesday to Wednesday to ensure we all know about it after the holiday!

Points System

50 points	=	a bottle of spirit
20 points	=	a bottle of wine/alcohol
10 points	=	a bottle of lemonade/squash, ketchup, shampoo, bubble bath etc.
5 points	=	a bottle of water

This is not an exhaustive list and all your ideas/contributions will be welcomed. If a bottle is not on the list then I reserve the right to categorise it and award points. I am the referee and my decision is final!!! I may give bonus points for the most unusual and interesting bottles.

The class with the most points on **Friday 16th June** will be awarded an extra play-time (in assembly), (or another prize of their choice which doesn't cost any money and is safe!) to be taken when they decide.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR BOTTLES TO CLASS. MANY THANKS!
LET THE BOTTLE BATTLE COMMENCE!**

Please remember that all the funds raised by the PTA – that means YOU (THANK YOU!) - go towards enhancing the experience of each child in school. At the moment we are raising money to subsidize trips, pay for play equipment and to fund an outdoor classroom near the revamped pond area. .

THE PTA COULD REALLY DO WITH PRIZES FOR THE ADULT TOMBOLA, CAKES and PLANTS FOR THE PLANT STALL (JUNE FAYRE). IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE LET US KNOW IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANKS!

REMEMBER THE THEME FOR OUR JUNE FAYRE IS: PIRATES, EXPLORERS AND CAST-AWAYS!

Assessment

Throughout their time at Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School children are assessed in various ways, not only to gauge their progress and attainment, but to help us be better teachers. We, like all primary schools also have to take part in statutory assessments which involve all children in EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y6. We try to keep these low key, especially in EYFS and KS1; making them part of what we normally do. The children do not sit in silence, in rows etc! Below is an explanation of all the statutory assessments which take place in the summer term.

Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6)

These take place in May every year. This year they took place during the week commencing Monday 8th May. Our Y6 pupils conducted themselves extremely well and I was very proud of their perseverance, concentration and efforts. The tests have changed over the years but they involve: English (reading, writing, grammar and spelling) and maths (mental arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving)

Children have their writing assessed by the school (this is moderated by the local authority), but all the other papers are sent away for independent marking. The results are returned to us in July. We usually send out the SATs results with Annual Reports at this time.

Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

At Key Stage 1, teachers assess seven-year-olds in reading, writing, speaking and listening, maths and science. This is moderated by the local authority. These assessments are kept low key and your child might not even notice them happening. These assessments form part of the Annual Report to parents which we send to you in July.

Phonic Screening (Year 1)

The test is a statutory test, meaning all Year 1 pupils, in all schools, must be tested. The test involves the child sitting with a teacher (in our school it will be Mrs. Watkins) and reading 40 words, some of which are real words and some are nonsense. This is a phonics test that checks their ability to 'decode' words (break words down into the sounds that make them up and say the word). This is why there are nonsense words, so that the children have to decode the words to be able to read them and not simply recognise or remember them. Teachers have strict guidelines on how to complete the test to ensure that no undue pressure is placed on the child. These assessments form part of the Annual Report to parents which we send to you in July.

EYFS

At the end of the EYFS, in the summer term of the reception year in all schools, teachers complete an assessment which is known as the **EYFS Profile**. This assessment is carried out by the reception teachers and is based on what they, and other staff caring for your child, have observed over a period of time.

We will give you a report of your child's progress, including information from his or her EYFS Profile in July.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Non-uniform Day: Friday 23rd June 2017 – Wear what you want, as long as it is safe!

On the day of the June Fayre we are holding a "Non-uniform Day". This will cost either a plate of cakes/ biscuits or 50p.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day: Tuesday 4th July at 9.30am (Please bring a deck chair if you have one, we have run out of chairs in the past.) This is always one of the year's high-lights. I do hope you will be able to join us and cheer all the competitors on. We will be starting as near to 9.30am as possible and finish at about 11.45am.

Refreshments provided by the PTA will be available during the morning.

THERE IS A SPORTS DAY PRACTICE AT SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 27TH JUNE. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS PE KIT ON THAT DAY.

TRANSITION/ INDUCTION FOR 2017/2018

The meeting for the parents/ families of our new intake of pupils takes place on THURSDAY 15th JUNE at 19:00 in the school hall.

Induction Sessions (Caterpillar stay and play days) start on Wednesday 21st June and run for four consecutive Wednesday afternoons. How time flies!



Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	4 11 18 25 1	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27

	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug/Sept-18
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 3
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28 4
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 5
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30 6
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31 7
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 1
Sunday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 2

Bank and Public Holidays 2017/2018		
Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2017	Term 1 34
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2017	Term 2 38
New Years Holiday	1st January 2018	Term 3 27
Good Friday	30th March 2018	Term 4 29
Easter Monday	2nd April 2018	Term 5 29
May Day Holiday	7th May 2018	Term 6 38
Spring Bank Holiday	28th May 2018	TOTAL 195
Summer Bank Holiday	27th August 2018	

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Dates are correct at time of publication.

2017/2018

Teacher Training Days 2017/2018	Date
Teacher Development Day 1	Friday 01.09.17
Teacher Development Day 2	Monday 04.09.17
Teacher Development Day 3	Monday 30.10.17
Teacher Development Day 4	Tuesday 31.10.17
Teacher Development Day 5	Friday 25.05.18

