



Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

On Monday 1st June the school opened more widely. We welcomed back children from EYFS, Y1 and Y6, as well as those from other priority groups.

It has been a very tricky 'juggling act' because we have so many children belonging to 'Key Worker' families. Mrs Watkins has done a brilliant job of spinning several plates, whilst throwing balls in the air and standing on her head and has co-ordinated the whole 'who goes where and on which days' business!

Mrs Watkins has asked me to thank everyone for his or her co-operation, understanding and patience with this task. Mrs Watkins would like to thank the many 'Key Worker' families who have managed to perform their own juggling acts with home/ work lives in order to accept part-time places, so that more children can at least attend school for a couple of days a week. Thank you also the people who are managing to do without a place at all. We do miss you!

Well done 'Team Stratford'!

This week...

49% of our number on roll have attended school at some point during the week. 74 children attended school. 17 pupils attended fulltime and 57 pupils attended for either two or three days. Under the current guidelines for the wider opening of schools, we are pretty much at capacity. We have very little wriggle room!

Mrs Richards has managed to phone and e-mail lots of families who are still working and learning at home. I know she has really enjoyed getting to know how she can support individual children and adults in their own home- learning bubbles!

Mrs Richards is now taking over home liaison. Her focus this term is to support people (children and adults) with the challenge of home learning.

As a school, we hope to help 'navigation' through the vast amount of resources on the school web-site, to provide workbooks to support learning and to help with individual learning needs. That's where Mrs Richards come in!

Mrs Richards will be phoning everyone over the next couple of weeks to 'touch base'. In the meantime, if you require immediate support please do not hesitate to contact her on support.teacher@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

I know she has talked to quite a few people already and really enjoyed her new role.

This term...

Sadly, all the whole school events planned for June and July will not be happening. This is particularly frustrating for our Year 6 pupils who have had their last academic year at the school decimated! As I said at some point, we plan to mark the leaving of Year 6, in some way, but are waiting to see what the next few weeks bring.

In a change to the published school calendar term now ends on **Tuesday 21st July 2020**. Wednesday 22nd July is now a Teacher Training Day so that we have some time to prepare for September 2020. (We missed one on 22.05.20)

Next academic year...

It seems very strange to be thinking about 2020/2021, when normal service has not yet been resumed! Mrs Watkins and I have been attempting some planning this week. Unfortunately, we have been forced to cancel the Parents' Meeting for EYFS 2020 due to be held on Thursday 11th June and all the Induction sessions too. However, we hope to come up with a new plan if things begin to ease up a bit more, even if it means holding sessions in August!

For your own forward planning please see the TD Days and school term and holiday dates below.

<u>Teacher Training Days 2020/2021</u>	<u>Date</u>
Teacher Development Day 1	Tuesday 01.09.20
Teacher Development Day 2	Wednesday 02.09.20
Teacher Development Day 3	Monday 04.01.21
Teacher Development Day 4	Tuesday 05.01.21
Teacher Development Day 5	Friday 28.05.21

START OF 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR	DATE
Online application forms for admissions into EYFS September 2020/2021 available.	01.09.20 www.wiltshire.gov.uk
Teacher Development Day 1	Tuesday 01.09.20
Teacher Development Day 2	Wednesday 02.09.20
CHILDREN START / BACK TO SCHOOL	THURSDAY 03.09.20

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

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

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

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

Bank and Public Holidays 2020/2021

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2020	Term 1	37
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2020	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2021	Term 3	30
Good Friday	2nd April 2021	Term 4	29
Easter Monday	5th April 2021	Term 5	29
May Day Holiday	3rd May 2021	Term 6	35
Spring Bank Holiday	31st May 2021	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	30th August 2021		

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.

Finally for now...

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff members who have made this week flow without a hitch. I am so proud of everyone.

I am also extremely proud of all the children who bravely returned this week and have followed all the new rules and routines with a smile and a great deal of lately developed stoicism!

Have a good weekend.

Peace, love and joy to all.

Mrs Kay Bridson

(A tired but happy Headteacher)