



*Life in all its fullness*

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Dear All

The school has been working hard to prepare for wider opening on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We have been moving furniture, altering staff working hours, ordering PPE and of course organising the groups of children (or Bubbles), as we now call them, ready to go.

The idea is that each 'Bubble' consistently uses the same indoor space, doors, toilets, furniture and resources. Our aim is to maintain the integrity of each Bubble, as far as it is possible. There will also be a strict hygiene and cleaning regime through-out the school day. Something we are now very familiar with!

On 1<sup>st</sup> June the school will be open for the children of **key workers, other priority groups and children in the EYFS, Y1 and Y6.**

Yesterday Mrs Watkins sent out an individualised letter (via e-mail) to each family with a pupil or pupils, who has been allocated a place in school on or soon after 1<sup>st</sup> June.

If you kindly said that you didn't urgently require a place and that you were happy to prioritise other people, you would not have been sent an e-mail. Thank you for your patience and co-operation. This has really helped.

**If you think you should have received an e-mail yesterday and did not or if you require clarification regarding the information on the letter, please contact Mrs Watkins and she is very happy to help you and supply you with information. Do not sit at home and worry, please contact us.** (It is possible a technical hitch or human error took place)

Contact Mrs Watkins on: [jwatkins@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:jwatkins@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk)

**The school is closed next week for the half term holiday.** (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June). This is good timing as the staff need to recharge and the school will be deep-cleaned before reopening on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We managed to stay open all through the Easter holidays and the Bank holidays, but we need a break. The constant regime of social distancing and cleaning is fairly exhausting, please bear this in mind when your children return to school!

## Plans for June 1<sup>st</sup>

The 'Bubbles' are named after the classroom they are based in. Pupils may be in a different room to their usual one. Due to numbers, Y6 will transfer with Miss Crook into the old school building.

<b>BUBBLE</b>	<b>Classroom</b>	<b>CHILDREN</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>Butterfly Bubble</b>	Butterfly Classroom	EYFS/ Y1 #1 EYFS/ Y1 #2	Mrs Waters
<b>Owl Bubble</b>	Owl Classroom	EYFS/ Y1	Miss Smith
<b>Woodpecker Bubble</b>	Woodpecker Class	Y2/ Y3	Miss Robinson
<b>Fox Bubble</b>	Fox Class	Y6	Miss Crook
<b>Robin Bubble</b>	Robin Class	Y4 / Y5	Mrs Wilson
<b>Nest Bubble</b>	Nest	Y4/Y5 (Same work etc as pupils in Robin Class) (Mon – Wed) Overflow from Robin Bubble.	Mrs Watson Mrs De Bens

A letter has been sent to each family outlining arrival times, pick up times and other vital information, particular to their child or children. However, I would like to re-iterate the following points:

- Pupils may wear uniform or PE Kit
- Desks will be spaced as far apart as possible
- Break and lunch times will be staggered – children require a packed lunch. (We are hoping to eat outside as much as possible)
- If the weather does not permit a picnic lunch Butterfly and Owl Bubbles will eat in the hall and the other Bubbles will eat in their classrooms
- Drop-off and collection are staggered – only one adult should drop-off/collect. In the morning, adults should drop off and collect at the school gate and not come into school. Pick-ups will be from a designated place on the playground
- Adults must not gather in groups at the beginning and end of the day and observe social distancing rules
- Children must wash/gel hands on arrival – staff will help and support with this task
- Resources which are shared / taken home should be limited – all books will stay in school. Please do not bring in book bags to and from home
- The sharing of stationery is limited - pupils may bring in their own pencil case and the contents are for their use only
- Early Birds and Night Owls is suspended till further notice.

At our school, we shall be implementing the DFE guidance and also endeavouring to keep children's' well-being and over-all health at the centre of what we do. Please bear in mind that we will try to encourage children to socially distance in school, but this will not happen all the time.

**Our overall rationale is to follow the guidance set out by the DFE:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
- cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)

**News (week commencing 18.05.20)**

**Our school** continued to run under the same regime as the eight previous weeks. This week the team caring for our pupils has been Mrs Watkins, Miss Smith, Mrs Wilson. Mrs Ray, Miss Griffiths, Mrs De Bens and Mrs Clee. Mrs Munt has also been in the school office at various times and Mrs Davidson supports in the afternoons and evenings. **Thank you all for your continued hard work.**

This week in school the children have been using the theme 'Space' to inspire their learning. All the children whatever their age have been learning about the planets and the solar system.

The children also used their imagination to create their own planets and aliens. The older children fired rockets using vinegar and baking powder.

The butterflies, which emerged at the beginning of the week were released!



<b>Week 9 (18<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> May) SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	<b>Monday 25 pupils</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 pupils</b>	<b>Wednesday 27 pupils</b>	<b>Thursday 25 pupils</b>	<b>Friday 24 pupils</b>
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As you can see the numbers of children attending school has remained pretty consistent again this week.

## **Our school at your home!**

Once again, I would also like to pay tribute to those of you who continue to keep your children at home. You are also doing your bit! You have been helping to keep our staff and all our children as safe as possible during this tricky time.

Now that things are changing, we have decided to slightly change our approach to supporting learning at home. It is not easy and we absolutely recognise that!

### **Next term...**

Mrs Richards (who all the children know because she has taught Art in all KS2 classes and also provided PPA cover in the lower school) will be acting as '**Virtual class-teacher**' to all the children working at home. She will work for four and a half days and her time will be dedicated to providing more tailored individual support for children and home-teachers! We are hoping to purchase work books for you (where appropriate). Mrs Richards will start this work on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Mrs Richards will have her own e-mail address, so that you can contact her easily and let her know your needs and how she can support all those at home. It could be, help with time-tables or resources, anything at all!

Class teachers will continue to reply to their class e-mails, but this will be more limited than before, as they will all be teaching full-time. However, they are all keen to keep in touch with their classes.

**The specific details of all of the above will be shared with you early next term.  
Thank you for all your hard work and patience at home. Take a break. Enjoy half-term!**

### **FOSS 100 Club**

Here are the lucky winners for May. The prizes may have been delivered already for all I know!  
Congratulations to:

- 1st - Laura Hopkins (c/o Esme)
- 2nd - Sarah Griffiths (village resident)
- 3rd - Marion Bagshaw (c/o Emilia)

### **Meanwhile and lastly...**

*I talked to the teachers this week about preparing for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The word 'trust' came up fairly frequently. We all have to trust each other. Families have to trust us to do our best in school, colleagues have to trust each other, staff have to trust families. We all have to trust each other to practise good hygiene, to minimise unnecessary contact with others and keep the virus out of school. This has been and remains a team effort!  
Well done team Stratford. Keep it up... with sprinkles and a cherry on top!*

*Love, peace and joy to all.  
Mrs Kay Bridson*

