



Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

I hope you are managing to keep cool and sun safe! More children have returned to school this week, which has been lovely. The 'downside' is that we have only been able to offer some children one day a week, but this is better than no days! Thoroughly frustrating... but we all have learned to 'get on with it', haven't we?

From 4th July the current 'COVID 19 rules' are easing. The impact of this for us is that we are able to open a tiny, little bit more for the last two weeks of the academic year. Places remain limited but we would like to offer every child (who has not returned yet) the chance to spend at least a day in school before the summer break. As I write, Mrs Watkins is compiling lists and will be in touch with you soon, via *Parentmail* (e-mail) to let you know the details. Next week we will be co-ordinating the extra days and these commence the following week on Monday 6th July.

Summer holiday news...

The DfE has announced that they do not intend to ask (or fund) schools to remain open over the summer period for the children of critical workers. Wiltshire Council is currently collating an overview of the paid-for holiday provision that will be available over the summer break for families that would like to access this. I will pass on the 'directory' of summer holiday provision to you, as soon as I have it.

Giant Colouring Competition

This week we received a message from Mrs Wooler (parent) who said...

Would it be possible to share this local competition with our school family? It's a competition run by the Salisbury Museum, who could really do with local support at the moment. The prize is great too!

For details go to the link below. (Wouldn't it be great if someone from 'Team Stratford' won?)

<https://salisburymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/families/giant-colouring-competition>

Our Kandinsky Art Project (See the letter sent out by Mrs Richards last Friday)

Remember to have a go. When it's complete please enter your circle artwork into the box by the school gate (so that you don't have to come into school) or post it to school by **Monday 6th July**. Some have also been e-mailed!

Remember contributions from both children and adults are very welcome, if you want to do more than one that is fine too.

Once we have all the circles, Mrs Richards will laminate them and create a beautiful artwork for the front fence that will show how wonderful Team Stratford is and, although apart, we are still together!

This week...

41% of our number on roll have attended school at some point during the week. 62 children attended school. 15 pupils attended fulltime and 47 pupils attended for part of the week.

Mrs Richards has continued to phone and e-mail lots of families who are still working and learning at home. She has been working hard to support families on a more individual basis due to us all being in the same storm but in different boats! Please contact her if you need help, support or someone to talk to about learning.

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News from the Bubbles!



Some of the children working in **Butterfly**

Bubble made a model of a volcano and then made it erupt using baking soda, vinegar, washing up liquid and some food colouring.



Owl Bubble have been thinking about 'Transport'. They compared old and new modes of transport, experimented with cars travelling over different surfaces, made boats and then raced them. They also made 'ice cube boats' to see how fast they melted and how it affected them floating. Woodpecker Bubble experimented with magnetic materials to make toy trains connect and had a paper airplane race!

Woodpecker Bubble have continued with their rainforest animal theme. They have made colourful rainforest birds (pictured), written rainforest poems and learnt about food chains. The stitching of some wall hangings has commenced.



Robin Bubble have been learning about and researching the lives of famous people. Displays of their colourful artwork inspired by Alma Thomas and Gakonga have appeared in school this week thanks to Mrs Ray.



Fox Bubble / Hall Bubble have continued to learn about Native American history. This links to the novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar that both bubbles are reading. The bunting (pictured below) was made by the pupils attending this week. They based their sewing on Native American patterns. The string is crocheted and it is very long!



Some of my best moments of this week have been to see groups of children sewing, crocheting and having a good old chat with their friends in the shade at lunchtime.

This weekend I am completing my concentric circles for the *Kandinsky Art Project* (I expect you've done yours already?) and finding out about 'Gakonga'.



Do have a good weekend.

Peace, love and joy to all.

Mrs Kay Bridson

The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity

to accept the things

I cannot change,

The courage to change

the things I can,

And the wisdom to

know the difference.