



Stratford – Sub – Castle Church of England VC Primary School

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Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

What a busy few weeks we have had! Already we have had a cake sale organised by our pupils who are also scouts (this raised £124.00), we have had two Parents' Evenings (lovely to see you all) and World Book Day!

Please remember to redeem your *special WBD token for a book or an audio book. Take it to any bookshop participating in the initiative. This offer is valid 28th February until 31st March inclusive. (See the back of the token for more details or go to www.worldbookday.com).*

The 'Extreme Reading Competition' was won by Thomas in Fox Class, well done to him!

This year two of the main areas for our School Improvement Action Plan are:

1. **READING Y2 – Y6:** Introduce pupils to a wide range of challenging books and other reading matter, and ensure that pupils, including the most able, respond to and discuss what they have read.
2. **MATHEMATICS EYFS – Y6:** Improve the teaching of the mathematical concepts necessary for solving multi-step problems.

The above is what it looks like on paper, but below is what it means in real life...

On World Book Day we introduced our 'Reading Rocks Challenge' and hope you will encourage your child to take part. This is designed to encourage pupils to read a wide range of challenging books. Please do not let your child fall into the trap of ticking the titles off without reading the books, or by taking the easy option of reading non- age appropriate material. Yes, 'The Gruffalo' is an award winning book, but not really challenging for Year 6! We will be talking to the children about approaching the challenge in the correct spirit.

Miss Crook, Mrs Waters and Mrs Watkins have been working very hard to update our school's 'Calculation Policy'. It is a thing of beauty and really does represent hours of hard work. Now we want to make sure you know about it and can use it to support Maths at home. It can be found on the school website in the Learning section. However, we would also like to invite you to come along and find out about how to support your child with the four mathematical operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and how to use the CALCULATION POLICY to help your child progress. We are holding a **CALCULATION WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS (GRANDPARENTS ARE WELCOME TOO) on THURSDAY 28TH MARCH FROM 6PM - 7PM in ROBIN CLASS. NO CHILDREN PLEASE!**

Please complete the reply slip below and return it to school if you are interested in coming along. Please do make an effort. You will enjoy it!

SING-UP DAY 2019: WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH AT 13:45

As you probably know, we like a good sing at Stratford-sub-castle Primary School! Sing –Up Day provides families with the chance to come and join in! Mrs Aylett will conduct us in an afternoon of music and song! Please let Mrs Munt in the school office know if you wish to attend.

COMIC RELIEF/RED NOSE DAY: FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019

This year we are holding a non-uniform day with a twist in order to raise money for this worthy charity! You can simply wear non-uniform or jazz things up by wearing as many different red clothes as you can. As well as a choice of clothes we also thought it might be fun to add in the choice of hair style or hat! Donations in a bucket by the gate please. As always, you do not have to join if you feel this is not for you! Uniforms are accepted on that day too! Red noses if you want, although they can be tricky to wear!

Other dates coming up...

Friends of Stratford-sub-Castle School (formerly known as the PTA) Meeting: Wednesday 20th March (In the staffroom at 19:00).

Easter Service in the Church for Y1-Y6: Friday 5th April (In the Church at 13:30. All welcome!)

Finally

May I remind you that mobile phones should not be used inside the school building unless you have express permission from myself. This is to safeguard all our pupils, staff and visitors. There are signs on each door to remind you of this. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

As always please do get in touch if you have any worries, concerns or questions. I do want to help that's what I'm here for!

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

Calculation Workshop

I would like to attend the Calculation Workshop on **Thursday 28th March** from 6 – 7pm in Robin Class.

Signed _____ Printed _____

Please return to school office by Friday 22nd March