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Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

Welcome back! I do hope you managed to enjoy some sunshine and recreation over the summer break.

A greater sense of normality has been felt in school over the last few days, in the sense that the classes are full. I really do hope the experience of returning or starting school was a pleasant one for our pupils. The staff are working very hard to balance the extra precautions required by 'Covid 19 – Time' and the all-round health and well-being of the children.

The extra cleaning required, as well as staggered playtimes and lunchtimes is changing the way we work in school. We currently have to prepare the hall for lunch at 11:20 and lunchtime then runs through until 13:15! Staff may also be waiting for 'tests' and have to self-isolate for a while and this all impacts on the normal running of the school.

PE is taking place outside as far as possible and music is taking place in smaller groups. Please ensure your child has warm clothes to wear during a PE lesson.

We are taking things gently and reintroducing 'home-learning' gradually. Please see below for details.

Please contact me if you think any aspect of the new way of doing things does not work. Thank you for all your help in getting the vast majority of our pupils back to school.

Office news

The office is not open to people just popping in. We do take phone calls from 08:30. Please call in if your child is sick. This is vital and helps us to know they are safe and haven't got lost on the way to school!

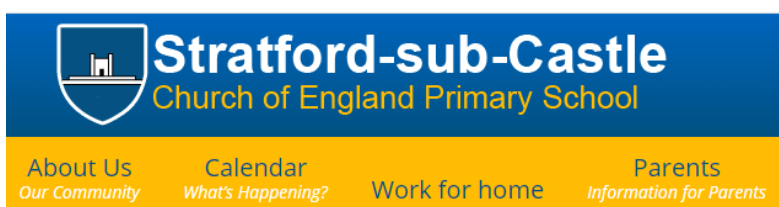
Please sign up for ParentPay if you haven't already, as it really helps to reduce administration time. Something we do not have enough of, due to financial pressures. ParentPay is the best way to pay for anything including lunch payments.

The office is closed from 15:30 until 08:30 the next morning. **Anyone making late bookings for Early Birds or Night Owls is asked to contact Miss Hardiman or Mrs Webb between 15:30 and 17:00. Please ring: 07974 957 055.**

If you wish to speak to Mrs Munt in the school office, please either phone or e-mail her on

admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

Information can be accessed on the school web-site: www.stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk



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Termly Topic

The Termly Topic (September / October) is based on the lyrics to the song 'What A Wonderful World'.

Currently this is **not compulsory for Y4, Y5 and Y6**. It is optional for all year groups. If you want to have a go please ask your teacher for a book.

Even if you decide to make a model or paint a picture, please put some sort of record in your book.

This should be handed in on **Friday 16th October** to each class teacher. All children completing the task will be recognised with a certificate.

"What A Wonderful World"

I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colours of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying
"I love you"

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll never know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Oh yeah.

I have told the children that if they completed any tasks at home during 'Lockdown' and they are keen for us in school to see what they did – please bring it in. Pop it in a plastic bag and name it and we will take a look.

Home Learning (Homework)

The focus of home learning is reading and learning number facts. We are currently learning our spellings in school time and at a pace appropriate for each class and each child.

Home Learning for EYFS & KS1 2020

Please note we teach your children to read but it is down to you to help them to PRACTISE!

Please remember phonics sessions happen daily and pupils learn reading and spelling patterns during these sessions.

EYFS: Reading (5 times a week) and words, counting backwards and one to one correspondence, (Counting things not just saying numbers).

Year 1: Reading (5 times a week), and maths booklet.

Year 2: Reading (5 times a week), spelling lists and maths booklet.

Home Learning for KS2 2020

Year 3: Reading (5 times a week) and maths booklet.

Year 4: Reading (5 times a week), maths booklet and Termly Topic.

Year 5: Reading (5 times a week), maths booklet and Termly Topic.

Year 6: Reading (5 times a week), maths booklet and Termly Topic, SATs practise papers/activities rotation of comprehension, grammar, punctuation & spelling or maths. Y6 receive this sort of home learning it is given out on a Friday and handed in the next Friday.

Reading: Reading records will be checked once a week on a Monday. Children are recognised for reading 5 times with a sticker. If children read 5 times a week for a term their efforts are recognised with a certificate.

What does reading 5 times a week mean? Reading could be spread over the seven days in a week, or you may read twice in one day if that is easier. Reading will vary according to the age and reading skills of each child. Reading could be sharing a book together, not necessarily the scheme book or the child reading all the words in the book. Children may choose to read an article on the Newsround website (or similar) and this will count as long as a record is made in the Reading Record book. *The Reading Journey* (Helpful hints for reading) booklet is available in the 'Parent Workshop Information' section of the school website.

Maths Booklets: Each maths booklet is to be stuck in the back of Spelling Books. The aim of the booklet is for the children to be able to recall number, measure and geometry facts quickly and without thinking. This means being able to say multiplication tables in about 20 seconds and to recall isolated times table facts immediately.

As parents, please tick and initial the boxes. Please do take this at an appropriate pace for your child. If they are returning from school exhausted then reduce the amount you do at home.

Judge how your child is feeling. You may need to keep reading sessions very short!

(5-10 minutes😊😊😊😊😊) Being in school is very tiring!

PE lessons

Please ensure your child has their PE kit **every day as things do change**. There are so many events each week which may cause us to have to change things around! Please note we will not be able to provide spare kit as in previous years.

The general plan is:

Butterfly Class: Thursday / Friday

Owl Class: Monday / Tuesday

Woodpecker Class: Wednesday / Friday

Fox Class: Monday / Tuesday

Robin Class: Wednesday / Thursday

(PE is taking place outside, so please provide your child with warm clothes and ensure they have their kit every day, as we may need to rearrange lessons due to the weather!)

Bikes and scooters

Please do not ride bikes or scooters on the school site. Dismount and wheel them in and out!

School Meals

School meals are **£2.50**. This service has to be subsidised by the school budget when the uptake is low or when children do not have their Universal Free School Meal. The subsidy gets less as more children have hot meals. The meals are delicious and are really good value for money at £2.50. The governors have a duty to provide meals but they do not have to be hot. Please support our hot meal service; it will not survive if we as a school are unable to meet higher and higher subsidies. This takes money from the education budget!



PLEASE REMEMBER...

School rules **DO** apply before and after school. Children (and adults!) must **NOT**

- climb on fences or gates (use gates)
- climb under fences (use gates)
- play on the field, track or in the den area before and after school
- venture into the garden areas without permission
- get out play equipment
- stand on picnic benches (people don't want to sit on your muddy foot prints!)
- cycle or scoot on the premises, please wheel your cycles and scooters to the gate.

Adults please do not...

- park on the zig-zag lines.

Please do not get involved with 'telling off' other people's children. Please come and see myself or Mrs Watkins if you have concerns about anyone's behaviour.



Both Mrs Watkins and I are committed to being here for you, so please leave a message for us in the office, if you are unable to grab us, when you want us! We will get back to you. Please do not let concerns become major worries.

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson