



Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

Monday 17th May is fast approaching. This next step along the ‘roadmap’ will mean that life is on the change again. Positive change but change, never the less.

As soon as I am able to provide any updated information regarding any changes to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place for schools, I will let you know.

However, I am deeply aware that our children have experienced so many changes over the last year, that I think it may be sensible to implement any alterations slowly and for the benefit of all.

Please do not underestimate the effects that the last year has had on the youngest in our society. With this in mind, I am expecting to hold a Sports’ Day without any ‘visitors’, even if the rules say we can gather in large crowds. I think that a large and noisy crowd of adults would be just too overwhelming for many of our pupils. Sports’ Day will however, take place in school – allowing perhaps the two parts of our school to spend time together. If however, we are instructed to keep up the bubble-system, we will hold the event in two parts and maintain our bubble integrity.



We will continue to be...

two bubbles, one school!

On-line parents/ teacher consultations... are taking place next week. Teachers shall be sending home English books at some point (depending on which evenings they are holding their meetings). Please do enjoy looking at these. We would all be very grateful if books are returned, the next day, as they will be needed! Thank you for your co-operation with this!

The EYFS will bring their ‘Learning Journey’ books home not English books.

Happy news... Miss Robinson is getting married at the end of May. She will return from the half term break as Mrs Rudman. We are all very happy for Miss Robinson and her husband to be, Mr Rudman. They have had to postpone and change their plans, due to COVID19, several times, so it’s great to see that they will actually be able to get married at last!

Added to this is the extra news that the new Mr and Mrs Rudman will be having a baby in November! Congratulations!

Woodpecker Class... will continue to be taught by Miss Robinson (Mrs Rudman), until she goes on maternity leave (October/ November 2021) and then Mrs Watkins will take over. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Watkins or me if you have any queries or thoughts regarding the plans for Woodpecker Class.



Sun safety

At Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School, we like to encourage our pupils to look after their skin and to be safe in the sun.

Please put sun cream on your child before coming to school in the morning and provide them with a sun hat and a bottle of water. Children may re-fill the water bottle during the day. If you wish your child to wear sunglasses, they may keep them in their drawer (or a similarly safe place)

If children need to re-apply sun cream then it may be sent into school in a sealed and named plastic bag. Name the tube, name the bag! THIS MUST BE HANDED TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IN EACH CLASS BY THE PUPIL EACH DAY OR ALTERNATIVELY MAY BE LEFT IN SCHOOL. Staff will supervise pupils to apply this to themselves.

Short films to help children and young people manage their mental health

To mark Mental Health Awareness Week, which began on 10 May, Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has worked with Create Studios in Swindon to produce a series of short films to help children and young people manage their mental health at home.

The films are powerful, engaging and full of practical advice. They feature mental health practitioners Milly and Olivia sharing tips and strategies for families to have constructive conversations about difficult feelings. Recent research shows that children and young people in the local area would prefer to receive mental health support primarily from their family and friends, and that they would only reach out to professionals as a last resort.

The films also follow several individuals (played by actors) from different backgrounds, including a boy who has Asperger's and whose mental health condition was significantly exacerbated, during the pandemic.

You can find out more about the campaign on the [CCG website](#), and [their YouTube channel](#).

Finally...

Please remember do keep in touch and do not hesitate to let us know if we can help you and yours in any way, that's what we are here for!

Kay Bridson

