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Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

Please be advised a Level **2 Heatwave Forecast** has been issued by the Met Office for the South West of England indicating **there is a 60% risk of heatwave Level 2 triggers from Monday 11th July.** Children may wear their PE kit to school between now and the end of term, if they so wish. Please provide sun hats, use sun cream and all children **NEED A WATER BOTTLE (NAMED) please!**



Thank you to all who were able to attend the Summer Fayre, last Friday. The event raised just over £3,000, which is an awesome effort! More importantly, it was a lovely community event and it was great to see grandparents, parents and pupils, former parents and pupils, governors and staff all mixing together again. **Thank you** to everyone who baked cakes, donated prizes, donated ponies and bouncy castles, helped to set up the stalls, manned the stalls and tidied up at the end. It was a great team effort.

GO..... TEAM STRATFORD!

Thank you to all who were able to make it to Sports' Day yesterday. It was so lovely to see so much family support for individual children and also the school. Many thanks also to the FOSS for providing refreshments and to all the staff who helped to make the vital preparations, especially Mrs Watson who worked very hard before and on the day! Congratulations to all our winners and to everyone who took part. A very special thank you to the Y6 pupils, who helped to set up the races. That was hot work!

<u>Thank you</u> to everyone who came and joined in so well with 'Mr Walker's Spectacular Recorder Assembly' starring Woodpecker and Fox Classes. Well done, one and all! It was such a joyous occasion tinged with sadness, as we said, 'good-bye' to Mr Walker as he is retiring. Some of Fox Class sang him a song to let him know how much we shall miss him and we also presented him with a plant and cards.

Goodbye...

In a similar vein we shall also be saying 'goodbye' to several members of staff at the end of term. Mrs Davidson is leaving us after nineteen years of devoted service to the school, Mrs Clee is leaving after seven years or so and Miss Badham, who arrived this year helped us in our time of need (to cover teacher shortages) is leaving for a more permanent post.

Mrs Davidson has supported the school in so many ways from going on residential trips, unblocking toilets, putting up displays and generally being a go-to person in any crisis or situation! She will be much missed. Thank you Mrs Davidson for being such a committed and devoted member of staff and colleague.

Mrs Clee joined the staff on 31.10.16 and was contracted to stay until 31.08.16! Over the years she has supported children mainly in Butterfly and Owl Class; but also been a friendly face at both Early Birds and Night Owls. Thank you Mrs Clee and good luck in your move to Italy!

Miss Badham has taught every class in the school since she joined the staff after Christmas. She has thrown herself whole heartedly in to life here at Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School including taking after school clubs, helping with mini-marathon and also helping to lead our Dynamo Cricket team so well at the County Finals in Trowbridge last week. We wish her well for her future career.

Sam Vigor is standing down as Chair of FOSS and I would like to thank her for all her sterling work over many years. She's a brilliant advert for Stratford School because she has always wanted to encourage our school community to be a community... not just raise cash at all cost! Thanks Sam!

<u>Hello again...</u>

Mrs Rudman is returning from maternity leave on Monday 11th July. She will be teaching various classes over the next two weeks, in order to give our subject leaders some extra time to develop curriculum areas.

Mrs Waters returns from maternity leave on Monday 18th July and she will be doing the same thing. We have already seen Mrs Waters back in school for the Induction sessions but it will be good to see her again as a member of staff rather than a parent!

<u>Well done</u> to our Dynamo Cricket Team who represented Salisbury and District at the Wiltshire County Finals last week. They managed to come third overall and we are immensely proud of them. Well done; Annie Turner, Lola Ford, Gracie Morgan-Dempsey, Aiden Drew, Josh Harrison, Rory Young, Maxwell Taylor, Harry Tetlow, Rune Remie, Stanley Rowland and Nathaniel Ross.



Annual Reports/Parents' Open Evening Monday 18th July 2022

Your child's end of year report and SATs results (if they are in Y2 and Y6), Phonics outcomes (Y1) and Tables check outcomes (Y4) will arrive home next week. Due to staff having Covid we are a little bit behind with collating some of the bits of paper, but we hope to catch up over the weekend and on Monday! If you think there are any errors, don't understand anything or we have left anything out please do come and see Mrs. Watkins or myself and we will rectify the situation or try and explain the report to you.

You will have chance to discuss this report with us or a class teacher on Monday 18th July 2022. Please note the evening runs from 3:10pm – 6:00pm. Teachers will take a quick comfort break and be in their classrooms as quickly as they are able! Old books will be sent home on either Friday 15th July or Monday 18th July depending on the needs of each class. Current books are rolled over into next year.

If you wish to talk to your child's teacher or say hello to their new teacher (if they have one) then the staff will be there to see you. We work on a 'cheese counter' basis for this evening, simply write up your name and 'chats' will happen on a first come, first served basis. Please do come and feel free to wander around the school and visit all the classrooms, should you so wish! **Each class will have a white board where you can write up your name if you wish to take part in the cheese counter experience!** We look forward to seeing you!

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Time	Notes
Monday 18.07.22	Family open Evening	15:10 - 18:00	See above!
Wednesday 20.07.22	Whole School Topic Day 'Health and well-being Day'	Usual school hours	Please come to school in your PE kit. All classes involved.
Friday 22.07.22	Leavers' Service (Y3 – Y6)	13:30 – 14:30 ish!	Parents / families of leavers and any interested parties most welcome!

'Mrs Bridson's Annual Summer Holiday Competition': Diary/Scrap book Competition

Once again I would like you to make a diary / scrap book about your summer holiday. Bring it in to school in September. Prizes for everyone who takes part. How you present it is up to you. Please hand them in during the first week back in September.



Salisbury Library Summer Reading Challenge 2022









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Go to your library this summer to join

the Challenge – IT'S FREE!

There are three steps: REGISTER, READ and RETURN (for REWARDs)

- REGISTER from 16 July you'll receive your special Gadgeteers collector poster and first 5 sticker sheets.
- READ choose books to read over the holidays and add the stickers to your poster as you finish reading each book.
- RETURN (for REWARDS) from 1 August you'll receive your 6th sticker sheet to complete the Challenge and become a Gadgeteer! You can tell us about your summer reading too! READING

When you complete the Challenge you'll get a **special medal** and **certificate** too!







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- Salisbury Library, Market Place
- Opening Times: Monday 10-7; Tuesday 9-7;
 Wednesday 9 -5; Thursday 9-5; Friday 9-7; Saturday 9-5
- Register for the challenge from Saturday 16 July and receive your core pack of materials
- Collect final rewards from 1 August until 10 September.



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Finally for the moment...

The first day back after the summer break for children is MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2022



St. Lawrence Church & Stratford-sub-Castle School

Invite all parents, family and carers to a

20 minute service marking the start of the new school year,

followed by coffee & cake. (NO CHARGE!)

9.20am on Monday 5th September 2022

in St. Lawrence Church

Hope to see you there! All welcome!

Please note all parents and grandparents are invited to this, not just new ones

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson

Remember ...

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023	<u>Date</u>	
Teacher Development Day 1	Thursday 01.09.22	
Teacher Development Day 2	Friday 02.09.22	
Teacher Development Day 3	Monday 31.10.22	
Teacher Development Day 4	Tuesday 03.01.23	
Teacher Development Day 5	Friday 26.05.23	

School Term and Holiday Dates 2022/23

Wiltshire Council



5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Dates are correct at time of publication.