



At Stratford-Sub- Castle Primary School

Dear Parents / Carers, The OPAL Programme is an exciting journey we are undertaking over the next two years, whereby we will be working closely with the team at OPAL to develop the playground and play within our school.

What has happened so far...

Surveys – Recently surveys were sent out to, pupils, parents and staff in order for us to gain a deeper understanding of what all members of our school community think of our current play times, lunchtimes and the play areas. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has completed and returned their surveys – Your responses are so valuable and very much appreciated!



OPAL area on our website – We now have an area on the School Website all about OPAL (Under the 'Parents' tab). Here you can read a bit more information on the programme itself and as we continue on our OPAL journey, it will be an area we continue to update with photos and developments – so keep checking.

Lunchtime Play - Both KS1 and KS2 are integrated for playtime and lunchtimes and now finish at the same time so that everyone can help tidy up.



Quick wins – Since October, we have introduced some quick wins to improve play instantly. This has included role play, tyres, pallets, small world characters, planters, guttering.

Shed – In October, we saw the construction of 3 new sheds which will be to store all of the play things that will be available to use at lunchtimes.

Grounds Day – Sunday 19th October

We had a fantastic Grounds Day. So many of our parents/grandparents/children/relatives came to help (in torrential rain!). We built a mud kitchen, mud digging area, stage, removed lots of broken, rotting wood, renovated our Golden Garden area and set up lots of small world areas.

What is happening next:

Grounds Day – Saturday 25th April -9 -3PM

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY –

***ALL HELP GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ***

What we would like next...

Sandpit



What we would like next...

Tool storage



What we would like...

Welly storage



What we would like...

More loose parts

