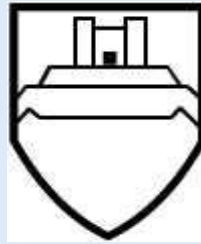


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Congratulations to our amazing choir who performed at The Bridge Youth Project's commissioning service last week. They were fantastic adverts for our school and sang beautifully. A special well done to Elin, Yana and Rosie who sang solos. Both Miss Crook and I were extremely proud. A big thank you to Mrs Aylett for all her work getting the choir ready to perform in front of an audience.



Congratulations to Charlie (Woodpecker Class) who received the Community First Young Carers Achievement Award 2023 (Under 12 years old) this week.

The Community First awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional contribution made by groups and individuals across Wiltshire and Swindon. Charlie was invited to a celebration at Devizes Town Hall and these lovely words were used when presenting him with his award:

"Charlie has been with Wiltshire Young Carers for just over a year. He is a cheerful and polite young man who provides a significant and complex caring role within his family. Since Charlie started attending our clubs, he has proved himself to be a fun, loving, happy, energetic young person who is always there for the other children with a kind word. He lights up the room with his infectious giggle and 'can do' attitude."

Well done Charlie - we are very proud of you!

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our first Parents' Evening of the school year on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November 2023**. This will be held in the school hall where the teachers will all be stationed to talk with you. Your child's classroom will be available for you to see any books they have and look at the displays around the room. We encourage children to come along too, especially the older children so they can be involved in the conversation about their learning with their teacher.

We are trialling a new booking system this year, using Microsoft Forms. Please use the link below to select your appointment times. We will need you to complete one online form per child, and it needs to be with us no later than Tuesday 17th October 2023. Your allocated appointment times will be emailed out to you via ParentMail

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Clubs after half term

Due to Parents' evening being in week 2 after half term, there will be no clubs in week 1 or week 2. Clubs recommence week beginning **Monday 13th November 2023**. We will carry out clubs in week beginning Monday 11th December 2023, to make up for this change.

Multi Sports Club on Thursdays will run every week of term from Thursday 2nd November 2023.



Christmas Box Appeal 2023

Once again, we are taking part in the Christmas Box Appeal, organised by House of Opportunity. Mrs Gillingham (who works in the school kitchen) has once again wrapped some shoeboxes in Christmas paper for anyone who wishes to take part. These will be available to collect from the glasshouse on **Tuesday 31st October – Friday 3rd November**. There will be a leaflet in each box explaining how to fill the box. We do appreciate that times are tricky now, so if you

are unable to fill a whole box perhaps team-up with someone else. If you would like to wrap your own box then please ask Mrs Munt for a leaflet.



Please return all boxes to school by Tuesday 21st November 2023.

October half-term holiday sports club

Following a successful holiday sports club, run by Up and Under Sports, Miss Wozniak is going to run another course in October half term. Please sign up using the link below.
<https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/october-half-term-2023-stratford-sub-castle-c-of-e-primary-school-multi-sports-course/>

Maths Games Workshop For Parents

Unfortunately, we are going to cancel the Maths Games Workshop with Miss Crook on Tuesday 17th October due to lack of interest. We will think of another way to do this in the future.

FOSS BAGS2SCHOOL

Wednesday 8th November (before school)

The FOSS raise lots of money for the school by using this fund raising idea. It's also a great way to clear out your wardrobe and cupboards. Please bring your items in a plastic bag on the morning of Wednesday 8th November and not before! Please leave them inside the small gate at the front of the school.

Please check what you can and can't put in the bags by following the link below.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Parking

Please can I remind you not to park on the zig-zags outside school, in the bus stop or on the double yellow lines on the corners of Mill Lane. I have also received some complaints from village residents regarding parents parking across their entrance/driveways both in the morning and at pick up time. Please use the Reading Rooms car park if possible or park safely and walk to drop off/collect your child. We need to keep all our children safe.

World Mental Health Day

It was World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. Mrs Waters is our Mental Health Lead in school and she talked to the children in assembly this week about what to do if they had any worries. She Shared a book called Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival. If you are interested in learning more about how to support your child with worries please visit the school website where there is a section on emotional wellbeing.

Last day of term is Wednesday 18th October, we finish normal time at 3:00pm

First day of term 2 is Tuesday 31st October, we have a TD day on Monday.

Have a lovely half term break
Best wishes
Mrs Watkins