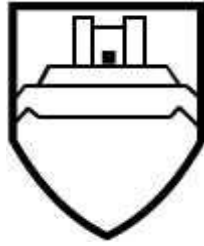


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Tuesday 31st October 2023



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

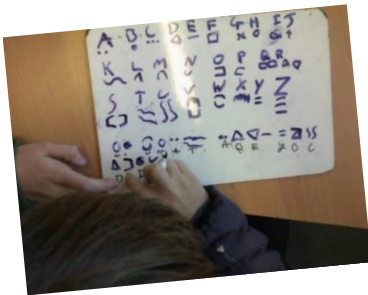
I hope everyone had a good half term break, we are now looking forward to a busy term 2. If you are interested in finding out what your children will be learning about this term please go to the school website, class pages where there is a link to the curriculum map.

Maths Topic Day

At the end of last term Miss Crook organised a super Maths Topic Day. All the children took part, and we had a day packed full of Maths!

In Butterfly and Owl Classes, the theme was 'Nature in Mathematics' where they explored leaf symmetry, measuring with branches & leaves, pattern making and creating pictograms of different leaf colours.

In Robin, Woodpecker and Fox Classes, the theme was 'Stars of Mathematics'. The children learnt about famous mathematicians such as Ava Lovelace, Alan Turing, Katherine Johnson and Al-Khwarizmi.



WIRE Award

I am very pleased to announce that we have achieved the WIRE (Widening Inclusivity in Religion) Award for our work in celebrating RE last year. This was received at the end of term in assembly and presented by Cllr Boyd. Miss Crook worked hard to put together our application for the award and arrange the events, these included:

- Robin Class visiting Salisbury Mosque
- Mrs Basinger speaking to children in Butterfly Class (EYFS/Y1) and Fox Class (Y4/5) about the Jewish Shabbat ceremony
- A whole school topic day based on our Christian Values (Peace, Love and Joy) and the parables linked to them
- Taking part in the Prayer Space organised by 'The Bridge Youth Project'.





Choir performance at Celebrate Voices

Congratulations to our fantastic choir who performed at the Guildhall in Celebrate Voices. They sang beautifully again and Mrs Aylett, Miss Crook and I were very proud. Thank you to the parents who gave up time over half term to bring their children along and to those who stayed and enjoyed the amazing young singers that Salisbury has.



Our '500 words' writing competition closes on Friday 10th November.

Entries can be written as a paper copy and given to class teachers, or emailed electronically to 500@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

The 500 words website has lots more information about the competition, and with your permission, their writing entry for school can also be entered into the national competition. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

The stories will be judged by the staff, and we will award prizes for EYFS/KS1 winners and runners up, and KS2 winners and runners up.

Prizes will be awarded in Smiley Face Celebrations on Friday 24th November 2023

We look forward to seeing some fantastic writing and reading your incredible stories.
Good luck and happy writing!

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to our first Parents' Evening of the school year on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November 2023**. These 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. All appointments have been e-mailed out. If you have not made an appointment yet please contact the school office.

Clubs this term

Due to Parents' evening being in week 2 this 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.

Please note **Multi Sports Club on Thursdays** will run every week of term from Thursday 2nd November 2023 – Thursday 14th December 2023.

Poppy Appeal

The school has a collection tin for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available to children and parents at the gate before school and after school. We do ask that children make at least a 20p donation. We also have some other items for sale – badges, wrist bands etc. We ask for a donation of at least 50p for these items. The school will mark Remembrance with a moment of silence and reflection at 11am on Friday 10th November.



Bags2School

Please bring any bags of clothes to school Wednesday 8th November in the morning before school. Leave them just inside the small gate. The bags are being picked up that day and this will help us to do the minimum of carrying and moving!

Please see FOSS newsletter for more information.

School Disco – Friday 10th November 2023

The Foss will be holding the first school disco of the year on Friday 10th November 2023. Tickets go on sale next week – Monday 6th November 2023.

Please note this event is for children from our school only. Pre-school siblings are very welcome if parents stay as well!

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Disco 6:00pm – 7:00pm (Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit via the front door onto the small playground.)

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Disco 7:00pm – 8:00pm (Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit by the same door.)

Parents are very welcome to stay at the EYFS/ KS1 Disco and we always need help for the second session if you can stay for that. KS1 children must not stay for the KS2 disco, without the permission of myself (and only in very special circumstances).

Please buy your tickets before Friday so we can plan for the event. Tickets will be on sale at the school gate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning before school and after school.

ALL TICKETS ARE £1 and include a drink in the price. Cakes and drinks are also on sale during the evening. ANY DONATIONS OF CAKES GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, please bring to the school office on the day of the disco. Prices for cakes range from 10p-20p at the disco.

CHILDREN IN NEED: Friday 17th November 2023



A bucket by the gate will be in waiting for any donations you may wish to make. You can also make a donation on Parent Pay as from tomorrow.

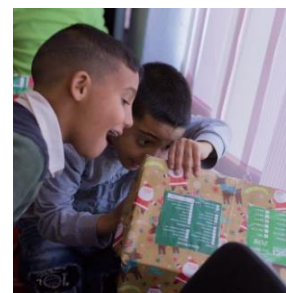
Children may come to school in non-uniform or uniform if they prefer! Please ensure that all clothes and shoes are safe to run a round in and that the usual rules on hair and jewellery are followed. Many thanks.



Christmas Box Appeal 2023

Please collect your wrapped shoe boxes from the glasshouse this week. 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

Please help the FOSS prepare for the Christmas Bazaar...

The FOSS Christmas Bazaar will be held at school on Friday 8th December. This is always a fantastic event that launches Christmas at school. I am hoping we can all work together to make this years the best ever. All proceeds from the Bazaar go towards enhancing the learning experiences and opportunities for your children.

Please see the FOSS newsletter for more information.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins