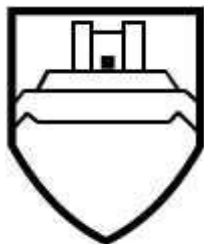


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC  
Primary School  
Newsletter

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Life in all its fullness  
John 10:10

## Happy New Year!

I never know when it is the right time to stop saying Happy New Year, but as I haven't seen all of you as yet I will say it now for the last time! I do hope you had a lovely Christmas and were able to keep healthy throughout the break. The Spring term (I know it doesn't feel much like spring at the moment!) is a short one and there is lots of learning to be done.

### What is my child learning this term?

Please have a look at our class pages on the school website. The teachers have worked hard to update these ready for this term. You can find out what your child will be learning, this term, and see learning from last term. You will find the class pages under the Learning tab.

### PE

PE lessons continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. When the weather is very cold, the younger pupils will have their lessons inside, however the older pupils will continue to have lessons outside. Please make sure they have enough layers on to keep them warm while doing PE. A change of socks and shoes may be a good idea if they are doing PE on the field and it is wet.

### School Meals

The governors are exploring several cost cutting ideas in attempt to make the school budget balance. Whilst we really value our school kitchen and cooking hot dinners on site at Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School, the cost of keeping the kitchen going and it remaining viable is in the balance. We really need to increase the number of paid meals in Key Stage 2 to make it viable. At present, we are making a loss on school meals and the upkeep of our kitchen.

As part of our explorations we are trialling having meals cooked at another site and brought in to us. This trial will happen next week and the week after, weeks beginning 22.01.24 and 29.01.24. The meals will be cooked and delivered to our kitchen just before serving. The menu will be unchanged and if your child is on a special diet menu, it will remain the same. We will need to let the school know how many meals we would like by 09.30. If your child arrives at school later than this and you would like a school dinner please ensure Mrs Munt knows before 09.30. I would be very interested in your views, along with those of the children, after the trial. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

### Parking

I do understand how difficult it was to park last week, with the Reading Rooms car park being flooded however please can I remind you not to park on the double yellow lines around school. It has been brought to my attention that people, especially when

collecting at the end of the day, are parking on the double yellow lines at the corner of Mill Lane on both sides. We have many children who walk home on their own this way and it is dangerous if they cannot see around the corner to cross. There are also people parking in the bus stop and even on the zig-zags outside school. Please help us all keep our children safe by parking sensibly. I would rather your child was slightly late or you were when collecting than someone getting hurt or an accident happening.

### **SNOW PROCEDURES**

I am hoping we will not need this but if the weather turns snowy, overnight, we will send a text out and put information on the school web site.

**We only send a message to say when we are closed... not to say we are open!**

I endeavour to make a decision as early as possible, because we have so many staff members who have long distances to travel and you need to make arrangements too! Please do bear in mind, that we will do our utmost to keep the school open during the winter but a school without teachers is not much good and we also need to be able to feed most of the school! The other major factor is that we do not have a caretaker, so the snow clearing has to be completed by myself and willing volunteers. This also relies on me being able to get to school!

Best wishes

Justine Watkins