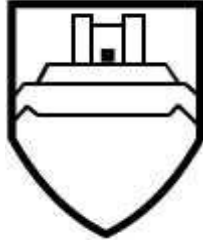


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

School Meals

Thank you to those who have completed the online form regarding school meals. I am collating the responses and will share with the governors and our catering company HC3S. This will help us to make a decision about the future of school meals.

School meals return to normal from next week, being cooked at school everyday.

Book Sale

Schools Council will be holding a book sale all next week at playtimes. This is to raise money for their nominated charity for the year - 'The Stars Appeal'. Schools Council have visited every classroom and library and sorted out the books so we can make room for new ones. They will sell these for 10p each. Children may bring in money any day next week to go and buy some books.

Thank you to Mrs Waters for helping Schools Council to organise this.

Speed limit outside school

Thank you to all those who have reported that our flashing lights on the 20mph signs are not working. We believe water has caused these to stop working following the rain we had last month and have report this to the council. Please can I remind all of you that the speed limit is 20mph outside school. The Salisbury Police Neighbourhood Patrol Team are currently visiting all schools to talk to parents regarding parking and speed and any other issues. We have been informed we are on the list for February, so they will be visiting soon. If there is anything you wish to raise please talk to them.

A chance to find out how your child is getting on...

The 'Open Door' afternoons will take place on **Wednesday 21st February 2024 and Thursday 22nd February 2024 after school until 16:00.**

These afternoons provide a chance for families to come into school to see the classrooms and look at their child's books as our next **Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March will be online.**

If possible, please could families with surname **A-L come on WEDNESDAY 21st February** and families **M-Z come on THURSDAY 22nd February.**

For safety...

- Please wait on the large or small playground and enter the school when invited to by a member of staff
- Use the same doors as used by the children to enter and exit the classrooms in the mornings etc!
- DO NOT enter the toilets used by children
- DO NOT ENTER THE NEST (next to Woodpecker class as Night Owls are in there!)

If you are unable to come straight after school please arrive at any time after that... but before 16:00!

ONLINE PARENTS EVENINGS –

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH AND THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

Parents' evening with your child's teacher will take place on Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March (15:20 – 18:00). These will be held online using **Microsoft Teams** (please make sure you have this software downloaded onto a mobile, tablet or laptop). We understand that online is easy for many parents but if you do have an issue with this please contact us and we will arrange a phone call instead.

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 Friday 9th February. Your allocated appointment times will be emailed out to you via Parent Mail with a link to the meeting. Please click on the link just before your appointment time.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GGmqREsSBp>

Spelling

Thank you to those who attended the spelling showcase session, feedback was very positive and I hope it has helped with how to support your child at home with spelling.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Spelling workshop due to lack of interest for that date. Miss Smith is now going to hold this workshop on **Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 5.30pm** in the school hall. I hope that this will give more time to arrange childcare etc. This is a great opportunity for parents of children in Year 2 - 6 to find out how our new spelling programme works and how you can help your child at home with spelling.



Maths Games Workshop for Parents of Year 2 - 6

Miss Crook is going to join Miss Smith on the same date, **Wednesday 13th March**, and hold a maths games workshop after the spelling workshop.

This is an opportunity for **parents of Year 2 to 6** to find out how they can support your child, at home, with learning and securing numbers facts and times tables through maths games. We use maths games in school and the children really enjoy them, I'm sure parents will too!

If you would like to sign up for these workshop sessions please write your name on the clipboard at the gate.



Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February 2024

Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world each year. The aim of Safer Internet Day is to **inspire a national conversation** about using technology safely, responsibly and positively.

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day's theme is '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

Safer Internet Day will focus on change online, this includes covering, at an age appropriate level:

- Our children's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

In an ever changing world where technology and the internet is key, it is important that we all work together to support children with how to stay safe online. For more information please look at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

Also please see our Online safe update at the end of this letter.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

We shall be celebrating World Book Day in school on **Friday 8th March**. This is a day later due to everyone having PE on Thursday!

This year's dress-up theme is...



We would like you to dress up using a 'factual' theme. For example, you could dress up as a plant, an astronaut, your favourite historical figure, or even an aeroplane! Bring in your favourite fact books to share on the day, and let's celebrate how much we can learn from a book.

If this is not your kind of thing, please do not feel pressurised into having to join in! If you don't like dressing up then don't! Wear your uniform.

We will be holding a competition to design and make a scene from a book in a box (a shoe box, a cereal box or something similar. For example.....





Please bring these in on Friday 8th March and we will announce the winners and award prizes in Smiley Face Celebrations the following week, 15.03.23. There will be a winner from each class.

Y6 SATS Parent Workshop – reminder

On Wednesday 7th February at 18:00, Miss Crook and Mrs Wilson will hold a parent workshop about the Y6 SATS over Teams. An email, with a link, has been sent to Year 6 parents .

Online Safety Update

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.



How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the day released 02.02.2024.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins

