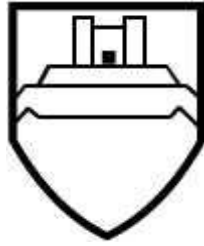


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC  
Primary School  
Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



Life in all its fullness  
John 10:10



### The Bridge Chaplain for Stratford School

My name is Katie Ollivierre and I am delighted to be joining the team at Stratford-sub-Castle school as your Bridge Chaplain. This means I'm here to love and support the whole school community, and as we get to know each other, it will become clearer how I can best do that. I will be in school every Wednesday.

Some of you might already recognise me from my previous job as Families and Children's Lead at St Francis. I have also been part of the Stratford family for a long time, as all 3 of my children came here, Seb, Sophie and Nell. I have also volunteered here for many years with after school clubs, prayer space and the amazing job of listening to Butterfly class read.

I work for The Bridge Youth Project who are a Christian charity involved with many schools in the Salisbury area. We want to share Faith, Hope and Love wherever we go. Our role as Chaplain is to help support the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of each school. To build relationships and to love the children for who they are, encouraging and building them up.

My prayer is that every person involved with this school can see themselves as the unique, worthy, wonderful human being they are. To know that they are valued and loved, and to show them that they each have something to offer their community and the wider world.

**I will be holding a coffee morning, at the Tompkins Room (behind the reading Rooms) next Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, from 09.00 until 10.00. Please come along, meet me and enjoy tea, coffee and cake!**

I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone, so please come and say hello to me. I'll try and be at the school gate every Wednesday - and will definitely remember my umbrella!

### Year 1 Phonics Showcase lesson

Miss Smith is holding a Phonics Showcase lesson **on Wednesday 13th March, 09.00 - 09.45.**

Parents of Year 1 children (both in Butterfly and Owl Classes) are invited to come along and watch the phonics lesson so you can see how it is taught. This will help you be able to support your child at home when reading.

If you would like to come along please email [admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk) with Year 1 Phonics Showcase in the subject box.

## ONLINE PARENTS EVENINGS –

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AND THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

Thank you to all who have completed the online form for Parents Evening. The link for your meeting will be e-mailed to you by the end of next week. If your child's name is not on the list and you would like an appointment please e-mail or call Mrs Munt in the office and she can book one for you.

**Please note there will be no Computing Club on Thursday as Miss Smith will be involved in Parents Evening.**

### Parent workshops – Spelling and Maths Games Year 2 - 6

Miss Smith and Miss Crook are holding a workshop to help parents support their children at home. This is being held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at **5.30pm** in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to find out about how we teach spelling and maths in school and how to help your child. If you would like to sign up for these workshop sessions please e-mail [admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk) with Parent Workshop in the message box.



### Children's Mental Health Awareness Week – w/b Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

During the week, we will be recognising Children's Mental Health. The children will be carrying out age appropriate activities in their classes. These will help them recognise and understand what mental health concerns are and to learn strategies to be able to deal with these. This will support the learning the children do in our PSHE curriculum throughout the school year. If you are interested in finding out more please look at the school website under the Emotional Wellbeing tab.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, each class will have an Emergency Awareness Training session delivered by Wiltshire Air Ambulance. This is an interactive training session for children at primary schools, which delivers a range of lifesaving skills. The content is age appropriate with the sessions lasting between 30 and 90 minutes. All children, who take part, will receive a certificate of attendance. The content for each year group is as follows:

Butterfly Class	Making a 999 call/How to get help when someone is unwell
Owl Class	Making a 999 call and Recovery Position
Robin Class	Making a 999 call, Recovery Position and CPR
Woodpecker Class	Making a 999 call, Recovery Position, CPR, AED use and Choking
Fox Class	Making a 999 call, Recovery Position, CPR, AED use, Choking and Bleeding

Thank you to Mrs Waters, our PSHE and Mental Health Lead, for organising this.

## World Book Day at Stratford – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

Your child will bring home a World Book Day voucher on this day. The voucher can be used until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

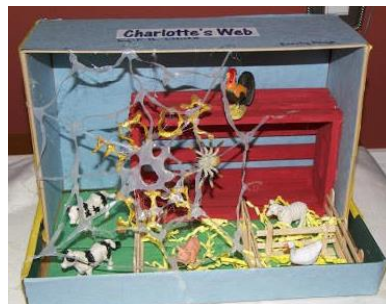
This year's dress-up theme is...



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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **A Few reminders**

Children are allowed to bring a snack and water bottle into school, children can refill their bottles throughout the day from the taps. Water bottles should have a sports cap and be filled with water. This means they do not spill when knocked over and do not make everything sticky. We allow the children to drink throughout the day whenever they are thirsty. Bottles with screw tops are not suitable.

**Please do not provide your child with nuts for their snack or packed lunch as we do have children with nut allergies.**

**Also because we have so many children, with allergies and dietary needs we are unable to allow birthday cakes or sweets in school to give to others.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME EVERYTHING**, especially plastic snack boxes, coats and sweatshirts. We have so much lost property that is never claimed!

### **Teacher Development Days 2024 2025**

<b><u>Teacher Training Days 2024/2025</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>Teacher Development Day 1</b>	<b>Monday 02.09.24</b>
<b>Teacher Development Day 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 03.09.24</b>
<b>Teacher Development Day 3</b>	<b>Wednesday 23.10.24</b>
<b>Teacher Development Day 4</b>	<b>Monday 06.01.25</b>
<b>Teacher Development Day 5</b>	<b>Monday 02.06.25</b>

Best wishes

*Justine Watkins*

