Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 4th June 2024



Life in all its fullness John 10:10

Welcome back after half term, I hope you all had a good week despite the weather! The next few weeks are going to be extremely busy. I hope they will also be purposeful and fun! It has been lovely to see so many parents/ grandparents at Smiley Face Celebrations recently. We look forward to seeing many more of you in the coming weeks.

Following our community consultation regarding the times of the school day for next academic year, I can now tell you the new times. From September the school day will start at 08.50 and finish at 15.20. That means all children will need to be in school to register at 08.50. The school gates will open at 08.40. I know this gives a shorter window from dropping off and this will be monitored in the first term. Early Birds will continue to run from 08.00 and Night Owls until 17.00. More information about prices will follow later this term. We will continue to run school clubs until 16.00. We have discussed extending these to a later time but the impact on the teachers and their workload would be too much and they do run the clubs voluntarily. I am looking into the possibility of running some more paid for clubs, if anyone has any ideas or contacts for this please let me know.

JUNE SUMMER FAYRE (FRIDAY 28TH JUNE @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm)

Our June Summer Fayre is always a wonderful, fun evening when the whole community comes together. Please remember that all the funds raised by the FOSS – that means YOU (THANK YOU!) - go towards enhancing the experiences of each child in school. Last year we used the money raised to subsize trips, put in the new track and monkey bars. This year we are hoping to get some new ipads and computing equipment along with continuing to subsidize all school trips.

For more information, please see letter from the FOSS attached.

BOTTLE WEEK! MONDAY 10TH JUNE – FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

Traditionally we hold bottle week at the beginning of June, so that we can have a brilliant bottle tombola at the school **June Fayre (Friday 28th June @ 18:00)**. This has proved to be very successful, thanks to some of you having a real competitive streak! This is the second week back after the break so I thought I'd give you some advance warning!

Points System			
=	a bottle of spirit		
=	a bottle of wine/alcohol		
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10 points=a bottle of lemonade/squash, ketchup, shampoo, bubble bath etc.5 points=a bottle of water

This is not an exhaustive list and all your ideas/contributions will be welcomed. If a bottle is not on the list then I reserve the right to categorise it and award points. I am the referee and my decision is final!!! I may give bonus points for the most unusual and interesting bottles.

The class with the most points will be awarded an extra play-time or another prize of their choice which doesn't cost any money and is safe! Due to the Year 5's and 6's being at Braeside most of this week I am extending the time they can bring in bottles to Wednesday 19th June! The winning class will be announced in Smiley Face Celebrations on Friday 21st June.

THERE WILL BE A CRATE FOR EACH CLASS AT THE GATE TO PUT YOUR BOTTLES IN THAT WEEK. MANY THANKS!

SING-UP DAY 2023: WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE @ 1.30 pm (in the school hall)





As you probably know, we like a good sing at Stratford-

sub-castle Primary School! Sing –Up Day provides families

with the chance to come and join in! Mrs Aylett will conduct us in an hour of music and song! Doors to the hall will be open at 1.20pm.

Please let Mrs Munt in the school office know if you wish to attend, with Sing Up in the message box. <u>admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk</u>

SPORTS DAY: TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2024

(Parents, grandparents and families all very welcome)

This is always one of the year's high-lights. I do hope you will be able to join us and cheer all the competitors on. We will be starting as near to **9.20am** as possible and finish at about 11.45am.

Please bring a deck chair if you have one, we have run out of chairs in the past.

Refreshments provided by 'THE FOSS' will be available during the morning.

SAFETY RULES FOR SPORTS DAY

Sit or stand on the side designated for parents- do not approach pupils on their side

- Carry refreshments with care, please do not purchase cakes and drinks for school pupils
- Stay away from the finishing line / zone
- Please do not allow younger siblings to play on the track or equipment
- During the water race please stand as close to the running track as possible

End of year gifts

I have recently been asked about gifts for staff/the school for the end of the school year. Firstly, can I say while gifts are very much appreciated, they are not expected. We do our job because we enjoy it, we love to see the progress your children make – academically, personally and socially, that is enough for us. However, I know that some people like to show their appreciation with gifts and cards. Last year we created an Amazon wish list with books on that we would really like for the school to enhance our library and classroom books. If you would like to gift us one of these instead of giving the staff gifts then we would be very grateful. If you would prefer to do something else then that is entirely up to you. Please find the link to our wish list below.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33OJQIDFGWKJV?ref_=wl_share

Early Birds and Night Owls.

Despite my 'nag' last term, we still had many children who attended Night Owls in the last week who were not booked in. This means we are often understaffed and Miss Crook or myself have to step in and cover. I understand the process is a bit long winded as you have to book your children in and then pay, and cannot do this at the same time, but this is the only system we can afford. Please make sure you book and pay for your child's place in advance. If we are over our safety limit and Miss Crook and I cannot cover then we will have to call you to collect your child, this is something I do not want to have to do.

Numbers for Early Birds and Night Owls are increasing, so you will need book ahead to ensure your child gets a place. Please also make sure you have funds in the relevant account before you make a booking to make sure that debts aren't incurred.

ParentPay bookings cannot be made on the day! (If it is an emergency then Mrs Munt will add your children to the list but this must not be a regular occurrence)

It is also important that your child is booked into Early Birds and Night Owls so they appear on the register and we know in advance who is attending. We will then staff accordingly.

	ee link below for early Birds and Night e on our website.	Owls Booking Instructions. This link	is also	
https://	stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk/parent	-info/early-birds-and-night-owls/		
	TERM 6			
	ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 03.06.24		
	No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	Monday 03.06.24		
	Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)	w/b Monday 03.06.24		
	Phonic Screening (Year 1)	w/b Monday 10.06.24		
	FOSS Bring <u>A</u> Bottle Week	w/b Monday 10.06.24		
	Meeting for Parents of new intake September	Wednesday 12.06.24		
	2024	@18.00 in school hall		
	Induction Session 1: Year R September 2024	Wednesday 19.06.24		
	Sports Day Practice	Thursday 27.06.24		
	Induction Session 2: Year R September 2024	Wednesday 26.06.24		
	Non-Uniform Day for June Fayre	Friday 28.06.24		
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	Sports Day	Tuesday 02.07.24		
	Induction Session 3: Year R September 2024	Wednesday 03.07.24		
	Annual Reports to Parents	w/b 08.07.24		
	Reserve Sports Day	Tuesday 09.07.24		
	Fox Class Show to their families.	Wednesday 10.07.24		
	No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 15.07.24		
	Family Open Evening – Parents and	Wednesday 17.07.24		
	grandparents welcome.	@ 15:30 - 18:00		
	Whole School end of year topic day	Tuesday 23.07.24		
	Leavers' Service in St Lawrence Church	Wednesday 24.07.24 @ 13:15		
	BREAK FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Wednesday 24.07.24		
	NO NIGHT OWLS AFTER SCHOOL.	@15.00		





Best wishes

Justine Watkins