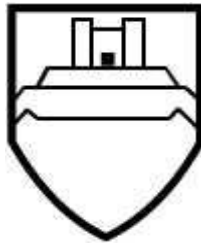


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Monday 8th July 2024



Life in all its
fullness
John 10:10

The end of term is fast approaching, I cannot believe we only have twelve whole school days left of this academic year! There is still a lot to do and look forward to including Fox Class Show, our 'bump up' morning where the children get to spend time in their new class ready for September and a whole school topic day. Our last day is Wednesday 24th July and we finish at the normal time of 3pm. Please note there is no Night Owls on this day.

Thanks yous!

Thank you to all who came to the June Fayre. The event raised a fantastic £ 2,984.81, which is an awesome effort and a new record! This money will go towards providing transport for all our school educational visits, some new sports kit and new computing equipment. More importantly, it was a lovely community event and it was great to see grandparents, parents and pupils, former parents and pupils, governors and staff all mixing together and having fun in the sunshine.

Thank you to everyone who helped to set up, manned the stalls and tidied up at the end, without you the Fayre would not have been the successful event it was.

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, donated prizes, ponies and bouncy castles, your support is very much appreciated.

GO..... TEAM STRATFORD!

Thank you to all who were able to make it to Sports' Day. It was so lovely to see so much family support for individual children and also the school. Many thanks also to the FOSS for providing refreshments and to all the staff who helped to make the vital preparations, especially Mrs Watson and Miss Wozniak who worked very hard before and on the day! Congratulations to all our winners and to everyone who took part. A very special thank you to the Y6 pupils, who helped to set up the races. Another proud head teacher moment!!



Other end of term/year news

Annual Reports and Parents' Open Evening Wednesday 17th July 2024

Your child's end of year report and results (if appropriate) will be coming home this week. If you think there are any errors, don't understand anything or we have left anything out please do speak with myself or your child's class teacher and we will rectify the situation or try and explain the report to you.

You will have chance to discuss this report with your child's class teacher on Wednesday 17th July. Please note the evening runs from 3:10pm – 6:00pm.

If you wish to talk to your child's teacher or say hello to their new teacher (if they have one) then the staff will be there to see you. We work on an informal sign up idea for this evening, simply write up your name up on the white board in the classroom on that evening and 'chats' will happen on a first come, first served basis. Please do come and feel free to wander around the school and visit all the classrooms should you so wish! **Each class will have a white board where you can write up your name if you wish to speak with the class teacher.**

Old books will be sent home before the parents' open evening and current books will be rolled over into next year.

Please see the schools statutory test data compared with the national data (2023) from this academic year, on the school website from Monday 22nd July 2024.

Bump Up morning – Thursday 11th July 2024

This Thursday the children will spend time in their new class with their teacher. As a small school with mixed classes and split year groups, classes never stay the same year on year. However, we take time over talking about each individual child and where they would be best placed in our school. We all want happy children as happy children learn. Between Miss Crook and I, we have over 40 years' experience at Stratford and organising the classes. We also involve all the class teachers as they know their children the best. Please trust us on our decisions as we want the best for your children within our structure. More information will be on the new classes letter which will be emailed out tomorrow.

CLUBS

The last week of **all clubs** is week beginning 08.07.24. This includes the Multi sports club for KS2 which is paid for by parents.

Early Birds and Night Owls will continue to run until the end of term.

Please note Early Birds will be available on the last day of term, Wednesday 24th July but there will not be Night Owls that day.

Early Birds and Night Owls Change

The cost of Early Birds and Night Owls has stayed the same for many years. We do not make a profit from the sessions as they are designed to support working families with childcare. However, the rising cost of energy and pay increases for support staff have resulted not covering costs on this provision. Therefore, I have had to make the very difficult decision to increase the cost for sessions. I do appreciate we are still in a cost of living crisis and this may have impact on families but I need to cover the cost so we can continue to provide the service.

From September sessions and costs will be as follows:

Early Birds (08.00 – 08.40) £5

Night Owls

Afternoon session (15.20 – 16.00) £5

After school session (16.00 – 17.00) £7.50

Combined session (15.20 – 17.00) £12.00

P.E. next year

Next week will be our final PE sessions of the year. Due to the current difficulties with school funding, we have had to make the difficult decision to change our PE/Sports provider from next year. This means Miss Wozniak will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. She will continue to run the holiday club this summer. I would like to say this decision is in no way a reflection of Miss Wozniak but comes down to funding.

I would like to thank Miss Wozniak for all her hard work and enthusiasm with the children and, also, for her training of the staff so that we can also teach high quality PE sessions. I would also like to thank her for delivering our after-school clubs and helping introduce the holiday club multi-sports days. She will always be part of Team Stratford.

Our new Sports coaching company will be Astrella. This is a local company who work in many of the primary schools in Salisbury. I have met with Jody Rivers, who is local to the area and the director of Astrella, and believe that they can offer continued high quality PE lessons, CPD for staff and also mentoring for some of our children. Jody and his team come highly recommended from many of the headteachers in the area.

If you are interested in finding out more about Astrella, please see their website.

[Home | Astrella Academy of Football \(astrellacoaching.co.uk\)](http://astrellacoaching.co.uk)

I have not confirmed PE days with Astrella for next year as yet but will let you know as soon as I do.

Whole School Topic Day – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

We are having a whole school topic day based around the theme of 'Keeping fit and looking after our body and mind. Children may come into school in their PE kit on this day.

End of year gifts (from previous newsletter)

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

Last Smiley Face Celebrations – Friday 19th July 2024

The last Smiley Face Celebrations of the school year will be held at 14.20 in the school hall. Gate opens at 14.10.

Leavers' Service – Wednesday 24th July 2024

We finish the school year on Wednesday 24th July. This is marked with our Leavers' service in the Church at 13.30. Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to join us. Children from Robin and Woodpecker Class will also attend the service. All children should wear their proper uniform so we can go to the Leavers' Service looking smart on the last day.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins

