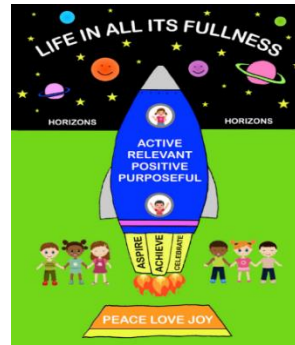


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter



Wednesday 6th November 2024

Life in all its fullness John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is

Trust

'My God is my strength in whom I trust'

Psalm 18.2



I hope you all had a lovely half term break. This term can be a tricky one for some with shorter days and darker mornings and evenings. There is a lot of exciting events happening later in the term so we all have something to look forward too.

At the end of last term, the teachers and I reviewed the new timings of the day and have decided that we will continue with these times. It has had a positive impact on the children's learning and means we are now compliant with the governments expectation of a school day being 32.5 hours a week.

I would like to welcome Natalie Wells to our team as a teaching assistant. From Monday 25th November, Mrs Wells will be working in Owl Class on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Barlow will be in there on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The children already know Mrs Wells from the school kitchen so I'm sure the transtion will be a smooth one.

Special Educational Needs Coorinator – SENDCO

As many of you know I have been SENDCo at the school for a long time. It is a position I take very seriously and have enjoyed immensely over the years. However, juggling this with being Headteacher has been a challenge and it is time to hand over the reins!

Mrs Jodie Waters (Butterfly Class teacher) will be taking over the role as SENDCo. She will work alongside me for the rest of this academic year so we have a smooth transition. Mrs Waters is a very experienced teacher and had lots of experience supporting children wth SEND, working with and supporting parents and liasing with outside agencies. I have no doubt that she will be a brillaint SENDCo and I'm handing over to a safe pair of hands.

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to our first Parents' Evening of the school year on **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November 2024**. These will be held in the school hall where the teachers will all be stationed to talk with you. Your child's classroom will be available for you to see any books they have and look at the displays around the room. **Fox Class will be open after 4:00pm as choir will take place in their classroom until then. If you have an appointment with Mrs Wilson before then we will make sure your child's books are in the hall for you to look at.**

We encourage children to come along too, especially the older children so they can be involved in the conversation about their learning with their teacher.

Bags2School Collection – Friday 8th November

We will be having another collection for Bags2School on Friday 8th November. If you are having a sort out please save your items and **bring them to school in a black bag on the morning of Friday 8th November** and put in the gated area at the front of school. The bags are being picked up that day and this will help us to do the minimum of carrying and moving! For each kilo of items collected we will receive a cash amount towards FOSS funds.

Bags2School...

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing ✓
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties
- Jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts
- Household linen, curtains and towels
- Soft toys

Bags2School...

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Christmas Box Appeal 2024

A parent, Susie Cooke, has kindly wrapped some boxes for anyone who wishes to use one. These will be stored in the glasshouse sometime this week so please look out for them.



You can also use your own wrapped shoe box. Leaflets will be available in a blue box on the gate explaining how to fill the box. We do appreciate that times are tricky now, so if you are unable to fill a whole box perhaps you could team-up with someone else and do a box together.

Please return all boxes to school by Thursday 21st November 2024

CHILDREN IN NEED: Friday 15th November 2024



There will be a bucket by the gate for any donations you may wish to make. You can also make a donation on Parent Pay the week beginning 11th November. Children may come to school in non-uniform, spotty clothes or uniform if they prefer for a donation. Please ensure that all clothes and shoes are safe to run a round in and that the usual rules on hair and jewellery are followed. Many thanks.

Year 1 Phonics Showcase session

Thursday 21st November

Miss Smith will be leading a phonics showcase lesson for parents of Year 1 children on Thursday 21st November from 09.00 – 09.45. You 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 with **Year 1 Phonics Showcase** in the subject box.

Year 2 Spelling Showcase session

Tuesday 26th November

Miss Smith will be leading a spelling showcase lesson for parents of Year 2 children on Tuesday 26th November from 09.00 – 09.45. You are invited to come along and watch the spelling lesson so you can see how we teach spelling in school and how this builds on from the phonics your child has already learnt. This will help you be able to support your child at home with writing.

If you would like to come along please email admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk with **Year 12 Spelling Showcase** in the subject box.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins

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TERM 2

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 04.11.24
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 04.11.24
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 11.11.24
Parents' Evenings (In person)	Wednesday 13.11.24 Thursday 14.11.24
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 09.12.24
Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall	Tuesday 10.12.24
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Butterfly Class)	Wednesday 11. 12.24 @ 09.30
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Owl Class)	Thursday 12.12.24 @ 09.30
Christmas Bazaar (FOSS)	Friday 13.12.24
School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Wednesday 18.12.24 @14.15

No Night Owls on Friday 20th December 2024

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TERM 3

EVENT	DATE
Teacher Development Day 4	Monday 06.01.25
No before/after school clubs <u>except</u> Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 07.01.25
After school clubs commence	w/b Monday 13.01.25
Primary School Deadline for EYFS September 2025/ 2026 (www.wiltshire.gov.uk)	Wednesday 15.01.25
Y6 Parent Workshop – Year 6 SATS TEAMS meeting.	
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 10.02.25
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 14.02.25

TERM 4

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 24.02.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 24.02.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 03.03.25
National Offer Day: SECONDARY	Monday 03.03.25
Open Door afternoon. Come and look round the school and see displays, books and classrooms!	Tuesday 25.02.25 Thursday 27.02.25
Parents' Evenings (Online)	Wednesday 05.03.25 Thursday 06.03.25
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 31.03.25
School Easter Service in St. Lawrence Church: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Friday 04.04.25 @14.15

No Night Owls on Friday 4th April 2025

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TERM 5

EVENT	DATE
National Offer Day : PRIMARY	Wednesday 16.04.25
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 22.04.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b Tuesday 22.04.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 28.04.25
Key Stage 2 SATs Week/Assessment Week.	w/b Monday 12.05.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b 19.05.25
Class Photographs	Wednesday 21.05.25
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 23.05.25

TERM 6

Teacher Development Day 5	Monday 02.06.25
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 03.06.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 03.06.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 09.06.25
Meeting for Parents of new intake September 2025	Wednesday 18.06.25
Induction Session 1: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 25.06.25
June Fayre	Friday 27.06.25
Induction Session 2: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 02.07.25
Induction Session 3: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 09.07.25
Sports day	Thursday 03.07.25
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 10.07.25
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 14/07/25
Family Open Evening – all welcome	Thursday 17.07.25
Leavers' Service in St Lawrence Church	Thursday 24.07.25 @ 13.30
No Night Owls on Thursday 24th July 2025	

Academic year 2025 2026

Year 6 Braeside residential Wednesday 24th September – Friday 26th September 2025

More details to follow this term