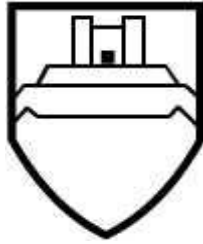


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025



Life in all its
fullness
John 10:10

Our theme for assembly this term is

Justice

Learn to do right. Seek justice.

Isaiah 1.17



Thank you to all those who came along on our open afternoons, it was lovely to see the children proudly showing off their books and classrooms. Thank you to those who attended Parents Evening as well.

This week has been lovely with all the sunshine, we even managed to get on the field at lunchtime today! This week has been book week and each class has been focusing on a particular book. Please ask your children what book they have been using. We have celebrated World Book Day today in style. I was greeted at the gates this morning by 2 dinosaurs (prehistoric and scary) and a shark (scary and frightening)! there have been some very imaginative and creative ideas for dressing up including caring, energetic, brainy, tasty and floral! It certainly has got us talking about different adjectives. Well done to everyone!

Down Syndrome Day - Friday 21st March

Lots of socks



World Down Syndrome Day is on 21 March every year. It is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The goal is to help people understand and support those with Down Syndrome better.

The date the 21st day of the 3rd month was chosen to represent the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

At Stratford we are very fortunate to have children and families as part of our community who have Down Syndrome. We do our very best to offer them all the support they need to be fully included in our school and our community. Unfortunately, this is not the same for every person who has Down Syndrome.

To raise awareness of Down Syndrome and support the need for inclusion for children and adults with all disabilities we will join in the Lots of Socks Day on Friday 21st March.

This is a chance to wear different socks – odd socks, colorful socks, long socks or any other socks you have! We will hold a best socks competition in each class.

We will have a bucket outside school for children to put a donation in for wearing their different socks.

For more information <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks-campaign>

Mastering Number and Times Tables Showcase session **Woodpecker Class and Robin Class**

Mrs Rudman will be leading a showcase lesson for parents of **Woodpecker Class** children on **Monday 24th March @ 08:55**.

Miss Crook will be leading a showcase lesson for parents of **Robin Class** children on **Friday 28th March @ 08:55**.

You are invited to come along and watch the lesson so you can see how we teach number bonds and times tables. This will help you be able to support your child at home with maths.

If you would like to come along, please email admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk with either Woodpecker Class Maths Showcase or Robin Class Maths Showcase in the subject box.

Bags2School Collection – Wednesday 26th March

We will be having another collection for Bags2School on Wednesday 26th March. It is the perfect time for some spring cleaning! So if you are having a sort out please save your items and **bring them to school in a black bag on the morning of Wednesday 26th March** 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 fund. Thank you!

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

School Disco: Friday 28th March

Please note this event is for children from our school only.

(Pre-school siblings are very welcome if parents stay as well!)

Parents are very welcome to stay at the EYFS/ KS1 Disco and we always need help for the second session if you can stay for that. KS1 children must not stay for the KS2 disco, without the permission of myself (and only in very special circumstances).

Please buy your tickets before Friday so we can plan for the event. Tickets will be on sale on the school gate week beginning Monday 24th March.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Disco 6:00pm – 7:00pm (Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit via the front door onto the small playground.)

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Disco 7:00pm – 8:00pm (Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit by the same door.)

ALL TICKETS ARE £1 and include a drink in the price. Cakes and drinks are also on sale during the evening.

ANY DONATIONS OF CAKES GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, please bring to the school office on the day of the disco. Prices for cakes range from 10p-20p at the disco.

Breakfast Church Logo

St Lawrence has an amazing service that meets once a month on a 4th Sunday of a month. This service currently takes place in the Reading Room but is looking to move into the school hall. In the service children and adults have breakfast together, read a bible story and do a creative activity linked to the story. It usually lasts about an hour from 10:00. Anyone is welcome to come along.

The service has recently changed it's name to Breakfast Church and Reverend Suzie is running a competition to design a new logo. The logo needs to have the name of the church, St Lawrence, on it somewhere and the service, Breakfast Church along with a picture.

If you would like to enter, please submit your design on an A4 piece of paper to Mrs Munt in the school office by Monday 31st March. If you need paper for the design, please ask Mrs Watkins.

The winner will win a prize and will be announced before the Easter break.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Early Birds and Night Owls is a reading and homework support service led by Miss Hardiman before and after school. The sessions are very popular with our pupils.

Information on how to make bookings for Early Birds and Night Owls can be found on the school website in the Parents tab: www.stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

Please note:

- Early Birds: available from 8am. Please note this is not a breakfast club and children will need to have had breakfast before arriving at school.
- Night Owls: available from after school until 5pm. Please note that children staying will need a snack and drink for after school. Legally we are not able to have the children on site beyond 5pm. If children are picked up from a session more than five minutes late then an extra half hour may be charged.

If a child is booked into a session but does not attend (e.g. due to illness) we are unable to provide refunds or move the session to another day as we still have to pay the staff. Obviously, we will look at cases of long-term illness on an individual basis!

Please make sure you hand over your child to an adult at Early Birds, especially for the younger children. We need to know they are there and safe and not wandering around the school site.

There will be NO Night Owls on the last day of this term Friday 4th April.

Kindest regards

Justine Watkins

TERM 4	
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 24.02.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 24.02.25
Open Door afternoon. Come and look round the school and see displays, books and classrooms!	Tuesday 25.02.25 Thursday 27.02.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 03.03.25
National Offer Day: SECONDARY	Monday 03.03.25
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 4 th 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 24 th July 2025	