



Life in all its fullness

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Dear All,

We have had a pleasing start to the school term. The children are happy, settled and independent! They have been truly fantastic. It has been lovely getting to know you too, during our brief chats at home time.

Firstly, I would like to thank YOU, for trusting us with your precious children, for being incredibly brave and preparing your children so well for school life. You have helped them get off to the best start.

I would also like to have an informal chat with you to answer any questions, wonderings or concerns. I can answer questions about settling in, friendships, lunchtime and learning or anything you feel is important. Remember, there is no such thing as a silly question!

I am planning to call you in the morning on the following dates. If this is not suitable, please let me know and I will fit you in with another group or alternative date/time. The groups are as follows:

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October (PM)	Surname A-H
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October (AM)	Surnames I-P
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October (PM)	Surname Q-Z

Following this, on the weekend of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, I will send home the children’s Learning Journey book for you to see and enjoy with them. **Please, please, please ensure they are safely returned, after the weekend, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

On the following page, I’ve put together some frequently asked questions which I hope will reassure you of any concerns.

I am really looking forward to chatting to you and getting to know you better, but if there is anything that comes up before I contact you, please do call the school office, email, write a note or catch me at home time. My door is always open (just not in the normal way!)

Kindest regards

**Jodie Waters (Butterfly Class Teacher)**

**Welcome & Information Evening for New/Interested Parents (Support with learning and an explanation of some of the vocabulary we use)**

In the interests of good communication we are holding a “**Welcome /Question and Answer Session for New Parents**” on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm- 7pm** in the school hall. At this session, we will go through routines, support you to support your child’s learning and basically answer any questions may have now that we are all getting into the swing of things!

**To minimise the risk of C-19 transmission please send only one adult per household to the session. Let the school office know if you are attending by either phoning 01722 327227 or by e-mail: admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk**

Thank you!

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Does my child drink at school?

YES! All children are given water with their dinner at lunchtime. Most children also have milk at the morning break as well. They are able to access their water bottle at any point during the school day. Sometimes they are refilled by a teacher, so might not look like they have been drinking! Please ensure they have a bottle for water, they are only allowed squash at lunchtime, not in the classroom. Please ensure their bottle has a sports top and **labelled with their name**.

### Does my child eat their lunch?

Our lunchtime staff keep a close eye on what the children are eating. Obviously, there are meals that they prefer (fish fingers are always a firm favourite!) and some that they will not like quite as much, but it's good to try new things, the meals are genuinely delicious! Sometimes children are so excited to play outside, they are very quick to finish their lunch too and we do keep an eye on this. **Please name lunch boxes**.

### Does my child have enough snack?

The children have a short morning break and will enjoy a snack and milk (if ordered). They only need one snack. Please try and label their snack (even if it's fruit) as they may forget what they brought with them. Children can also bring a second snack for Night Owls if they wish. **Please name plastic pots**.

### How will my child get to Night Owls?

Butterfly Class Teaching Assistant, Miss Hardiman runs the Night Owl after school sessions. She has a list of all the children attending and Miss Hardiman ensures that they know they are staying for Night Owls. She also runs Early Birds in the mornings. Please call or email the school office to book into Early Birds and Night Owls. All the booking forms for the whole year are on the school web- site.

**Does my child have any friends?** During the first few months of school the children begin to develop relationships with adults and children alike. Some find it easier than others. They will have fall ins and fall outs with their friends and this is all perfectly normal. It's hard to realise that other people have rights and feelings too not just you! Please come and talk to me if you have any concerns.

**Remember there will be bumps in the road, but we will get there together! It is important that children know that life doesn't always go smoothly but through talking and listening we can work things out.**

