



Stratford St Mary Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Another school year is about to begin; we would like to welcome all new children and parents to the school and a welcome back to others.

Over the next few weeks, we will correspond further with you about events taking place in the school, but ask that you check the website for dates and events. If you have not already done so, please sign up to our MailChimp Newsletter. You can do this by visiting the school website, clicking on the 'Parents Section' and then 'Letters Home'.

Shared Learning Sessions and Sharing Assemblies

The dates for these *shared learning sessions* are

Wednesday 26th September – 2.40pm – Swans

Thursday 4th October – 2.40pm – Owls

Friday 12th October – 2.40pm – Woodpeckers

Wednesday 17th October – 9.10am – Kingfishers

The dates for the *shared assemblies* are

Thursday 15th November – 2.45pm – Swans

Thursday 22nd November – 2.45pm – Owls

Thursday 29th November – 2.45pm – Woodpeckers

Thursday 6th December – 2.45pm – Kingfishers

If you have any questions about any of the assemblies or shared learning sessions, please speak to myself or one of the teachers.

Other Dates for the Diary

Friday 28th September – McMillan Coffee Morning (Time to be confirmed)

Monday 1st October – School Photographer - Individual Photographs

Wednesday 10th October – Walk to School Day

Monday 15th October – Film Night

Thursday 18th October – 2.30pm – Harvest Assembly

Friday 19th October – Non-Pupil Day

Mon 22nd- Fri 26th October – Half Term Week
Saturday 3rd November – Community Firework Event
Monday 12th November – 3.30pm-7.00pm - Parents Evening
Tuesday 13th November – 3.30pm-5.00pm – Parents Evening
Friday 23rd November – Brightness Day
Tuesday 18th December – Last Day of the Autumn Term.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out by class teachers on a Friday and this will need to be returned, completed, by the following Wednesday. Children will earn counters, which will contribute towards house points for completed homework. For the children, whose homework is not completed or returned on time, they will need to stay in over a break-time and complete the required task/tasks. Teachers will be explaining this to the children and we ask that you support your child in completing the required work. If you have any questions about homework, please speak to your child's teacher or myself. Many thanks.

Clubs

Tuesday – Owls and Swans – Choir towards the O2 concert (Mrs Marshall) *
Wednesday – Owls and Swans – Sports Club (Mr Bassett)
Wednesday – Year 1 & 2 – Drama Club (Miss Kluge)
Thursday Lunch – Year R, 1 & 2 – French Club – separate letter to follow.
Thursday – Year 1 & 2 – Book Club and Activities (Miss Jones)
Thursday – Owls and Swans – Art Club (Mrs B)
Friday – Year 1 & 2 – Sports Club (Premier Sport)

*you can still attend choir even if you do not wish to go the O2 concert.

These clubs run at a cost of £2.50 per child per week (except lunchtime French club) – they start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. ***Please see the website for dates for these clubs.***

Premier Sport are still offering a breakfast club each morning and Mrs Jarrett is offering an after-school club. Both of these sessions are run separately from the school, however, if you would like more details on either of these, please speak to the school office for contact details.

Money sent into school

We ask that where possible, you use Parent Mail for dinner money, clubs, trips etc. If you are sending money into school, please ensure it is in a named, sealed envelope. If you need an envelope, there will be some left at the front office, together with a pen. Very shortly, there will be a letter box in the office, where these envelopes can be deposited. We ask that you do not send any money without an envelope and that they are sent into class with your child or left in the post box.

Reminders

Dinners & Snack

The Universal Free School Dinner and fruit and veg snack is limited to children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Therefore, if your child/children are in Key Stage 2 and you would like them to have a hot dinner, the cost of these are £2.30 per day; you may also wish to send in a healthy snack for them to eat at break-times.

Parking

Please could we ask that when parking, you respect our neighbours' driveways and not park across them even for a short amount of time. Also, if you could refrain from parking on the corners of the driveway leading up to the school as this can cause visibility issues with drivers entering and leaving the car-park. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We will keep you posted on things happening in school through newsletters, Facebook and the website, however, in the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to myself or one of the teachers.

With kind regards

Mrs Karen Bilner
Headteacher

I would like my child

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to attend (please circle)

Tuesday – Owls and Swans – Choir (Mrs Marshall) **6 Weeks** - £15.00

Wednesday – Owls and Swans – Sports Club (Mr Bassett) **6 Weeks** - £15.00

Wednesday – Year 1 & 2 – Drama Club (Miss Kluge) **6 Weeks** - £15.00

Thursday – Year 1 & 2 – Book Club and Activities (Miss Jones) **5 Weeks** - £12.50

Thursday – Owls and Swans - Art Club (Mrs B) **4 Weeks** - £10.00

Friday – Year 1 & 2 – Sports Club (Premier Sport) – **5 weeks** - £12.50

And enclose the correct payment / Parent Mail

Signed