



Stratford St Mary Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a very restful, relaxing and happy holiday.

I am delighted to announce that Miss Kluge was married over the summer break and is now Mrs Thornton. I am sure you will join myself, the staff and governors in wishing her many congratulations.

Please may I remind you that we are a nut-free school and as such would ask that you do not send any nuts or food containing nut products into school. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Over the next few weeks, we will correspond further with you about events taking place in the school, but we ask that you check the website for dates and events which will be updated in the very near future. 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 2nd October – 2.40pm – Swans

Wednesday 9th October – 2.40pm – Owls

Thursday 10th October – 2.40pm – Woodpeckers

Wednesday 16th October – 2.40pm Kingfishers

The dates for the ***shared assemblies*** are

Friday 22nd November – 2.45pm – Swans

Thursday 29th November – 2.45pm – Owls

Friday 6th December – 2.45pm – Woodpeckers

Friday 13th 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 18th October – Non-Pupil Day

Mon 21st - Fri 25th October – Half Term Week

Saturday 2nd November – Community Firework Event

Monday 4th November – 3.30pm-7.00pm - Parents Evening

Tuesday 5th November – 3.30pm-5.00pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 19th 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. 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

Monday – Year 4-6 - Netball Club – Mrs Wyncoll

Monday - Year 2-6 – (Maximum of 10) – Gardening Club – Mrs Martin

Tuesday – Year 3 – 6 – Choir towards the O2 concert - Mrs Marshall *

Wednesday – Year 1 - 3 – Construction Club - Mrs Thornton

Wednesday – Year 4 - 6 – Creative Writing Club - Mrs Edwards

Thursday – Year 1 - 3 – Book Club and Activities (Miss Jones)

Friday – Year 2 - 3 – Tennis Club (Zico) – lunch time 11.45am -12.20pm

*you can still attend choir even if you do not wish to go the O2 concert - this will take place on Friday 24th January.

These clubs run at a cost of £2.50 per child per week (except lunchtime Tennis club £3.50 per session for 5 weeks) – they start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm; please note your child's acceptance and attendance at these clubs is behaviour dependent. ***Please see the website for dates for these clubs.***

If you are sending your child a snack, please could this be limited to a small, healthy item such as a box of raisins or banana.

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. Envelopes can then be posted into the letter box situated in the office. 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)

Monday – Year 4-6 - Netball Club – £15.00

Monday - Year 2-6 (Maximum of 10) – Gardening Club - £15.00

Tuesday – Year 3 – 6 – Choir towards the O2 concert - £15.00

Wednesday – Year 1 - 3 – Construction Club - £15.00

Wednesday – Year 4 - 6 – Creative Writing Club - £15.00

Thursday – Year 1 - 3 – Book Club and Activities - £15.00

Friday – Year 2 - 3 – Tennis Club (Zico) – lunch time 11.45am -12.20pm.

Tennis will run for 5 weeks. Please send cash in a marked envelope for £17.50, if you prefer to write a cheque, please make this payable to Zico Davies.

All clubs start week beginning 9th September and will run for 6 weeks.

And enclose the correct payment / Parent Mail

Signed