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Dear Parents

Homework & Communication

After analysing the feedback from the recent Parent Questionnaire, staff and governors met to decide on an appropriate course of action regarding communication and homework.

Homework

We would like to invite you to a Parent Forum meeting on Monday 6th June at 3.30pm to hear your views and to discuss the subject of homework. Staff will provide 'childcare cover' whilst this meeting takes place.

Communication

Since September we have worked hard to improve the way we communicate with parents and the wider community. There is always room for improvement and we are moving forward with a few changes to ensure that information is communicated consistently. We appreciate that no single method works for everyone and for every situation so we use a combination of the methods below

Newsletter

- The school newsletter is sent out by email every fortnight on a Friday evening.
- If you haven't already, you can subscribe to the newsletter by visiting the *Parents>Letters Home* page on the website and filling in your details. Grandparents, family and friends can also join the list and can unsubscribe at any point by clicking the link at the bottom of the newsletter.
- If you think you have already subscribed but you are not receiving the letter please check your email spam filter settings. The newsletter is always sent from head@stratfordstmaryprimary.co.uk so please whitelist this address.
- The newsletter is an interactive format and can contain photographs, school news, links to forms, videos and other relevant information.
- Dates of forthcoming events are included in the newsletter
- If requested, we will send home a printed copy of the newsletter, although please be aware that the interactive features won't work in print!
- A link to the newsletter will appear on the website in the *Parents>Letters Home* section
<http://www.stratfordstmaryprimary.co.uk/parents/letters-home/>

Letters Home

- Where we write a letter, this will be emailed to you (or a hard copy, where requested, for those of you who do not use an email system)
- When we write a letter that has a reply slip, we will also send out a hard copy. In reception class these are put in the children's book bags. In other years these are given to the children to take home.
- All letters will also appear on the website in the *Parents>Letters Home* section and copies can be downloaded.

Website

- The school website is updated regularly, normally 2-3 times per week during term time.
- A calendar of events is included on the website. Clicking on an event will give you options to save it to your personal calendar on your mobile device or computer.
- News about recent events in school is posted on the website and appear on the home page as well as the news page
- Comments can be posted to the news articles on the website. It is always good to hear you feedback and where appropriate we will respond on the page.

Facebook

- Announcements, news and reminders are posted on the school facebook page several times per week.
- To receive this information in your facebook feed please like our page at www.facebook.com/stratfordstmaryprimary/

If you have any questions regarding communication or homework, please speak to myself or another member of staff.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Bilner
Headteacher