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Reminders: County Music Lessons start next week Letters issued this week: YR ParentPay logins, Y5 Space Centre Trip, Y6 Walking Home Independently Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Meet the Teacher Reception Class 2.45pm Year 2 2.45pm Year 1 2.45pm Year 6 2.45pm Year 3 2,45pm KS1 Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm Football Club 3.30-4.45pm Netball Club 3.30-4.30pm Rock Steady Music Academy Rock Steady Music Academy Choir 3.30-4.30pm Cross Country 3.30-4.30pm Textiles Club 3.30-4.30pm Art Club KS1 3.30-4.30pm **FOSP Welcome Picnic** Art Club KS2 3.30-4.30pm Paddock 3.30-5.00pm

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News from the Headteacher

7th September 2018

Welcome back to the start of another academic year. We hope you all had a super summer holiday and enjoyed the outstanding weather. The children have returned with beaming smiles and look very smart. Thank you for respecting our uniform policy. It was lovely to see everyone again and of course we have welcomed new faces to our Stratford family. On Wednesday our new Reception children started and they have settled in very quickly, they have been exploring the school and getting to know everyone. Welcome to you and all your families we hope you have a long and happy time at Stratford Primary. We also welcomed Josh and Sidney in Year 6 and they too have slotted in well. It is as if they have always been with us.

Mr Moss (Y4 teacher) is now officially a member of staff in our school and is excited about developing music in our school. Just before we broke up we took delivery of a baby grand piano. Thank you to FOSP for purchasing this for us. Mr Moss has loved playing this and we are all singing new songs around school. He has great plans to take us to national choir competitions. We hope many children join choir. It is great fun. We had a summer signing this year. Mr Gardner has joined the team to work as a 1-1 teaching assistant but also teach sports and forest school every afternoon. He has lots of plans and has already been out with Mr Hodgkins strimming and sorting our forest school area. Welcome. Don't forget Miss O'Connell is now Mrs Abernethy. Congratulations on your wedding. Ask the children how to pronounce her new surname. We have practiced.

I know you have all been fascinated with the latest improvements to our school and also very patient whilst the new playground refurbishments were completed. The pop of green in our school is amazing. Yesterday the children were able to use the additions to the KS2 playground for the first time and it was brilliant watching them rolling around on the grass, chatting under the sail and clambering over the stilts. The front of our school has also been rejuvenated with our new performance area which Year 4 have already christened. They were performing poetry and Mrs Abernethy and I were super impressed by their recitations. We are very grateful to Stratford Town Trust for providing us with the funding for this project. It has certainly improved our school no end. We have also had all our boilers replaced and the radiators updated so we will be nice and snug in the winter. There is still some electronic work to go to bring the system into the 21st century hence the reason why the fencing is still in place. But we are confident it will soon be finished and we can move on to the next project. Thank you to Community Academies Trust for our new boilers.

Of course it is not the only area which has been improved. Mr Hodgkins over the past few months has been clearing the front garden and has now laid new turf and has plans to make a peaceful seating area. He has worked incredibly hard and is very proud of his grass. He has been heard talking to it! He is always busy making sure our school looks great and has painted all of the outdoor furniture, Year 2 classroom and created an excellent new bike and scooter storage over the summer holiday and cleaned our school from top to bottom. Thank you Mr Hodgkins we really do appreciate everything you do for our school. We are also grateful to Mrs Chisholm who behind the scenes keeps our office going financially and is constantly dealing with paperwork and many emails. She is a superstar and has worked really hard while we have been on our summer breaks. It is usually the people behind the scenes who are our unsung heroes and I think they deserve a huge cheer.

Finally we have an exciting term ahead of us. Lots going on. Keep looking at our website and check out our twitter feed. If you are not following us yet please do so @stratfordprim we are always putting photos on there. Over the next couple of weeks we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and would love to see you. I hope you all enjoy everything our school has to offer. Keep popping in to see us and share your thoughts and ideas.

Don't forget you can: Start late, start over, be unsure, act different, try and fail and still SUCCEED!

Have a great weekend.



Year 6 House Captain Elections



House Captain elections will be taking place next week.

All children in each house are given the opportunity to vote for their House captain.

Good luck Year 6 with your election preparation this weekend.

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Achievement Certificates

Reception - Millie Rose S Year 1 - Patryk R Year 2 - Reuben B Year 3 - Josephine H Year 4 - Jiya N Year 5 - Jacob C & Charlotte S Year 6 - Tyler M

Mrs Humphriss - Headteacher

This week at Stratford Primary









Stratford Primary School New Starters

ROUNDERS GAME AND WELCOME PICNIC

Bring your own food, drink and blanket. Wednesday 12th September 3.30-5.00pm At the paddock. (opposite school on Chestnut walk)

Meet the new reception kids and their families





Welcome to Stratford Primary Reception Class



Library Books

Please could you check at home for any library books that may have been borrowed over the summer and send them back in to the library. In particular those by David Walliams, The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and the Tom Gates series.

If any parents would like to come and help in the library please can you let the office know as we would like to ensure the whole school are supported in using the library.



Monday 17th September 2.45pm $\,$ - Meet the Teacher Year 4 & 5 $\,$

Tuesday 25th September 7.30pm - FOSP AGM Stratford Primary School

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd October -Parent Consultations

Wednesday 10th October 9.30am - Open Morning

Friday 19th October - FOSP Light & Sparkle Disco

Thursday 25th October - Harvest Festival



Stratford Town Colts calls out for votes to bag a share of Tesco's bag fund

Stratford Town Colts are bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

We have teamed up with Tesco to raise funds to help the Colts pay for the 3G training pitch hire costs over the coming season.

The Tesco bag scheme offers grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000

raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores and we have been shortlisted, along with two other community projects, to receive one of these grants dependent on how many votes we get.

Voting starts on the 1st September and ends on 31st October 2018 in both the Tesco store on the Birmingham Road and the Tesco Express store on the Banbury Road and you can cast your vote using a token given to you at the check-out in store each time you shop.

THE MORE TOKENS WE GET, THE MORE MONEY WE RAISE, SO PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT.

Thank you.