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## WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents-Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all a great summer and enjoyed the lovely weather, though it all seems such a long



time ago already... there's definitely been a feeling of Autumn in the air in the mornings this week. On behalf of all staff can I say 'Thank you' for all the lovely cards and gifts that we received at the end of last term - they are all very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for sending your children back to school looking so smart - long may it last! Hopefully all new uniform is named so that we can reunite lost items with their owners in the future. We are very proud of the super start they've made to this new school year in terms of attitudes and conduct around school.

We extend a special welcome all our new children and their families, whether they are joining us in Reception or at other points across the school. You are joining a school with a rich and special history. Over the summer I came across the school log books and admissions registers dating back to Victorian times and last week I decided to show these to the children in assembly. By sheer coincidence that morning an Australian gentleman called at the school and asked if he could take a photo of the school for his neighbour back in Western Australia. She had told him that she had been to school in Snitterfield back in the 1940s. He wondered if we had any records dating back that far and was amazed when I was able to find the handwritten admissions entry for his neighbour! Way back in 1944! I shared the story with the children in assembly and they were fascinated that someone living at the other side of

the world had been a pupil at their school. What a wonderful building in which to be learning every day.

As you will no doubt have noticed we have a number of new staff - Mr Young joins us in Class 4; he is from Stratford and his interests are Maths, Science, ICT and sport, and you will know that he has taken over Running Club from Mrs Halderthay this week. Mrs Fern has moved as a TA from Class 1 and now supports learning in Key Stage 2. In Class 1 we have 2 new TAs - Miss Pearl and Miss Phillips, who are also covering some lunchtime duties. Miss Lewis re-joins the school to resume teaching Spanish to Key Stage 2 and it is good to have her back. We also have a couple of changes in personnel from Onside Coaching, and a swap around of days. One of the new coaches, Mr Hibberd (Mondays) used to be in my class about 12 years ago and I remember him well - he always did enjoy PE! Its always good to hear of former pupils' achievements, and reminds me of why we do the job everyday.

Thank you to all staff who spent time in the holidays preparing their classrooms and getting ready for the new term. Special thanks also must go the family of Eleanor and Daniel, who gave up some of their holidays to re-mark the lines and games on the playground - this is hugely appreciated and has renewed the interest of the children at playtimes. And also to Mia's dad who kindly spent a day setting up our new speakers and microphones which have been funded by the grant generously provided by the 2017 Snitterfield Fete Committee.

Hopefully you will all have seen the term dates that Mrs Carless has sent out - our aim of course being to give you as much notice as possible of events. Can I draw your attention to our Parents' Internet Safety' event on the 20th November which I mentioned at the end of last term. This will form part of our parents' programme of events and workshops over the year, starting next week with our welcome meetings on Wednesday. If you would like to suggest a subject that parents might appreciate some extra help with, please let me know - all suggestions will be considered.

And finally, we have an Open Morning on Thursday 27th September; please tell anyone with pre-schoolers to come and have a look so that we can show them around our lovely school.

Best wishes,

#### Mrs Plaskitt

Class 1 Class 2

Class 3

# FROM THE CLASS ROOMS

Class 1 have had a wonderful first full week and coped really well with the full days. Lots of smiling faces around



school and growing in confidence every day. Photos to follow in the next newsletter (the ipad let me down tonight!). The Y6 and Reception Buddy system has, as always, worked very well. Y6's have taken on their responsibilities beautifully and Reception children look to be having a fantastic time with the older children.

Class 2 have been busy celebrating the works of Roald Dahl and on Thursday the theme for the day was James and the Giant Peach. All children enjoyed big juicy peaches (shiny face photos to come) and a wonderful day getting to know more about one of Roald Dahl's most popular books.

Topic for the term: The Gunpowder Plot Autumn Term Overview Class 2 2018

Class 3 are all prepared, very well settled into the new routines and raring to go with the curriculum learning! Next week the children will begin learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain at the time and the legacy it left us.

Topic for the term: The Romans Autumn Term Overview Class 3 2018

Class 4 have spent some time this week studying "The Giants Necklace" by Michael Morpurgo and have worked on a whole host of wonderful work in relation to it. They've written newspaper reports, persuasive letters to the Cornish Council and created some beautiful shell scene artwork.

Topic for the term: The Victorians Autumn Term Overview Class 4 2018

By Molly By Anon

:-) Recognise it?



Class 4

Class 2

Class 3

# FROM THE OFFICE





available this term see the article below, CLICK HERE, or take a look on the reverse of the Autumn Term 2018 Calendar print out which was sent home earlier this week via the children - shout if you didn't receive one for your notice board!

## Important Dates

SEE AUTUMN TERM DATES HERE or refer to the Autumn Term 2018 Calendar.

## Schoolzine

Over the summer we moved all parents-carers who are subscribed to the app (the whole school except 3 families!) into their respective new Year and Class groups (if relevant) so you are all set up to receive the correct notifications for the right year group, no need to change that yourselves but please opt in to receive FOSS communications before you miss out on important and fun events.

## Website

Thanks for your patience during my first term at school!

- All clubs for each term, along with events and important dates, are now posted to the site and also on the Schoolzine app and, if you didn't know already, you are able to synchronise any events that interest you, from either the website or the app, to most phones.
- Class pages will be updated each half-term with a selection of photos showing the childrens' learning experiences (this half-terms to come).
- Each term an overview of the class topic and focus areas for each subject area will be provided. Here are Autumn Terms' overviews: Class 2, Class 3, Class 4.

Music Lessons

Our County Guitar and Clarinet-Flute teachers came to school this

week to meet the existing and new children, who have decided

to start playing an instrument this term. The music teachers come every week,

apart from the first and

last weeks of term, to teach the chidlren in small groups. Let the office know if you'd like more information.

Is your child due to start secondary school in 2019?

Don't forget to complete an application form for your childs September 2019 secondary school place!

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE an application online and please note that if an application has not been received by this date. your child may not get a place at the school of your choice and the closing date for 2019 Secondary School applications is the 31st of October 2018 at 5pm.

There are numerous Open Days and Open Mornings taking place at the moment, details from a few local schools' are below. Other schools are available :-)

Henley-in-Arden School, Thursday 20th 6:30-9:00PM CLICK TO VIEW OPEN EVENING & DAY DETAILS

Stratford High School, Wednesday 26th 4:00-7:00PM CLICK TO VIEW OPEN EVENING & DAY DETAILS

Is your child due to start school in September 2019? If your child was born between the 1st of September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you can apply for their school place now, either online ONLINE HERE or call: 01926 742037.

The closing date for on time applications is 15 January 2019. If an application has not been received by this date, then your child may not get a place at the school of your choice.

### Return of Forms

Please return any remaining 'Data Collection forms 2018-2019' to the office as soon as possible.

Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4

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	THURSDAY	3:15-4:20PM	Y5	11+ CLUB	MF
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Class 2 Class 3

# KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

We have quite a few children in school with severe nut allergies and some with very specific dietary needs. For the safety of our children, we ask that all parents respect the following guidelines:

- Do not send your child(ren) in with any snacks containing nuts. Please remember that most chocolate spreads contain nuts of some variety!
- For birthdays, you are very welcome to send in cakes or treats for the class however they will be handed out to their friends at the end of school, rather than the children eating the cakes-treats during school time. This is because each childs Health Care Plans must be adhered to at all times and any additional food consumed during the day could put some of our children at risk.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2018-2019

Please ensure you take a look at the latest guidelines regarding leave of absence during term time. CLICK HERE TO READ

Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4

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			CLICK FOR			ng place this coming Sunday and
			INFO.			new friends to join with or without
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11AM for some therapeutic litter picking with friends. Pickers and high vis jackets and bags are provided!

## Rural Cinema Sunday September 16th 2018: Snitterfield Village Hall

Please join us at the rural cinema on Sunday September 16th when we shall be screening 'Peter Rabbit' (PG) at 3pm (as we were unable to screen it in July) and 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' (12A) at 7pm

Peter Rabbit (James Cordon) HERE'S TASTER.



The mischievous and adventurous hero who has captivated generations of readers, now takes on the starring role of his own irreverent, contemporary comedy with attitude.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society based on the best selling book by Mary Ann Shaffer HERE'S A TASTER.

Lily James plays free-spirited journalist Juliet Ashton, who forms a



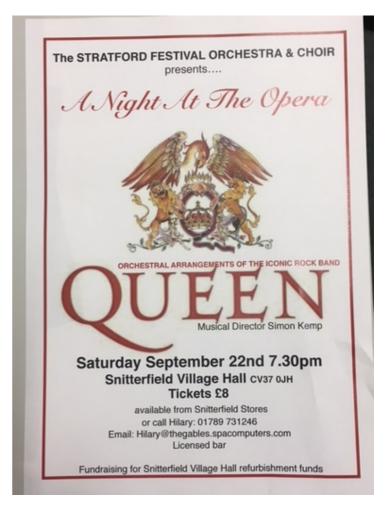
life-changing bond with the delightful and eccentric Guernsey Literary

and Potato Peel Pie Society when she decides to write about the book

club they formed during the occupation of Guernsey during WWII.

Tickets available on the door and priced at £3 for Children under 12, £4 for Adults; £10 for a family of 4. Refreshments available. If you would like to join the cinema email group and influence the choice of films we screen, please contact Ole Schmidt-Hansen on email: Hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com, and for further information please see the village website; noticeboards or call.

An night at the Opera with The Stratford Festival Orchestra and Choir







# FRIENDS OF SNITTERFIELD SCHOOL (FOSS)

FOSS, our PTA, are holding their annual AGM this Monday the 17th of September at 7:30PM in the school hall. Mrs Carless, Mrs Plaskitt and Miss Findlay will be attending from school to join in the fun and, amongst other items, discuss priority fundraising areas for 2018-2019. An update will be circulated to all parents following the meeting.

Remember that all parents, new and existing, are warmly invited to come along. You don't have to sign your life away! Any support, however small, is much appreciated. See you there.

### Tick the Box - did you know?

It is important that you subscribe - tick the box - to receive the FOSS updates within the school app (Schoolzine) to ensure that you receive news of all their fun family events. For those of you who are new to school, FOSS is our PTA group which raises critical funds for the school.





Class 3 Class 4

SCHOOL OPEN DAY



School Event

## PARENTS WELCOME MEETINGS

CLASS 1: Reception, 6:00-6:30PM CLASS 2: Year 1 and 2, 6:30 7:00PM CLASS 3: Year 3 and 4, 7:00-7:30PM CLASS 4: Year 5 and 6, 7:30-8:00PM

School Event

**TEACHER TRAINING DAY** 

HALF TERM

PARENTS EVENING

School Event

PARENTS EVENING

School Event

# PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION: ONLINE SAFETY (LEA)

The session will be run by a representative from the Local Education Authority and we welcome and encourage all parents to attend.

School Event

NATIVITY (Key Stage 1) PERFORMANCE: Grandparents & Key Stage 2 children

School Event

NATIVITY (Key Stage 1) PERFORMANCE: Parents

School Event

CHRISTMAS SERVICE (Key Stage 2): Readings, Carols & Mulled wine

School Event