

Monday Memo @ Strathmore



Week commencing: 16th September 2024

Whole school	<p>Electric Umbrella (https://www.electricumbrella.co.uk/) are visiting the school on Monday 23rd September. These are live music experiences shared with the children, led by people with disabilities.</p> <p>Flu vaccines - 26th September. Please give permission via the school nurse communication.</p> <p>Curriculum Overviews for this term are on the school website. They can be found via this link and on Google Classrooms.</p> <p>Allergy and medical updates on Arbor to be completed by Wednesday 18th September please. For any serious allergies or medical concerns please also email the school office.</p>
Class reminders (when relevant)	<p>Nursery:</p> <p>Reception:</p> <p>Year 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of our History learning about stages of life, please can we kindly ask that all children bring in a baby photo by Monday 24th September. Please can we also ask that all children leave a set of spare clothes at school on their peg (we are very limited on school spares!) <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest School is on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure your child has wellies for this every week and a waterproof coat just in case the weather changes.
Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school	<p><i>Meet the teacher</i> - Wednesday 18th September 3.15pm - 3.45pm. Teachers will be in the classrooms to meet you so please collect children as normal.</p> <p><i>Phonics workshop</i> - 24th September in the hall at 9.10am (after school drop off). It will start with a presentation followed by a range of activities for you to explore and consider for use at home if you wish. On this occasion we will not be inviting children down to the hall as the children are settling into their new classes and we do not want to cause unnecessary upset.</p> <p><i>Grounds Day</i> - 28th September 10am - 1pm. All welcome to complete various tasks across the school. You can help for as long or as little as you like.</p>
FOSSA events	<p><i>Cheese & Wine night</i> - Fri 27th Sept at 8-10pm</p> <p><i>Quiz night</i> - Fri 11th Oct at 7.30pm until late</p> <p><i>Fireworks night</i> - Sat 2nd November 5-7.30pm</p>
Wraparound updates / FAQs	<p><u>Payment query</u> - monthly payments are ok if they have been pre-arranged with the office. Our issue has been that payments for September attendance are missing for some pupils and this is then hard to ensure staffing. Please ensure payment has been made regardless of whether your child has attended yet or not. The 15 sessions was simply an example on the previous letter, as stated, and not a request as every pupil will have a different number of sessions they attend.</p> <p><u>Switching between longer and shorter sessions</u> - we have had some queries about attending a shorter session one day but a longer session on another. At this time, we are not offering this as an option as we need to ensure the system in place is working before we add a new system. Please be mindful the leadership team and Mrs Ali-Shah are currently completing all admin for the wraparound as we wait to appoint a new office member so please be patient with us on any responses and allocations. We aim for this to be an option in Autumn Term B.</p>

	<p><u>Signing out of pupils</u> - staff will sign your child in and out each day. This is not something for parents/carers to do. Your child's account on Arbor should have a list of adults who can collect your child. Anyone new must have a password to collect and the office must have been informed in advance otherwise your child will not be able to leave the provision.</p>	
General upcoming	30th Sept	Safe inside assembly and practice. We will be introducing lockdowns as 'safe inside' for pupils to practise how we keep ourselves safe if a dog was on site or an intruder, etc. We have chosen to call it 'safe inside' to make it a softer approach. The children will hear an air horn sound and will be taught to close doors, blinds where possible and hide under tables.
	10th Oct	Wear yellow - mental health awareness. JustGiving page to follow.
	10th Oct	9:00 Coffee morning with Angels ADHD and Autism support group - all parents with children with SEN welcome to attend
	22nd Oct	Year 1 visit to Ickleford Church - more information to follow.
	22nd Oct 3:00-7:00 pm	Learning Reviews (parent/carer meetings with teachers)
	24th October 3:30-5:30 pm	Learning Reviews (parent/carer meetings with teachers)
	28th Oct - 1st Nov	HALF TERM
	Week beg 4th Nov	Reception tours begin for prospective parents
	Fri 22nd Nov	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to cinema (Luton Cineworld)
	Fri 29th Nov	Occasional Day (school closed for all)
	Fri 6th Dec	Decorations Day (non uniform)
	Tues 17th Dec	Year 1 Christmas performance 9.15am and 2pm
	Wed 18th Dec	Christmas lunch in school and wear Christmas jumper (optional)
	Fri 20th Dec	School finishes 1.30-1.45pm
	Tues 6th Jan 2025	Children return to school