

# Monday Memo @ Strathmore



**Week commencing: 21st October 2024**

<b>Whole school</b>	<p><b>Learning Reviews</b> - This Tuesday and Wednesday in the Reception classrooms. Please access via the Reception gate. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and their learning this term. You will also have an opportunity to look through your child's learning.</p> <p><b>Breakfast Club Adventurers</b> - A polite reminder that this provision starts at 7.45am and not before. If you are outside before this time and the staff are not ready to welcome your child into school, you will need to wait outside. You must have paid on Arbor <u>before</u> the session for your child to attend. Please note Mrs Virdee is away until 11th November and we are covering internally.</p> <p><b>Opal Playtimes - Parent volunteer needed for our new play working party</b> - We are working with OPAL this year, to revolutionise our outdoor playtimes. After half term, we will be launching a working party to begin this journey, consisting of all members of the school community, including two parents. If you are interested in joining our working party, please contact Mrs Hargeaves via <a href="mailto:deputy@strathmore.herts.sch.uk">deputy@strathmore.herts.sch.uk</a>. This working party will meet a minimum of 8 times across 18 months as we develop our playtimes and will be given simple tasks between meetings. For more information about OPAL, please visit <a href="https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/">https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/</a></p>	
<b>Class reminders</b> (when relevant)	<p><b>Year 1:</b> Visit to St Mark's Church on Tuesday 22nd October. Please ensure your child has a coat and suitable walking shoes.</p>	
<b>Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school</b>	<p>Parents Writing Workshop - Tues 5th Nov at 9:10am. This will be a follow up to the phonics workshop in September, an opportunity to ask any phonic related questions and learn how you can support your child to learn to write.</p>	
<b>FOSSA events</b>	<p><b><u>Strathmore Fireworks - tickets now on sale!</u></b></p> <p>Pre-sale this week for Strathmore families and carers only. Please keep within the school for now.</p> <p>Saturday 2nd November, 5-7.30pm at Strathmore School (firework display at 6.30pm)</p> <p>As well as the display, there will be a disco, hot and cold food stalls and bars.</p> <p><b>Tickets:</b> Adults = £8 + fees, Children (under 14s) = £6.50 + fees, 2 years and under = free</p> <p><a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/strathmore-school/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=84673">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/strathmore-school/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=84673</a></p> <p>We want every Strathmore family to be able to attend the event. If you are struggling with the cost, please contact the school office and we can provide subsidised or free tickets for the fireworks night to ensure everyone can join the celebration.</p> <p><b>Volunteers:</b> This event is run entirely by volunteers from the school community, without whom it won't go ahead. Please sign up for one of the short volunteering slots on the website.</p>	
<b>Wraparound updates / FAQs</b>		
<b>General upcoming</b>	22nd Oct	Year 1 visit to Ickleford Church - more information to follow.
	22nd Oct 3:00-7:00 pm	Learning Reviews (parent/carers meetings with teachers)
	23rd October 3:30-5:30 pm	Learning Reviews (parent/carers meetings with teachers).

	28th Oct - 1st Nov	HALF TERM
	Week beg 4th Nov	Reception tours begin for prospective parents
	Tues 5th Nov	Parents Writing Workshop
	Tues 19th Nov	Book Fair hosted by Next Page Books 3:15pm
	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
	Mon 6th Jan 2025	Children return to school. Please note Wilshire Dacre children return on the 7th.