

Monday Memo @ Strathmore



Week commencing: 6th January 2025

<p>Whole school</p>	<p>Polite reminder at drop off - please can you keep the pathway clear when dropping your child off at their classroom during the wet weather. The ground around the pathway is very slippery and accidents can happen. Thank you.</p> <p>Phonics Update This half term, we are really excited to be starting our Little Wandle phonics scheme. The Little Wandle website has lots of information for parents, including how we teach videos, sound pronunciation videos, and support for reading at home. This can all be found at https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ We will also be running a parents' workshop introducing Little Wandle on Monday 27th January at 9:00am.</p> <p>Your child will be bringing home their first new reading book on Friday 17th January. This will be a book that they have read in school and they should be able to read this book confidently to develop fluency, expression and confidence in reading. As part of our new scheme, we will no longer be sending home reading records, therefore if you have any messages about your child's reading, please email admin@strathmore.herts.sch.uk or speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day. Your child will also continue to bring home a library book each week.</p> <p>Can we support you with school expenses? At Strathmore, we understand the financial challenges some families face. We are dedicated to providing comprehensive support to ensure every student can thrive. We support in a number of ways: <u>Understanding Financial Difficulties:</u> We are committed to ensuring financial constraints do not hinder your child's education. <u>Mental Health Support:</u> Our team provides ongoing mental health support to promote well-being. <u>School Costs:</u> We offer assistance with costs related to school trips, uniforms, and clubs. We have leaflets in the main office with more information or you can access our Pupil Premium page on our website via this link. If you want to check your eligibility for support, please click here and it will take you to Hertfordshire County Council's website regarding free school meals. If you are not eligible but facing financial difficulties please let us know and we can signpost you or support you in the best way we can.</p>
<p>Class reminders (when relevant)</p>	<p>Nursery - Learning Reviews are available to book on Arbor if you haven't done this already. These will take place next Wednesday 15th January from 11.45am.</p> <p>Year 1 - Forest school starts on Tuesday 7th January. Please make sure your child brings in a pair of wellies, waterproof coat, hat and gloves. The wellies can stay in school if needs be for the term.</p>
<p>Upcoming dates for parents / carers to be in school</p>	<p>Year 1 Nativity performances - Tuesday 14th January at 9.15am and 2pm. Thursday 16th January at 2pm. If you wish to take your child after the 2pm performance to collect siblings from Wilshere-Dacre, please contact the main office before the performance you are attending and let them know the children you will need to be ready. Thank you.</p> <p>All parents: Phonics workshop for new scheme Little Wandle - Monday 27th January at 9am.</p>
<p>FOSSA events</p>	

Wraparound updates / FAQs		
General upcoming	Tuesday 14th Jan	Year 1 nativity performance - 9.15am and 2pm
	Wed 15th Jan	Nursery Learning Reviews - 11.45am onwards.
	Thurs 16th Jan	Year 1 nativity performance - 2pm
	Mon 20th Jan	Learning Fair Reception - 3.15pm - 3.45pm. Come and see your child's learning in their classroom and books.
	Tues 21st Jan	Learning Fair Year 1 - 3.15pm - 3.45pm. Come and see your child's learning in their classroom and books.
	Thurs 23rd Jan	Learning Fair Year 2 - 3.15pm - 3.45pm. Come and see your child's learning in their classroom and books.
	Wed 29th Jan	Nursery applications open - via school website
	Thurs 6th Feb	Nursery performance to parents - Chinese dragon dance at 11.30am.
	Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb	Half term
	Mon 24th Feb	INSET day - school closed for pupils
	Thurs 6th March	World Book Day - wear pyjamas or something that makes you feel cosy.
	Week of 24th March - date TBC	Reception assembly to parents 2.15pm. If you wish for your child to be ready to leave to collect siblings from Wilshire-Dacre please let the school office know in advance.
	Wed 2nd April	Reports out to parents and carers
	Fri 4th April	School finishes 1.30pm - 1.45pm
	Mon 7th April to Mon 21st April	Easter holidays
	Tues 22nd April	INSET day - school closed for pupils