



Stroud Green News

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year and a really warm welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us in Reception. I really do hope you have had a brilliant summer break and been able to spend some family time doing nice things.

I hope you have noticed that we have also been busy over the summer doing some of the vital work needed to our learning environment and making some long awaited improvements. As usual this newsletter contains lots of information needed to get us started swiftly and smoothly. Dates for your diary such as assemblies, trips and exhibitions will come out next week.

Cal Shaw (Head Teacher)

TERM DATES FOR CHILDREN

AUTUMN TERM

WEDNESDAY 6TH September 2017 – Friday 20th October 2017

HALF TERM – Week commencing 23rd October 2017

Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Thursday 8th February 2018

HALF TERM – Week commencing 12th February 2018

Monday 19th February 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 17th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018

HALF TERM – Week commencing 28th May 2018

Monday 4th June 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018

Breakfast Club / After School Club

7.45am – 8.30am drop off to Breakfast club (£2.50 per day) – it is not possible to drop your child after 8.30am.

3.30pm-6pm After school club (£10 per day)

All places booked via Tara finance@stroudgreenprimary.

Curriculum Newsletters

Teachers will be sending out the class Curriculum newsletters on Monday. On these newsletters we will be sharing information about subjects your children will be learning, dates for trips we have booked and any useful websites you can use to support children at home. It would massively help if you read this newsletter with your child.

This year we will be introducing termly exhibitions linked to home learning projects – watch out for this on the newsletter as you will need to make something with your child at home.

Parents of Year Three Children

You now have to pay for meals;

- £2.20 per day
- £11 per week
- £72.60 Full half Term

Remember: School finishes at 3.30pm for infants and 3.35pm for juniors



This year we are having a massive focus on school punctuality. There are simply too many children arriving at school late! When your child does not arrive in time to line up in the playground with their classmates it;

- Disrupt the learning of all the children in the class.
- Affects your child's achievement and that of other children.
- Embarrasses and upsets your child to walk into a room late.

Being late adds up to lost learning:

- **5 minutes** late every day adds up to **3 days** lost learning each year
- **10 minutes** adds up to **6 days** lost learning each year
- **15 minutes** adds up to **10 days** lost learning each year
- **30 minutes** adds up to 19 days lost learning each year

Being on time means not missing out!

No Swimming this term

Unfortunately there will be no swimming for Year 6 this term. We hope to be able to start swimming again in Spring Term.

Start of the Day

You may have spotted we have a new system in place. Teachers will come onto the playground at 8.50am. At 8.55am a whistle will be blown, this whistle is to get children's attention and ask them to stand still. The second whistle is when children should walk to their lines and line up in silence, waiting to be taken into school.

We would ask you to support this new system and help your child line up swiftly in the mornings.

Free School Meals Entitlement / Pupil Premium Grant

Did you know that if you identify yourself as possibly being entitled to free school meals it means our school gets £1,900 each year per child – this would mean if just 10 of you told us you were entitled we would have £19,000 additional funding to spend on children's learning.

We are making it super easy for you to claim – PLEASE help us!

As from Monday 11th September we are going to administrate the applications for Free School Meals here at school which will mean that you no longer have to go and have a lengthy wait at a Haringey One Stop Shop. All you need to do is pick up an application form from the school office, return your completed form with a document that proves your entitlement (ie: benefit statement etc). We will issue you with a letter confirming your entitlement for the year: simple!

Alternatively you could check your eligibility yourself using the LGfL eligibility checker : <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> . If you are eligible you will be given the option to e mail your confirmation to school or to print off a copy of the confirmation to bring to school. The e mail confirmation should be sent to Tara finance@stroudgreenprimary.com .

Remember this entitlement gives you way more than just a free meal for your child– you could also be entitled to: a uniform grant, free access to some of our activity clubs, reduced rates at local facilities such a sports /drama/arts clubs, reduction in school journey costs and reduced music lessons. PLUS it gives our school valuably needed additional funding to support your child's learning here in school.

If you think you may be entitled come and talk to us before the end September so we can help you apply.

Thank You

Scooters and Bikes



We have a new scooter and bike park area near a new main entrance – located under the canopy to the right of the entrance (we will be adding some extra bike parking in the new few weeks.



PAYING FOR SERVICES AT STROUD GREEN

You will recall we asked all parents to clear debt from 2016/17 at the end of last academic year. This now means that if you have any outstanding bills from last year we will be unable to offer your child any additional services. (*Breakfast club, After School Club, After School Activity Clubs, Holiday Play Scheme or additional Nursery hours beyond 15 hrs*)

REMINDER FOR YEAR THREE PARENTS

As from September you will be required to pay for school lunches.

STATEMENTS AND BILLING IN 2017/18

Statements and invoices will be issued on Monday 11th September for services up to October half term (we will use your regular purchase patterns to generate these bills)

Teacher Email Addresses & Communication



I am delighted to publish our teacher's new email addresses which will hopefully help you keep in touch with your child's class teacher. Please remember teachers do teach all day and they will not be checking their emails on a daily basis. You need to allow a minimum of three/four days for a teacher to respond.

All urgent information should be related via our office and administration emails listed below
General queries: admin@stroudgreenprimary.com Queries about finance and additional services: finance@stroudgreenprimary.com.

Teacher email addresses are as follows; "[class name](mailto:class name@stroudgreenprimary.com)"@stroudgreenprimary.com
Example: Degas@stroudgreenprimary.com

Wet Play Resources / Games

I am busy setting up boxes in each classroom packed with resources/games/puzzles and equipment that children can use during a rainy break or lunchtime. **Can you help?** Do you have any old board games, puzzles, or would be willing to donate a game, a pack of cards, box of dominoes – anything children play in their classrooms when we are unable to get them out on the playground – donations to the office please!

After School Activity Club

Bookings for activity clubs need to be brought into the office by 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th September – places will be allocated on Friday 15th September.

See Ms Barker if you have any queries.

Lunchtime French Lessons

These are now booked and paid for directly with Claire the French Teacher.

Please email her on clairemurat@talktalk.net

Pastoral Care & Behaviour Management Systems

We have revised our pastoral care and behaviour management systems in school to make sure that the school, classrooms and playgrounds are always safe, calm, purposeful and happy places to learn. This week we have spent lots of time talking to your children about good attitudes to learning and that they need to come to school every day with an open mind which is ready to learn. Teachers have been working with the children in their classes to develop class rules and expectations. We have been talking about the rights and responsibilities of everybody in school and reinforcing how we want Stroud Green to be a happy and nurturing place to learn.

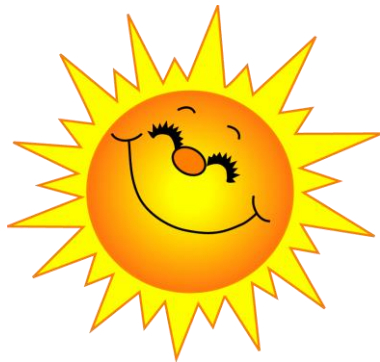
Alongside class rules we have developed five simple schools rules;

- We treat others with respect, always using good manners.
- We walk calmly and silently around the school.
- We keep our hands and our feet to ourselves.
- We respect the property of others and that of the school.
- We are in the right place, at the right time with the right equipment.

Children understand these rules and all staff will be working together to support the children in making good choices.

The revised behaviour system is called 'Staying on Green'. Every day is a new day and children start the day on green, my expectation is that they stay on green – if this happens they have had a great day, done exactly what is requested of them and done great learning. Exceptional effort, work, attitude could be rewarded by moving to bronze, silver and gold (*we have reward systems in place to acknowledge this exceptional effort*). Conversely we have agreed sanctions for poor behaviour which will mean that parents will be informed swiftly if we have concerns. Your child's learning at Stroud Green is a partnership and we ask for your continued support to ensure we can all work and learn in a calm, happy and supportive environment.

Myself, Ms Stickland and Ms Bartlett are holding an open meeting to give you more information on revised behaviour systems on **Thursday 14th September at 9am**



Have a lovely
weekend!

New Farmers Market

Opens Sunday 10th Sept
at 10am.

Please do come along
and have a look.