

# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** There is no Football Club this week due to a football match taking place.

**Letters issued this week:** All Years - Newsletter, Y2,Y4,Y5 & Y6 Shakespeare Birthday Parade, Y3 Country Dancing, Y5 Willing to School, Y6 Julius Caesar, Football Club Football Match

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 trip to Shakespeare's Schoolroom Dance Club 3.30-4.30pm	Safer Internet Day Y4 & Y5 Science Show Y2 & Y3 Mindfulness Session Y6 Visit from Steve Hollie Antarctic Adventure Talk Football Match: Stratford Primary vs Alveston	Playtime in the Paddock Y4 Cookery Textiles Club 3.30-4.30pm Drama Club 3.30-4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady Music Academy Y2 visit to Holy Trinity Art Club KS1 3.30-4.30pm Art Club KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady Music Academy Choir Lunchtime Recorder Club Lunchtime

## News from the Headteacher

Are you all sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin. This week is National Storytelling Week and the children have enjoyed listening to different stories in many formats. We all watched Michael Rosen read 'We're going on a bear hunt' in assembly and throughout the week we have had parents and staff sharing their favourite stories. The library has been well-used all week which is exactly what we want. Hopefully seeing adults read is inspiring the children to want to read. If you want to continue coming in to read to the children please do. It doesn't have to be confined to one week a year.

We have welcomed another teaching student in Reception this week Miss Sheridan. We hope she has a great time here at Stratford and leaves us with excellent practice. The children have enjoyed cooking gingerbread men and learning this age old traditional tale with Miss Sheridan. We also welcomed children from Grange Park school in Telford; a primary school who are part of our trust. It was an opportunity for Year 4 to learn new skills from them using microbits and for us to share our Shakespeare heritage with them. Year 4 are looking forward to visiting them in the summer and learning all about Ironbridge and Isambard Kingdom Brunel as well learning more about the microbits. Year 3 also had a visit from Dr Dale who taught them all about geology and rocks. The children were fascinated by the different types and how they are formed. I was able to spend Wednesday playtimes in the paddock with the children this week. It was so lovely to watch them at play building dens, collecting bugs and sticks, playing different games. I am so pleased we are able to utilise this great resource. If you are able to help with crossing the road and escorting the children back and forth on a regular basis each Wednesday we would appreciate an extra body or two. We also welcomed Rev Patrick from Holy Trinity Church who led an assembly on the parable of the good and bad seed. This reinforced our message of keep on trying and can do attitudes. Y6 were invited to The Swan Theatre this week to watch the dress rehearsal of Julius Caesar. It was extremely engaging and the children got to be citizens of Rome through audience participation. It is good for them to see live performances and be immersed in drama.

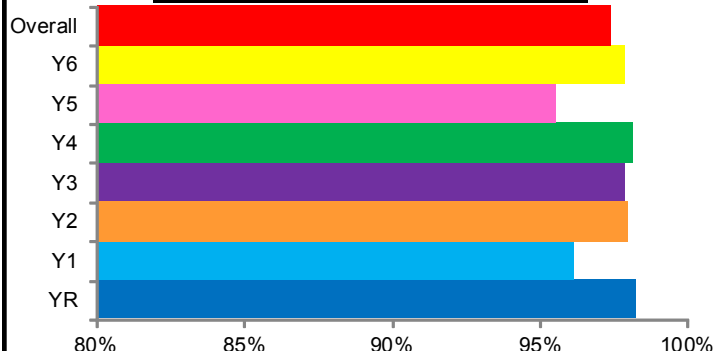
As you know we are continuously monitoring effectiveness and this week I have been observing the quality of teaching and learning. It is an excellent opportunity to observe the pupils at work and how they respond to the curriculum. The children have great learning behaviours and demonstrate enthusiasm and perseverance. We have been enhancing English lessons with drama/role play activities. This means that the children's vocabulary and explanations have increased ten-fold. All of the children are engaged and understand what they are learning. We continue to develop challenges and independent learning. The local governing body have also met this week and their focus was data and the progress of the children. The new LGB is very committed and are currently planning visits to the school to talk to the children, look for evidence of how inspirational is the curriculum, behaviour and much more. FOSPs also met this week for their AGM and the committee was re-elected. Thank you for those who came to the meeting. There are lots of plans for events which they will share with you and the teachers were very excited to receive £150 each to spend on resources for the classroom such as art resources. A massive thank you from them all.

An appeal for Lego. My Lego club is definitely over-subscribed – almost a third of the school want to do it. So that no child misses out can I please ask for donations of Lego to increase the resources. Please bring into the office. Thank you.

'A sad tale's best for winter. I have one of sprites and goblins. A Winter's Tale – William Shakespeare

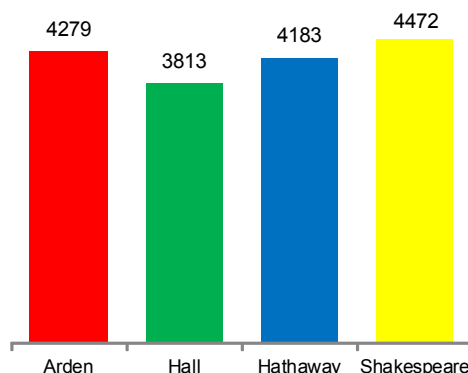
Mrs Humphriss - Headteacher

## Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon is Reception, Well Done!

## House Points - Year to date



Congratulations  
**Hathaway**

you are this week's  
House Cup winners



## Safeguarding Advice

The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is **13**. For Vine, Tinder and Yik Yak it's **17**. YouTube requires account holders to be **18**, but a **13**-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.

Remember this is set to keep children safe.

## Year 4 visit Shakespeare's School Room

On Tuesday, Year 4 were visited by ten children from Grange Park Primary School in Telford. They came to show and teach us how to programme Micro bits. The children were very knowledgeable teachers and showed us how to code a message and pictures onto a Micro bit. In the afternoon we visited Shakespeare's school room where we had the chance to practise our Latin and try on costumes. The children were extremely welcoming to the visiting children and are looking forward to visiting Grange Park Primary in the Summer term!



## SHAKESPEARE WEEK

In celebration of Shakespeare Week 2018 (12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March) the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust are having an open day and we have been invited to take part in a selection of workshops and visits throughout the day including Story Telling, Swan Music, visits to the Birthplace, New Place and Hall's Croft. This promises to be a very exciting day for all classes involved. Additionally Reception class are going to a Story Telling session in a magical tepee decked out with cushions and fairy lights in the New Place garden on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, and Year 5 are spending the morning at the Guild Chapel on 13<sup>th</sup> March taking part in a Tudor Workshop which will involve meeting Henry, a contemporary of William Shakespeare and hearing about his life and schooling in Stratford.

## ParentPay Update

Next week a letter will be sent home informing parents/carers of a new update to ParentPay enabling school dinners to be ordered directly.



## Does anyone know...

...a dentist that would be willing to come into school and do a talk with Year 4 at the start of next half term? If you do then please contact the school office.

## Philanthropy in Action

Last year Layla D in Year 3 decided to grow her hair and donate her hair cuttings to the Charity Little Princess Trust. The Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. She proudly reached the required hair length during the Christmas holidays and had her hair cut. She joins a list of donors that includes amongst others the Duchess of Cambridge.

Everyone here at Stratford Primary is really proud of your good deed and achievement Layla and we wish you all the best in your new endeavour to save hot drink stickers from McDonalds to give to the homeless.

If anyone else would like to notify the school of your child's philanthropic efforts then please contact the school office.



## Missing Guitar

Please could all children who have guitar lessons check that they have not accidentally taken another child's guitar home.



## FOSP AGM

A big thank you to all those who attended the FOSP AGM on Wednesday. The elected committee are as follows Antonia Lile and Hollie Jackson as Co-chair, Sheryl Stevens as Vice Chair, Aneela Juned remains as Treasurer and Eleanor Heron as Secretary.



## Lego Appeal

If anyone has any unwanted Lego that you wish to donate to the school, then please can you drop them into the school office.

