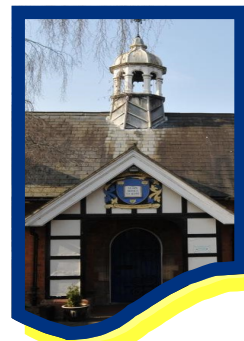


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Stratford Primary School will be closed from Friday 30th March until Friday 13th April for the Easter holidays.

Letters issued this week: All Years - Newsletter, Y1 Teaching Update, Y3 Teaching Update

Monday 16th April	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2 Pirate Dress up Day	Mindfulness Session Y2 & Y3	Playtime in the Paddock	Rocksteady Music Academy	Rocksteady Music Academy

News from the Headteacher

And so we come to the end of another fun-filled term. It has been short but very sweet in lots of ways and in this week's newsletter each of the classes have shared their thoughts of their favourite moments. I have so many that my column is not long enough. I am often heard to say how proud I am of the children as they demonstrate many great qualities and values. The staff are exemplary in their dedication to education and in ensuring excellence at Stratford Upon Avon Primary. The governors are committed to our school and our new LGB have been in and out regularly learning about the day to day life of the school and talking to parents and children. We have a brilliant Friends of the School team who are always thinking of ways to fundraise or provide entertainment. So thank you to everyone for making each day bright and for working so hard. It is always appreciated in all shapes and forms.

Throughout the term we have seen philanthropy in action from individuals and teams. Last Friday the whole school participated in Sports Relief and Mr Scarlett arranged a whole day of activities; hula hooping, skipping, bean-bag throwing and beat the goalie. He was exhausted by the end of the day as the children lined up in exhilaration to try and shoot a ball past him. Thank you Mr S it was a great day and everyone had fun but most of all we raised £211 for good causes.

What a lovely Easter service it was in church yesterday. The children as usual were confident and self-assured as they sang, played and recited. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of people and speak, it takes even more courage to share your talents. I am sure you will agree that the different performers yesterday whether they were individuals or a group showed that value. Thank you to Miss Bradburn who organised our end of term service and of course to Holy Trinity Church for hosting our school. Our collection yesterday was divided between the church and our chosen charity Dogs for Good. Easter's message is about rebirth and rejuvenation. Our spirits were lifted and we can now go forward to our holidays ready for Spring weather and a chance for us to rest and be ready for a busy summer term.

This morning Miss O'Connell and myself met with The RSC to talk about our journey so far in sharing Shakespeare's plays and words. The whole school have embraced drama techniques learnt way back in January and embedded them in all areas of the curriculum. Every class has been learning about a different Shakespearean play over the term, the children are using his vocabulary in their everyday language such as vexed! We have learnt about the costumes worn, music played, heard stories from actors, created characters, visited many different areas of Stratford connected to Shakespeare and have so many plans for the future. We are super excited. FOSPs are currently planning how we can create a Shakespearean garden, we are beginning our journey to share what we do with others and we can happily say STRATFORD PRIMARY IS WORKING WITH THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY!

So from everyone here at Stratford Upon Avon Primary if you want to see what fun we get up to please go and buy this week's Stratford Herald, we are in there more than once. Get on your tablet, phone, laptop and visit our website see how much we are changing the curriculum and embracing learning. Come in and visit us and learn with your child. When I started here last September I vowed to make learning fun and I'd say we are moving fast on that journey. There is always something to do and improve and here we just don't stop to make it the best learning experience for your child. We love each day and that is why we are teachers. Thank you for believing in us.

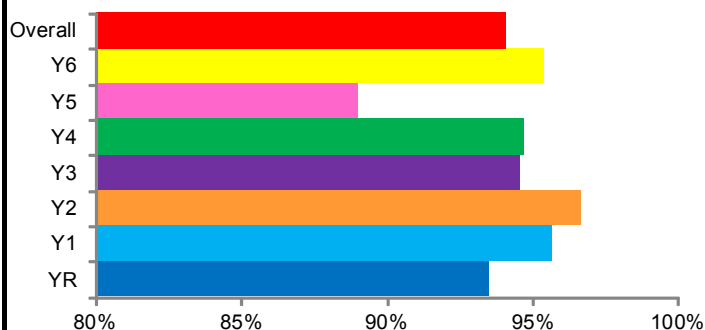
"What day is it?" asked Pooh "It's today," squeaked Piglet.

My favourite day," said Pooh." — A.A. Milne

Happy Easter

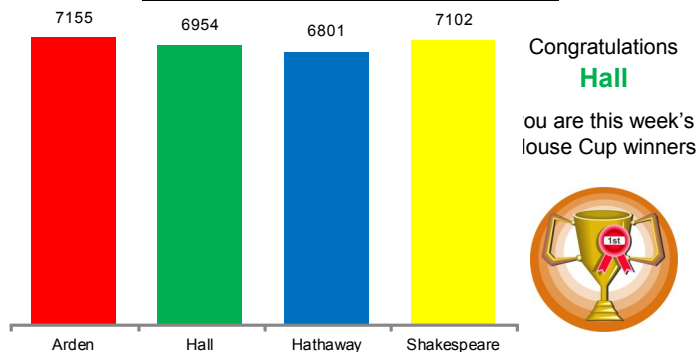
Mrs Humphriss - Headteacher

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon is Year 2, Well Done!

House Points - Year to date



Congratulations **Hall** you are this week's house Cup winners



Philanthropy in Action

Sugar free for Dogs for Good!

Petra and I decided to go sugar free this February to raise money for Dogs for Good. Petra's rules were that for one whole month she would only allow herself one treat a week and birthday parties didn't count! This meant no obvious treats but also looking carefully at the ingredients for hidden sugar. She showed great will power and discovered that things like ketchup, cereals, yogurts and squash were off limits. We found lots of tasty alternatives and learnt that some things that look healthy contain sneaky sugar! Petra raised £25.00 for the school charity.

Petra M's Mum

Message from Reception Class

It's been a short but busy Spring Term 2 in Reception class. We have really enjoyed learning about life down on the farm and had a fantastic time at Umberslade Farm Park on Monday. We were able to feed the animals, brush the ponies and hold guinea pigs and rabbits. The children's writing has improved immensely over the past few weeks and lots of the children are now working independently, writing short captions and sentences. In Reception we value each child as being unique and reinforce this through our VIP system introduced by our amazing PGCE student Miss Sheridan. Each day a VIP is chosen and they get to wear a special badge. At the end of the day the VIP takes a slip home explaining to parents and carers what made them a special VIP that day.

Message from Year 3



This is a photo showing our role play of the play Macbeth. We acted out the first scene for Shakespeare week.

Message from Year 1

This term seems to have flown by in Year 1 as we have been so busy with our topics: Big City, Bright Lights and Splendid Skies. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about our capital city of London where they made super cityscapes, mapped a tour of the city and wrote a new ending for Katie in London. During our Splendid Skies topic the weather was on our side, giving us plenty of storms: with snow, rain, wind and sunshine conditions to explore. As part of this topic we have explored The Tempest by William Shakespeare. The children were inspired by our trip to Shakespeare's birthplace and have made their own puppets using their interpretation of the characters we have learnt about. The children have produced some exceptional writing this term and we are very proud of the effort they are making with their presentation.



Message from Year 4



We have had a very busy term in Year 4! We started off 2018 with our 'I am Warrior' topic where we learnt all about Romans, including how to be a Roman soldier and making our own Roman shields. We finished our topic by having a Roman day where we had to come dressed up as a Roman and we were allowed to attack our parents.

In the second half term we have started our 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' topic. Our super starter was investigating how well we brush our teeth by using plaque disclosing tablets, it was very interesting to find out how well we actually brush our teeth. In our science lessons we have found out which drink can damage the enamel on our teeth the most by using eggs and we are now looking forward to continuing our topic by investigating the digestive system after Easter.

A lot of us have particularly enjoyed learning about Macbeth in our English lessons and getting the chance to perform to the rest of the class.

Message from Year 2

There has been mischievous happenings in Year 2 this term! We have all had great fun following Puck's tricks in A Midsummer Night's Dream, exploring Shakespeare's language and looking at the connections between the different characters. We've enjoyed creating our own puppet show of this play and performing it to the class, as well as creating our own musical song about the world of fairies and sprites. We have also explored our local area, looked at how it has developed over time and went on a grand treasure hunt where we needed to solve clues around the town. In recent weeks we have enjoyed solving shape and number problems in maths and learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minute. Year 2 all deserve a well earned break from all their hard work this term!



Message from Year 5

What a busy Spring term Year 5 have had! We've absolutely loved our two topics this term (Alchemy Island and Off with her Head) and have learned a lot.

We have been tackling tricky fractions, decimals and percentages in maths recently, as well as keeping ourselves refreshed with our super multiplication, division, addition and subtraction techniques.

Our writing has hit new heights, creating fantastic narratives, wonderful reports and some beautiful poetry.

We've had great fun designing and making our Alchemy Island board games and hope to play them with our friends in KS1 soon!

I am really proud with how Year 5 have progressed this term and I can't believe I only have one more term left with them! I think you will agree that the past 5 school terms have gone unbelievably fast but I'm sure that, if Year 5 keep up the enthusiasm and hunger for learning that they have always shown, we will have a super (last!) term.

Message from Year 6

Another busy term in Year 6 has come to an end! In January, we entered the Frozen Kingdom. Here, we learnt all about the fatal trip of the Titanic, explored the planet's coldest lands, and discovered exactly how penguins manage to keep warm! Our visit from Steve: the Antarctic explorer, inspired us to organise our fabulous fund-raising event, and to do our bit to protect the future of Arctic and Antarctic wildlife. You'll be pleased to know that we have now received our official adoption certificates from the WWF! We are now off to warmer climes with our Hola Mexico theme and are currently battling the Lords of Death in the Maya Underworld as part of our myth writing. As the Summer Term fast approaches ... Year 6's final term at Stratford Primary ... we have so much still to look forward to: being 'Gallery Rebels', the Year 5 and 6 production and of course, PGL!

Have a wonderful Easter break from all in Year 6!

"I am proud of raising over £130. I really enjoyed face painting and I loved the topic Frozen Kingdom!" by Oriana

"I enjoyed watching Twelfth Night – live" by William

"I enjoyed our DT shelter project" by Riley

"I am proud of raising enough money to adopt a polar bear and a penguin" by Ben Y

"I have really enjoyed this term with all the things we have done: our Antarctic visitor, fundraising, our Day of the Dead mask design. I also like the polar bear art that we have been doing" by Jacob

Goodbye and Good Luck

We also said goodbye to Miss Poulton and Miss Sheridan, teaching students from Worcester University who have been learning alongside our team. They have both demonstrated exemplary practice and have been a real part of our school. The children and staff will miss them and wish them the best of luck as they graduate and get their first teaching position.



PADDINGTON 2

Friday 27TH April 5.00pm-7.15pm

£3.50 includes Popcorn

Children invited to wear PJ's/Onesies and bring small cushion to sit on.

Check-in opens 15 minutes before film starts, we ask that children **MUST NOT** be left unattended until they have been checked-in.

Consent form required for admission.



Easter Egg Hunt



Fundraising event for The Shakespeare Hospice

FRIDAY 30TH MARCH

Address: Church Lane, Shottery, CV37 9UL

BETWEEN 2-4PM

£1 Per Child

TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Multiple Craft Activities
Biscuit Decorating
Chocolate Prizes!



Registered Charity number : 1064091



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Staff Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. If you would like to apply or find out any further information then please contact the school office.

New To You Uniform

Second Hand Uniform Sale

FRIDAY 20TH APRIL

ANY DONATIONS PLEASE LEAVE IN SCHOOL OFFICE

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