

# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Payment for Music Lessons is overdue - please log on to Parent Pay to make payment.

**Letters issued this week:** Hive Science Y5, Umberslade Trip YR, Heart of England Y3/4/5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm Girls Football Match - Warwick Prep 4pm	Rocksteady Football 3.30-4.30pm Kidz with Bricks 3.30-4.30pm Dance 3.30-4.30pm	Drama 3.30-4.30pm Textiles 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30pm Boys Football Match - Thomas Jolyffe 3.45pm	

## News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Well what a range of weather we have had this week; lashings of rain and wind, then peppered with blue skies and sunshine. Difficult to know what to expect from hour to hour at the minute but it doesn't stop our children at Stratford Primary from enjoying themselves. For example, Year 1 were out in forest school on Thursday with Mr Gardner and although they came back wet and muddy they had all had great fun. Rhys told me he had made bird feeders, built a den with his friends, dug in the mud and found a spider which was missing a leg! All of the children came back into school laughing and joking. Which is proof getting outside is good for mental health and well-being. A bit of rain doesn't bother the children. Indeed I drove into the car park Thursday lunchtime to see children racing around the playground without coats. I dived quickly out of my car huddled in my coat and rushed to tell them to put coats on quick. 'No Mrs Humphriss, I'm fine!' was the general shout and all done with smiles on their faces.

Year 6 have been challenging themselves this week in developing their punctuation and grammar. Jodie told me that she thought she understood what a colon was but actually until she had explored it further, she didn't. Proof that we all need to keep learning and ensuring we fully understand before we say we have got it. Do you know what a colon is? Are you confident with subordinate clauses or a preposition? Ask a Year 6 child and they should be able to tell you. Actually ask a child in KS2 and the majority will. We regularly quiz the children to make sure they recall this knowledge. When I walked into Year 2 the other day Mrs Withers was exploring writing with the children about building a bucket full of kindness. Hattie raised her hand and said 'Mrs Withers you can see a plural there.' The children had learnt about plurals previously and Hattie had recalled her knowledge demonstrating where she might see it.

All around the school you can see great examples of our PSHE curriculum. This is Personal Social and Health Education. Year 6 have been exploring our one school rule of RESPECT further and provided examples of where they see it around their classroom and school e.g. supporting each other in the class, helping a Reception child play a game. Mrs Withers in whole school assembly has been encouraging the children to think about how they can be kinder to each other and they have all made suggestions of what they could put in a virtual bucket of kindness. Smile at someone in the corridor, offer to play with them, help someone carry a bag. We can all do a small, kind action which really will make someone's day. I love walking around the school because the children are always so pleased to see me and that definitely makes my day and makes my bucket of kindness very heavy.

This week we have had a safeguarding audit. This is an annual visit from Community Academies Trust to monitor our safeguarding and also our curriculum on personal development. The children were very positive about how they are supported in the school and know who they should seek out to help them keep safe. We are proud of personal development at Stratford Primary. We want the children to be ready for employment one day and create lots of opportunities for them to apply for jobs in the school, run a school bank, and explore different careers by inviting visitors in such as authors, engineers and actors and we visit a range of different places: The Albert Hall, Stonehenge, and Jaguar Land Rover in Wolverhampton. Staff demonstrated that they receive rigorous training in safeguarding and were able to talk confidently about 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and how they follow clear procedures for Child Protection.

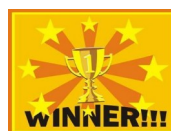
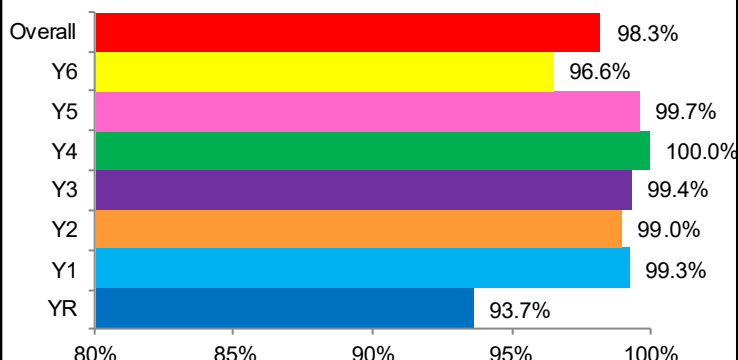
We have lots of things coming up this term. So please watch out for the communication board, visit our website and read the newsletters. The children are going on various visits, we are currently entering a competition to create the best portrait of Shakespeare, Pancake Day is coming - start practising flipping and FOSP have some fabulous events for 2020 planned starting with a Valentine disco for the children. Penny Wars is returning and get your dabbars out, Bingo is calling!

'Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.' The 14th Dalai Lama.

Enjoy the high pressure this week. According to meteorologists cups of tea taste better during high pressure.

Mrs Humphriss

## Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 4 with 100%.

Well Done!

## Weekly House Points



Well done - Arden!

## Lost Property

As you can see, there are still a lot of items sitting in our lost property box.



If you recognize anything in the picture (or your child has lost school uniform, sports wear, hats, gloves, etc) please pop into the office and collect it. Anything that is here at the beginning of half term will be given to charity.

And please ensure everything brought into school is clearly named!



## Felix Dennis Young Poets Competition 2020

Win up to **£300**  
and have your work published!

**Who can enter?**  
Anyone aged 5 to 21 years

**What's the deadline?**  
21st February 2020

**What's the prize?**  
5 to 10 years: **£100**  
11 to 16 years: **£200**  
17 to 21 years: **£300**

**How to enter**  
Submit your entry as a Word document attachment only. The file name must be your name and age. Please also include your name and address at the top of the document and email it to [info@stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk)

For full terms and conditions, visit our website at: [www.stratlitfest.co.uk](http://www.stratlitfest.co.uk)

Winning and specially commended entries will appear in a special Festival Collection book



## Poetry Competition

This competition is being run as part of the Stratford Literary Festival and your children will have come home with this leaflet during this week.

Good luck with your entries!

## Community Governor Vacancy

### Governor Vacancy



A vacancy for a Community Governor has become available at Stratford upon Avon Primary School, we are looking to recruit high quality governors to our Local Governing Body.

We are looking for people who have the skill to support and challenge the school in addressing its aims. You will be involved in creating and developing a strategic plan for the school, setting and agreeing objectives, and monitoring and evaluating its success by focusing on progress and outcomes.

If you are aged 18 or over and are able to commit around 10 to 15 hours per term to the role, we would be delighted to hear from you. You do not need to be a parent of a student at the school. No prior knowledge is needed - training and support is offered and available to all new and existing governors.

This is an extremely rewarding role, one which holds great importance within our schools and trust. If you feel that you have skills which could be transferred to help make a real difference to children's lives, please contact us for further information.

The closing date for current applications is Friday 28th February 2020 at 4.00pm.

For an application form and further information please contact:

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## Reception - Three Little Pigs!

This week Reception have been building houses for the three little pigs. We have been investigating the strength and texture of different materials and making sure the houses can keep the pigs safe from the big bad wolf!



## Year 6 Scientists



Periscopes constructed and spy missions complete, Year 6 scientists are now off to Frozen Kingdom!



This week we have been observing our very own icebergs and researching these amazing natural phenomena.



As part of the 'working scientifically' strand of the curriculum, we have planned our own scientific enquiries, which we are going to test next week. Does the shape of an iceberg or the salt content of the water it is in, affect how quickly it melts?



## Year 1 - Forest School

Year 1 are learning about Winter for their topic, during Forest School we learnt that it is harder for the forest animals to find food.

Then we made bird feeders out of lard, mealworms and seeds.



## Safeguarding

### County Lines – Threat, harm and risk to pupils and students

The threat associated with County Lines drug distribution networks has rapidly grown with over 2000 identified drug lines operating across the UK, primarily through dedicated mobile phone lines. Children and young people are approached physically or online before being targeted, groomed and exploited by drug gangs. They are forced to transport and store drugs, weapons and cash between import and export areas as well as to work on the line, delivering and dealing drugs, usually crack cocaine and heroin, to vulnerable drug users.

**SafeCall** provides a national telephone based support service to those in crisis caused by County Lines including young people, families/carers and professionals. The helpline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**SafeCall** - 0208 392 5710 between 10.00 – 18.00 Monday to Friday  
**Missing People Helpline** - 116 000 (will respond outside of SafeCall office hours)