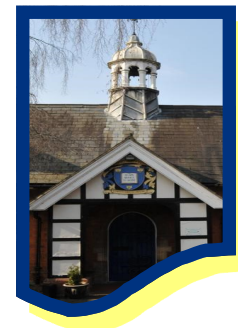


# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Continue to check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

**Latest Government Advice:** Year Reception, 1 and 6 are able to return to school - please make sure you arrive promptly for drop off and pick up times for your child's 'bubble'. If your child displays any symptoms do not send them into school.

Outside of school, continue to observe social distancing rules and only meet up to 6 people in outdoor spaces. Covid-19 tests are available to order for all over 5's.

## News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Oh how I have smiled this week to hear the sound of children laughing in school and teachers sharing new and exciting things to learn. My office has been extremely quiet through April and May and now I welcome the buzz of excitement permeating through school. Thank you to those who have followed our new way of coming to school and also for the lovely messages we have had from you. For those children who have returned they have adapted well to social distancing and keeping their bubbles safe and well. Hand-washing is now a part of their timetable throughout the day as it was before we partially closed. You will see from some of our photographs as we share them on the website and in newsletters, how happy the children are to be back.

'Watch out for my bubble' is a familiar cry in school now as the children adapt to our new way of working together. They move together as a bubble around the school and stay within their zoned areas of the playground. Even the staff know there are only certain places they can go. No one can cross over the threshold of a classroom or office bubble unless they are part of it. I wave from a 2m distance and the staff and children have learnt to talk to Mrs Chisholm through the office window in the corridor. Cleaning is part of our normal day. I watched the children learning to play shadow tag or mirror me games so they can keep their distance.

Our Year 6 children are also wearing their leaver's hoodies which look extremely smart. We might not have been able to present them as we normally would but that hasn't stopped them wearing them with pride. Mrs McCormack is determined that the children will leave our school with the same memories and experiences as past Year 6 children albeit with social distancing and safety in mind. They will soon be adding their names to our graffiti wall and we hope that those who have not yet joined us will get to do so at some point.

Well done to all of you who still remain at home. I have seen some of your home learning and read your messages. You are all doing brilliantly and we promise you that eventually you too will be able to join us at school but only when it is safe to do so. All of the staff are determined to keep in touch with you as we have been doing through Teams and eSchools. Keep sending us your videos and uploading your fabulous activities.

'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.' Helen Keller

Keep smiling and stay well.

Mrs Humphriss  
Executive Head

## Top tips for surviving home learning - Year 5

Parents straight away I would like to say thank you for being so brilliant! It's been an incredibly difficult and frustrating time I know and you have coped admirably and of course so have my Year 5 children.

I believe that there is no right or wrong way to cope with this confusing period of time and some days we need to be simply accepting that doing our best is absolutely good enough for the wellbeing of our families.

So, how do we support our children while they are at home completing school work?  
Do not be afraid to look at what has been set by me and find games, PowerPoints or BBC Bitesize videos to enhance or supplement it if I haven't already put the online links on.  
If all of the work does not get completed do not get stressed. At this strange time it is better to let the children move at their own pace.

Look on the positive side, in some ways home working provides a better opportunity than when the children are in school because without the timetable pressure children are able to delve deeper into subjects, be focused and produce a quality piece of work that fascinates them and that they are proud of.

At the risk of repeating myself and other teachers I would advise that parents try to keep to a schedule for the mornings and see the afternoons as a time for creativity. However you have to decide how to spend your day and it has to be right for your household and child.

It is important that children are taking regular breaks because when I am setting the work it is not my intention that children spend hours looking at a screen. Remember, your child's work doesn't all need to be written down on a worksheet: you can take photographs if you want to and pass them onto me as evidence of a special piece of learning. I am happier to see a piece of art and design or STEM activities than rows of extra calculations, although that said if your child loves maths then there are plenty of websites listed below that will provide extra problem solving calculations.

Here are some websites that can support year 5 learning at home .

**WhiteRoseMaths.com**

**Twinkl.com**

**BBCbitesize**

**DavidWalliamsStorytime**

**STEM.Org.**

I really like The Primary Science Teaching Trust website as it has lots of resources, activities and live lessons. YouTube has its uses but please make sure that children are not left unattended if watching a new video.

Lastly, learning is fun I appreciate that you are not all teachers, but learning is everywhere, everywhere children are, so I would say, let them set the pace and allow them to show you how exciting new discoveries are to them, enjoy the time together and finally, be kind to yourself you are doing a great job.

**Take care of each other**  
**Mrs Ingate**



## Back to School!



## Safeguarding

### **Talking to children about events in the news.**

The news in recent weeks and months has contained a lot of information and images which we naturally want to shield our children from.

It is important that we talk about things with our children, they may hear other people talking or see images shared by others - talking about the events can help our children process what is happening rather than letting them worry.

It also provides an opportunity to educate them and ourselves on current affairs.

This website gives some information about how we should approach things when talking to them.

<https://www.education.com/slideshow/talk-kids-about-news/build-connection-world/>

## NSPCC - The Big Climb

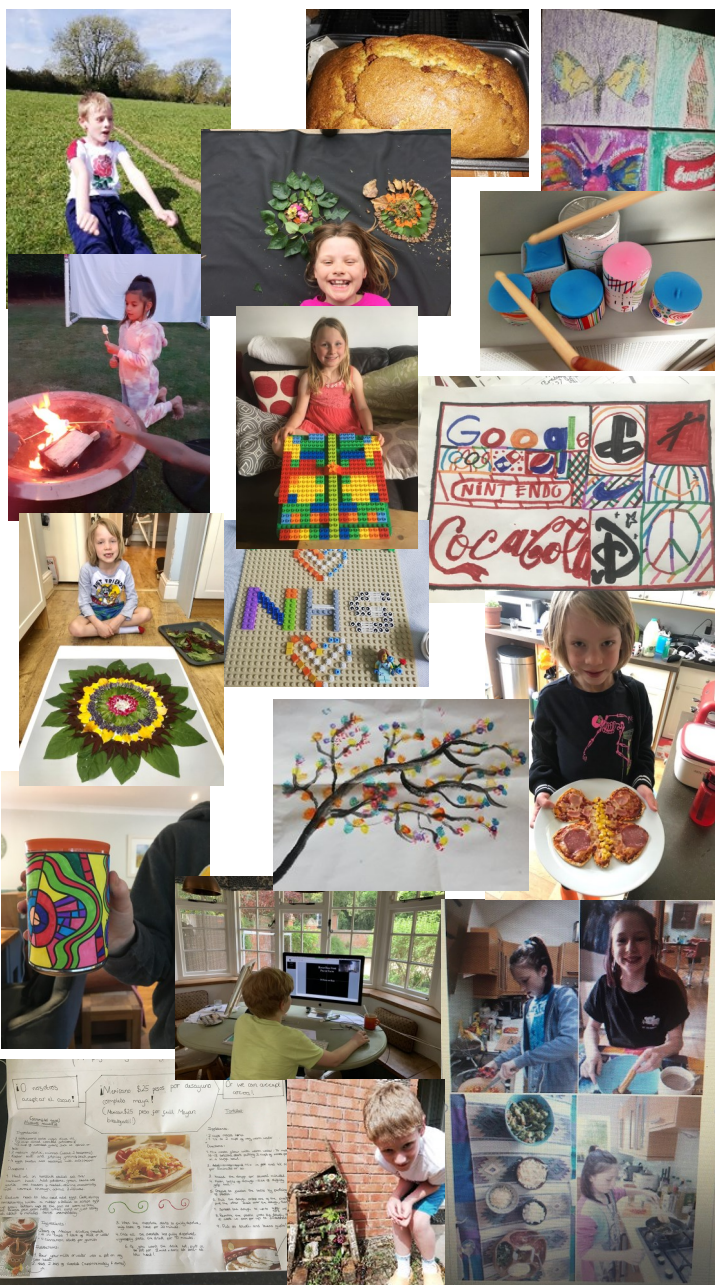
The NSPCC are raising funds to help protect children this weekend with 'The Big Climb'.

For more details or to sign up please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/charity-runs-cycles-and-challenges/charity-walks-treks-and-challenges/the-big-climb/>



## Home Learning



## Year 6 Artwork

