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# The Stratford Standard



## End of Year from Mrs Humphriss' desk...

I cannot believe that a whole year has flown by and I am writing again to say thank you to so many people. We have done so much this year despite lockdowns and Covid and it is always a pleasure to do a roundup of events. We are still not able to all meet in Holy Trinity Church for our end of year get together but slowly but surely we have been able to start to gather as a community once more. Being able to invite parents to sports day and our Y5/6 performance has been great and it is starting to feel like we are moving towards the old days.

This school year has been full of so much for our children. When I look back through our newsletters and the website and see the children laughing in The Heart of England or gazing in awe as butterflies land on them at The Butterfly farm or standing solemnly at Stratford war memorial remembering I feel incredibly proud to be their head teacher. No matter what has been thrown at them our children have smiled, laughed, shared their thoughts and generally been amazing. Whenever people walk through our school (socially distanced of course) they comment on the wonderful feel and the buzz of learning. There isn't a day goes by without them making our days better. So a huge thank you to them.

All of the staff of Stratford Primary never stop giving and this year they have gone above and beyond. There are days where they have been so tired I often wonder how they will keep going but they do. A huge thank you to all of them for continuing to research the curriculum, for spending time talking to children to ensure they have an outlet for their worries, cares and thoughts, for delivering excellent learning and for caring for each other and our community. They are all incredible. Thank you as well from me to Mrs Withers who leads our school day to day. She has been, and is, fabulous. We do say goodbye to some of our team members and wish them luck in the next stage of their journeys. Goodbye to Mrs Pearson who has done a terrific job in teaching Year 3 this year. She has done this with a smile and dedication and the children will miss her. Mr Moss will also be leaving us this summer and exploring new things. We asked Year 4 for their memories; learning about The Victorians, singing (naturally) and reading featured. Good luck Mr Moss. Mrs Beadon will leave us as well. She has supported children at Stratford for many years and been so nurturing. Good luck in your next steps.

Sadly it is time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move on in the next stage of their education. They have made so much progress over the years and I have no doubt in my mind that they will all go on to do wonderful things. I am so pleased that they have been able to visit PGL, perform in 'Rock Bottom', graffiti our walls with their names and generally leave their mark. We all wish them the very best and know they will return to share their news and celebrations. Good luck. We are also saying goodbye to Louis in year 4 and to Maddie in Year 1 as they go to pastures new. We wish them all the very best.

It is always a pleasure to say we are a Community Academies School and proud to be part of such a vibrant group of schools and we thank our central team for the support they have given us. A huge thank you as well to our School Standards Committee (LGB) led so brilliantly by our Chair of Governors Karen Kennedy. They are always challenging the school to improve and keep us striving to do the very best for our children. They have been a great support to me and Mrs Withers. The Friends of Stratford Primary (FOSPs) have been so resilient this year and not stopped fund-raising or thinking up ways to raise funds for our playgrounds and our children. Thank you to you all for not giving up.

Finally a great big thank you to you, our parents and families. Thank you for supporting us, believing in everything we do and for sharing your children with us. We love our jobs and we love Stratford Primary. We hope you have a super summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in September. We cannot wait to greet a new Reception class and start new memories. Keep safe and well.

'What feels like the end is often the beginning.'

Thank you for everything.

Mrs Humphriss

## Reception

Explorers, climbers, gardeners, adventurers, pirates, eco warriors, mathematicians, authors, scientists, artists...

Reception, you have been amazing!



## Year 1



What a year it has been! Despite the interruptions to the school year, Year One have made us extremely proud and we have managed to pack a lot in. Over the year the children have developed their resilience, independence, and dedication. Here are some of the things they have particularly enjoyed: Performing Greek myths, exploring the Heart of England Forest, going to the paddock, making gingerbread men, being creative, learning about London and making dinosaur habitats.

## Year 2

What a year it's been! It has been SO lovely to get to know and work with each and every one of year 2 - we have had a busy, exciting and memorable year - and the progress, confidence, maturity and resilience that everyone has shown, is admirable!

The children have been inventors, gardeners, artists, researchers, musicians, conservationists, explorers, comedians (they make us laugh every day), adventurers and, above everything else, masterminds!



## Year 3

We are finally reaching the end of a challenging year and we're getting ready to say our goodbyes to year 3, and a big hello to year 4. The past year has provided opportunities for the class to show both social and emotional regulation and I am very proud to see the great maturity that has been shown during the academic year. Year 3 have shown great resilience in their learning over the year, taking part in lots of exciting and enriching learning experiences. We have been engaged in lots of new topic themes, from studying the theme of 'food' and reading Roald Dahls Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to stepping back in time to the fascinating era of the Romans and the delights of Pompeii and Vesuvius. We then continued our journey of learning and discovery through the theme of the 'stone age', learning all about what early life was like and finally finishing off with 'heroes and villains'. Being fully immersed in their topics has enabled year 3 to improve their reading, writing, listening skills in a fun and creative way. They have created some wonderful narratives over the past year and have looked at many genres of writing. It's safe to say we have some budding authors amongst us! And finally, it's my time to say goodbye. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching year 3 over the last year and I shall miss my class and everyone at Stratford-upon-Avon Primary.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly and I wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday!



## Year 4



Wow what a busy year we have had! We have travelled from the world of the Vikings, raced Olympic style through the Greek myths, just survived on the Victorian streets and ended up on the beautiful but stormy Isles of Scilly. Along the way we have been joined by butterflies, looked upon a giant rainbow of hope and made pizzas, cakes and tropical juices. We have been very arty. We made clay Greek pots, drew oil pastel turtles, looked at Turner & Hopper, sketched a Victorian Workhouse and much more. We have listened to lots of different music, played the piano and sang the sea shanty Wellerlorn lustily. We have loved being outside at The Heart of England Forest and in PE we have found time for rounders, rugby, cricket and dance.

Phew - we need a summer holiday!

### Highlights from Year 4



## Year 5

In year 5 we have had lots of fun and happiness learning about all sorts of things. We started year 5 with our Space topic and we really enjoyed learning lots of facts about planets. Then Mrs Brown came to teach us and we did lots of creative writing with our topics of Alchemy Island and history fact find finding with The Egyptians. In May we started our Beast Creator topic and attended the Biodiversity day with Graduate Planet which was amazing and created lots of new habitats for pollinators. We have been to The Heart of England Forest and also took part in the KS2 play Rock Bottom which was hard work but very funny! We are sad to leave year 5 behind but very excited about being in year 6.

Year 5 wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Summer Holiday.



## Year 6

What a brilliant half term to complete your final year! We all will be left with fantastic memories of crazy Caveys, kooky Cobblesstones, energetic Eggheads and the three Juans ... not to mention rapping Timekeepers and a whole bunch of Krakatoe

-or-two Crackpots. To top this off perfectly, you had an amazing activity week at PGL - even if you did leave Mrs McCormack behind self-isolating! Just don't sing the Banana Song or Ania might fall over ... again! You have been a lovely year and we will miss you very much, but you have left your mark on Stratford Primary - quite literally, with your amazing graffiti art work - and we know that we can send you on your way well-prepared for secondary school and ready to face new challenges. Goodbye you dingbats!!

Love Mrs Mc, Mrs E and Mrs Fade xx

