Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'

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Reminders: Check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

Latest Government Advice: Please continue with social distancing and follow government advice.

Only go outside for food, exercise, or to work if you cannot work from home. Avoid using public transport where possible.

Stay 2 metres away from other people. Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Well what wonderful photographs we have had sent to us demonstrating how well you all celebrated VE day last Friday. Mrs Withers, Mrs Ingate and myself had a fabulous time with our key-worker children and enjoyed a party in the playground. We played musical chairs which were socially distanced, went for a walk to see the flags and bunting in the local community and had fun playing in the sunshine.

Last week we sent you a video sharing messages from all the staff and this week we have been sent a wonderful video in return by our Reception children. Mrs Slater and I have to admit we did sit and have a good cry. We are so proud of you all. You all look so happy and it is clear from the wonderful costumes you were all wearing you continue to have fun. Thank you, it made our day and cheered us up.

We do miss all of the children and as you know we are currently preparing meticulous plans for our Reception, Year One and Year Six children to possibly return on 1st June. The staff cannot wait to see them. When I told Mrs McCormack the news she practically skipped down the corridor and has been busy planning and arranging her classroom and the Year 5 classroom so we can keep the children at a safe distance with their own area for learning. Mrs Slater has been scrubbing and cleaning Reception and Year 2 so she can have plenty of space for the children to learn in and Miss White keeps asking me who she will see in school. Please rest assured we will only open on the 1st June if we are ready and able to keep everyone safe.

I do love seeing all of the children's home learning and thank you for all your continuous messages of support. It makes me smile when you tell me the children are curling up on the sofa listening to me read 101 Dalmatians or that they have loved their TEAMS meetings or that they have been so excited with their topic work that they just don't want to stop. This week we are trying our best to telephone every single one of our families even though we do talk to many of you through e-schools or TEAMs. We wanted to touch base with you the parents, not just the children, so you know we are here for you and hope you are all well. I know some of you worry that the children might not be where they need to be when they return. Don't worry the whole country is the same. If your child is reading, writing and doing a bit of something to keep the brain ticking then they will be fine. Let us worry about the gaps and you just do what you are doing best. Staying positive and trying different things.

I am looking forward to seeing the music soiree that Miss Bradburn has organised. So many great videos have come in and we hope you all enjoy the soiree. Music is good for the soul.

'Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance you must keep moving.' - Albert Einstein.

Have an incredible weekend. Breathe in the sunshine and stay well and stay safe.

Mrs Humphriss

Safeguarding

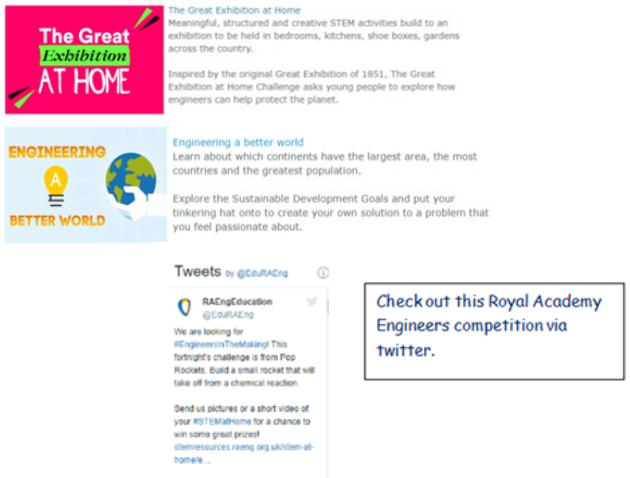
Childline: In response to recent events, there are numerous resources available from a variety of sources including the NSPCC and BBC Bitesize connected to the emotional well-being of children and their families.

The Childline website has lots of valuable information, but an especially useful tool is their **Calm Zone**. The activities aim to help children feel better when they're feeling anxious, scared or sad. Although children could be encouraged to visit the website themselves, these are also good techniques for adults to use with children. Ideas include breathing exercises, a 'let it go' box and creating a 'sense drawer'.

Top Tips for STEM Learning

I thought it would be helpful to find some information that can help make learning STEM subjects easy and fun and keep you all busy for the next week or longer! I have included a competition and a couple of projects that include science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education activities.
Parents - these can be easily adapted for the home setting and for both KS1 and KS2.
Good Luck to those entering the competition and don't forget to send in any fantastic photos to the office for the newsletter!
Mrs Ingate

Check the projects below by logging on to **https://www.raeng.org.uk/education/stem-at-home**



VE Day Celebration Gallery

Thank you for sharing your pictures of VE Day celebrations with us.

Our amazing children and their families are still engaged in fun and interesting home learning activities.