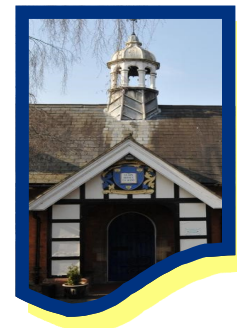


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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16th October 2020

Reminders: Dinners must be booked by Friday evening for the following week, or a packed lunch provided.

Letters issued this week: None

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind lessons Rocksteady catch up lesson	Rocksteady Piano lessons	Violin lessons Nasal Flu Immunisation	Rocksteady Spooktacular Lunch	INSET DAY

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

It has been really lovely this week to have so many visitors in the school for our Open Week – Mrs Humphriss and myself have carried out many socially distanced tours of the school for prospective parents and it has been a super opportunity to show off the fantastic learning opportunities, pupil engagement, learning environment and high standards that can be seen at Stratford Primary. All the visitors commented on how engaged the children were in their learning and how the imagination and creativity shone through. The school really is looking fantastic and the staff have been busy as ever making sure that the corridors are filled with the children's work and the classrooms are engaging and interactive. A recent addition to the main corridor is the Stratford Primary book trail. All the staff were asked to put forward suggestions of books that they think all children should read before they leave Primary School and the corridors are now filled with book covers ranging from Julia Donaldson's *The Gruffalo* to Piers Torday's *The Last Wild*. Hopefully the children will be able to recognise lots of books that they have already read and glean ideas of new books to put on their Christmas lists!

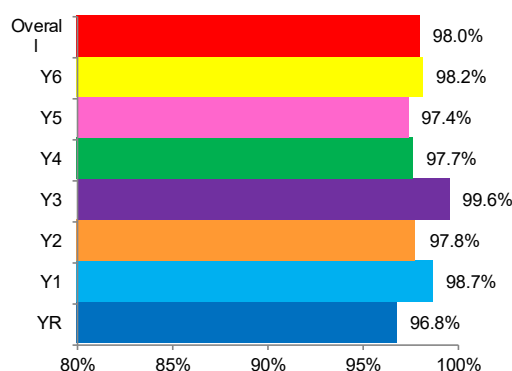
Whilst touring the school, the Reception children were eager to show off their outdoor learning. On a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the children are able to create their own outdoor learning ideas and I was really impressed to see an obstacle course that they had built around the pirate ship, which they made out of materials from their Early Excellence shed. There was definitely a lot of team work involved and imaginative play taking place! Year 1 have been continuing to explore *The Gingerbread Man* in their design and technology lessons and there have been delightful aromas coming from *The Curiosity Cube* this week, with the scent of Gingerbread people wafting around the school! I saw lots of excited children leaving school with a bag of Gingerbread each. Let's hope they don't manage to escape before they are eaten! In Year 2 this week Miss Davies and myself had a moment where we just looked at each other across the classroom and smiled. The children have been working SO hard to learn all the technical terminology in grammar and they can now explain what a verb is, what a noun is and what a pronoun is. They have been really wowing us with their eagerness to learn. They are thoroughly enjoying their Solar System topic and there has been a lot of excitement this week at being able to see Mars in the night sky! We have also had a second attempt at making alien cross heads but the children are taking them home this week to keep them warm at night! In Year 3 this week, the children have been telling me all about different predators. They are able to talk about the different characteristics of a predator and were very excited to make their very own predators! Year 4 have been expert scientists, building electrical circuits to make a bulb light up. They have been using scientific vocabulary to talk about their work and can talk about electrical conductors and insulators! In Year 5, I found the children lying on the playground and staring up into the sky. They then ventured over to the paddock and lay under trees! On closer inspection, it turned out that the children were really taking the time to notice the sights and sounds in the world around them to help them create some really beautiful mindfulness poetry and art work. In Year 6, the children have been talking about tigers and jelly babies in their maths lessons! Mrs McCormack has introduced the children to bus stop division (a tricky concept) and they have been investigating what to do with the remainders (the tigers and the jelly babies!) They are also continuing to learn about Charles Darwin and the mystery of life! So that leaves one week to go before the half term break...we have a lot to fit in to those last four days including a Spooktacular lunch! Please be reminded that next Friday is an INSET day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

'Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.' - Albert Einstein

Mrs Withers

Weekly Attendance by Class



The winner's this week are Year 3 with 99.6%

Well Done!

School Uniform Supplier

The school office team have been working hard to secure an alternative choice for parents to purchase our school uniform.

We are excited to announce that from the end of this school year Marks and Spencer's will be supplying our full school uniform alongside Alcester Uniform Shop.

More information will be sent out over the next few months.

Stratford Literary Festival

Tickets available at www.stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk

WINTER WEEKEND
20th to 22nd November 2020
stratlitfest.co.uk

Authors: Dame Hilary Mantel, Margaret Heffernan, Roger McGough, Claire Wilcox, Iain Dale, Andrew Marr, Charles Spencer, Matthew Parris, Duncan Preston, Michael Taylor, Rory Bremner, Margaret MacMillan, Lemn Sissay, Jasper Rees, PLUS MORE...

Events for Families: Martin Brown, Roger McGough and Greg McLeod, Craft Workshops and Storytelling

With: BAILEY GIFFORD

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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For more information visit www.ileap.co.uk

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Year 5

Year 5 have been creating some mindfulness poetry and artwork using the outdoors and nature as their inspiration.



Year 1

This week Year One have been making gingerbread as part of our learning based on The Gingerbread Man. We will use our experience to write the recipe next week.



Stratford in Bloom

Congratulations to Thomas and his family who won Stratford in Bloom this year and especially to Thomas himself who received a special Chairman's Trophy! We are very proud of you.



FOSP Dream Draw

Don't miss out on the next draw coming in November!



Due to the restrictions of social distancing FOSP are regrettably unable to put on events that bring our community together in the usual way. We have been thinking of new ways to raise funds in order to continue to support the school with projects new and ongoing (supporting IT provision, staffing of outdoor activities, the library system, contribution to Christmas lunches, £100 to each class teacher for resources of their choice, Year 6 Leavers books).

We hope you will show your support for our new internal lottery - The FOSP Dream Draw. Sorry the details are lengthy but we have tried to cover every detail and possibility.

£1 per entry it will be drawn monthly by the staff and pupils during whole school assembly via Teams on a Monday (around the middle of the month). 50% of income will go towards school projects 50% on cash prizes. (30% 1st prize, 15% 2nd prize, 5% 3rd prize).

If the school is closed the draw will be conducted on Zoom with at least 4 members of the FOSP committee in attendance. Any entrant can attend the Zoom draw on request.

There will be 10 draws on the following dates:

2020	2021
10th October (entry paid by 14th)	18th January (entry paid by 13th)
18th November (entry paid by 11th)	22nd February (entry paid by 12th)
14th December (entry paid by 9th)	22nd March (entry paid by 17th)
	29th April (entry paid by 9th)
	17th May (entry paid by 12th)
	14th June (entry paid by 9th)
	12th July (entry paid by 7th)

The draw will be open to staff, family and friends of the school community. Participants can enter multiple times.

Ideally to reduce admin we would greatly appreciate entry to the school year's 10 draws in a single Bacs payment of £10 to the FOSP account but alternatively standing orders of £1 per month can be made. Please advise if you can only pay by cash and we will make arrangements for COVID secure collection. Payments for entry must be received by 5pm on the day that has been designated as the payment deadline.

Once you have expressed your interest in entering the draw you will be messaged the FOSP bank account details and a reference to use on your BACS payment. Each entrant will be given a number to allow for anonymity if requested.

New entries will be accepted throughout the year according to the rules but refunds of prepaid entries will not be given.

Winners will be notified ASAP and payments made by BACS wherever possible and cash in the exception.

Please complete the following form, photograph/scan it and send by email to fospschool@gmail.com or WhatsApp to Denise Wood on 07711 768087.

Thank you as always for your support. We look forward to the time we can offer more interactive events, hoping you are safe and well.

Friends of Stratford Primary

Name: _____

Please tick which Dream Draw you would like to enter or if you would like to be in all 10 Draws.

I would like to enter the following draws:

2020	2021
10th October <input type="checkbox"/>	18th January <input type="checkbox"/>
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	14th June <input type="checkbox"/>
	12th July <input type="checkbox"/>

I would like to enter ALL 10 Dream Draws ☐

I confirm I will pay a one off payment of £..... via BACS/Cash to FOSP

I confirm I set up a standing order of a total of £..... via BACS/Cash to FOSP

Email: _____

Mobile: _____



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Dates for your Diary

Some of the things coming up over the next few weeks at school:

- 21st October - Nasal Flu immunisations in school
- 23rd October - INSET Day (school closed to children)
- 26th October to 30th October - Half Term
- 4th November - Individual school photographs
- 13th November - Diwali Workshops (all classes)