

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Ensure payment (and therefore consent) is up to date for any trips/clubs, etc **before** it takes place.

Letters issued this week: Reception Nativity, Year 1 and 2 costumes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30pm Flu Vaccinations	Rocksteady Multi Sports Skills 3.30-4.15pm	Drama 3.30-4.30pm Textiles 3.30-4.30pm	Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30pm	Achievement Assembly 9.05am Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal Kenilworth Castle - Y2 Non Uniform Day - Christmas Fair Donations (not Y2)

News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Well what a chilly week it has been. I hope you have all found those hats, scarves and gloves from wherever they have been hiding this past year. It is a complete contrast to last week after all that rain. It hasn't stopped the children from being full of energy and the school is alive with chatter and excitement as they prepare for all the Christmas festivities coming soon.

I loved visiting the Reception children this week. They have been reading Aliens Love Underpants and the classroom is full of aliens, spaceships and of course pants. I loved seeing the designs they have come up with for their pants! They have also been practising for their Christmas play which is coming soon; singing, dancing, learning their lines. I have also had the pleasure of listening to their phonics and reading. They love phonics and are always keen to share everything they have learnt. What a happy bunch of children they are! Year 1 are exploring the key text of Traction Man and this has really fitted in very well with their topic of Superheroes. Harris told me that he loves Traction Man – 'he is cool!' Whenever I've popped into Year 2 they are reading and exploring Snow Dragon. Today they watched a certain Christmas advert which has a very cute dragon in so they can apply their reading skills. I was very impressed with their inference. Ask them what inference is if you are not sure. I loved it in Year 3 when they were fully engaged with their reading, asking questions, sharing words, expanding their knowledge of comprehension through explanations. The book was all about chocolate! Can you guess which book they were reading? In Year 4 they have started their Victorian topic with the text Street Child and as usual they are developing their understanding through drama and terrific writing. In Year 5 they are engineers and whilst reading happens daily they couldn't wait to share how much they have loved exploring technology by taking apart machines and finding out how they tick. Year 6 are continuing their work on remembrance and WW1. They have been learning about the soldiers whose names are on the WW1 memorial and who once attended our school. It really brings it home to them when they get to know the people and what their lives were like before they went to war.

Year 4 had a fabulous trip out to Lunt Fort this week to end their topic on Romans. It was cold but a lot of fun and very informative. One parent said 'Lewis was full of excitement last night telling us all about the soldiers' lives and how they had to keep soldiers awake on lookout, how the forts were protected by various moats, how to draw your sword and many other nuggets of information.' Year 6 were also visited by a soldier – this time from WWI who shared what life was like in the trenches during the war and this really brought it to life for them.

Our governing body have met this week as well and discussed finance, how the school is developing with the curriculum and also how subject leads are ensuring that key skills are developed and progressed throughout the school. The governors support the school in many different ways. Today they are interviewing pupils about maths and how they learn and are taught to remember key facts and knowledge. The Friends of the school also met on Monday to plan for the Christmas fair which is coming soon. There are lots of exciting plans and soon we will look very festive. On Thursday your child will have brought home their paper cup to fill for the tombola stall and on Friday 29th December we will have a dress down day for donations for the fair. If you can help in any way, shape or form we would really appreciate it.

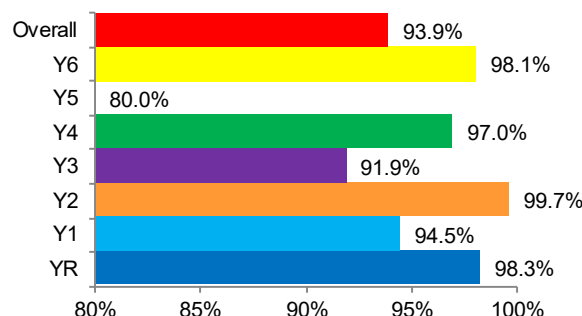
Keep an eye on our calendar and communication board for key dates and watch out for things in book bags and emails from Parent Pay so that you know what is happening in our school. Remember to read, read, read with your child and keep learning those number bonds and times tables.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." – Walt Disney

Have an incredible weekend.

Mrs Humphriss

Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 2 with 99.7%. Well Done!

Weekly House Points



Well done - Hall!

Maths: What is Fluency?

The national curriculum for mathematics aims to ensure that all pupils become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, including varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time, so that pupils develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately.

As a school, we have been using 'Fluent in Five', which is 5 minutes of daily retrieval practice, focusing on the recall of facts and procedures. The aim is to practise 'little and often' in order to ensure learning is deep – in other words, that it sticks and can be recalled and used or applied in new contexts.

For homework, the children will be given 'Fluent in Five in a nutshell', which explains the types of questions they have been practising in class and which can then be used to practise similar questions at home.

We will be sharing some Fluent in Five questions from different year groups on the newsletter to give you a taste of the progression from Year 1 to 6. **Watch this space!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher or myself.

Mrs McCormack – Maths Lead

Year 6 - Soldier Visit

Year 6 had a very exciting morning on Tuesday, with a visit from WWI soldier Richard. They were taken through basic training and learnt all about trench warfare. History was brought to life for our Fallen Fields theme!



"It was cool - we got to hold a real WWI revolver" Ruben and Harry

"It was fun doing rifle drills" Amaya

"I loved acting out the story of the WWI 'Hero Pigeon'" Charlie



Year 4 - Lunt Roman Fort



Year 4 had a fantastic day this week at the Lunt Roman Fort. We were greeted on arrival by two Roman soldiers, Gnaeus and Rufus.

They taught us about life as a Roman soldier and we learnt some basic skills with wooden swords and shields. It is amazing to think about Roman camps and settlements being so close to our school!



Year 5 - STEM Activity

Making Tomorrow's Engineers!



Linking Newton's 3rd law to practical learning - Year 5 spent the whole afternoon on Thursday investigating how technology, gadgets and a variety of machines work by taking them apart and identifying levers and pulleys and discussing the forces involved in these processes.



Local Information

Father Christmas is coming to Caterpillar Cafe!

Book your slot to see him (and get a gift and some reindeer food!) on Friday 13th December between 10am and 2pm. Spaces are limited so are offered on a first come, first served basis.

To book, visit:

www.caterpillarcafe.co.uk or www.facebook.com/caterpillar.play

Merry Christmas Caterpillars!



The Early Help and Targeted Support Team

Drop-in sessions for support and advice for issues around Parenting.

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Tuesday: 8.45 to 10.45am St Johns Children's Centre, Kenilworth, CV8 1FS

Tuesday: 8.45 to 10.45am Westgate Children's Centre, Warwick, CV34 4DD

Wednesday: 4 to 6pm Lillington Children's Centre, Leamington Spa, CV32 7QE

Thursday: 2 to 4pm Kingsway Children's Centre, CV31 3HB

Friday: 9.30 to 11.30am Sydni Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1PT

Friday: 9 to 11am at Packmores Community Centre, CV34 5EB



For all families in Warwickshire