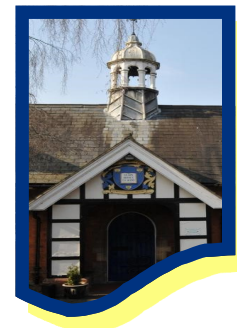


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Payments for the Christmas Panto must be received by Sunday 6th December.

The last day of term is Friday 18th December and we will finish at 12.00pm that day - collection time will be 12-12.20pm to allow for social distancing.
If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch to bring home with them please order as normal on Parent Pay - any hot meals ordered for that day will be cancelled.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind lessons	Rocksteady Piano lessons Soldier Visit - Yr 6	Violin lessons	Rocksteady	Guitar lessons

News from the Desk of the Deputy Head

Well it's been a long two weeks, working from home and not seeing the children in person! It's been so lovely keeping in touch with them via Teams - thank goodness for remote technology, and for Mrs Humphriss' daily telephone conversations, otherwise I think I may have gone ever so slightly mad! Year 2 never cease to amaze me and I am so proud of how well they have carried on with their learning remotely, juggling all their online learning and showing such resilience these past two weeks.

Last week I met with Year 2 and Year 6 online wearing a rather colourful wig for Crazy Hair Day and today I have returned school dressed as an elf! It's never a dull moment. The children looked fantastic today in their elf attire and have had lots of fun taking part in different elf activities all in aid of Alzheimer's UK. Thank you for the super costumes and donations towards this vital cause. The week started with Mrs Humphriss' assembly on Teams and the majority of year 2 were able to join remotely. Bit by bit we are all becoming a little more au fait with this method of working and Miss Parton, Miss Davies and myself have also delivered live lessons this week with great success. It is definitely a different way of teaching but it's lovely to be able to interact with the children and keep in touch. ESchools has also proved to be extremely effective - we have been able to speak to the children and answer any questions about their learning immediately. I have also been able to remotely join in with Reception and Year 1's phonics lessons throughout the week, which has enabled me to carry on with my monitoring role as English Lead and has given me a super insight to the fantastic learning that is taking place this term. In relation to this, I would be grateful if you could complete the online 'Attitudes to writing' survey by following this link or copying and pasting it in your browser:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLm6ekOhnanlPvn9slh5dhOT3_tPhTuwpxANuUpUOUc3MEw0V1RYTU03SzZaWihWOXRQOERQVC4u

Throughout the week, the whole school have also taken part in Severn Trent sewer workshops, where they have been learning online about how to look after our drains and sewers over the festive period. I am sure the children will have lots of interesting facts and top tips to share with you, especially about washing up on Christmas day! It has been a really informative workshop and it's so great that we are able to continue to provide these extra-curricular activities at this time.

The children have also been busy crafting this week, making some beautiful Christmas stars in aid of Stratford upon Avon's Escape Arts Debenhams challenge. You will remember the beautiful poppy display that we contributed to in November - because of the success of this and the amazing impact the Remembrance poppies had on the town, the children have been invited to take part in a 'Superstars of Hope' exhibition. The children have each created two stars and have dedicated their stars to their Christmas heroes. Look out for this when you are next in Stratford town centre.

Our community efforts haven't stopped there - we have been very excited to take part in another of the Mayor's competitions. This time, the Mayor has invited all the primary schools in Stratford-upon-Avon to take part and the children have been busy writing their very own Mr Mayor stories based on a day in the life of Tony Jackson. The entries have been really super and Mrs Humphriss and myself are whittling down the entries before sending them to the Mayor to make his final decision! Watch this space!

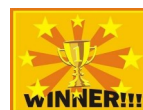
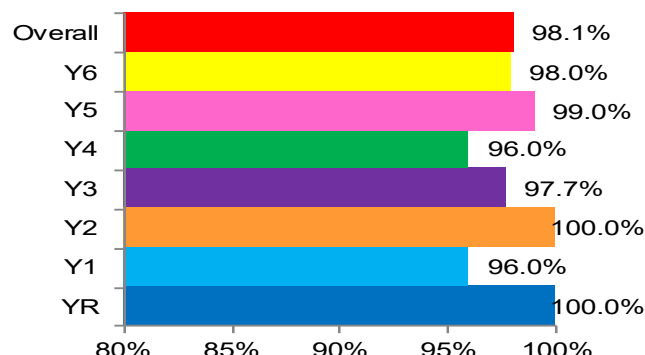
And so, that leaves us with just ten school days left before the Christmas holidays and lots to fit in. This is my favourite time of the year and it really is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Have a lovely weekend.

'Be sure when you step, you step with care and great tact, and remember that life's a great balancing act!' Dr Seuss

Mrs Withers

Weekly Attendance by Class



The winner's this week are Reception with 100%
Well Done!

House Points (this week)

ARDEN	112	HATHAWAY	56
HALL	81	SHAKESPEARE	99

FOSP Christmas Dream Draw

Santa and The FOSP Committee have been searching down the back of their sofas to boost the Christmas Prize Pot. So the draw on the 14th December could enhance your Christmas fun pot to the tune of...

1st Prize £50
2nd Prize £25
3rd Prize £10

£1 per entry, 50p from every entry goes to support the school. Please message Denise on 07711 768087 or email fospschool@gmail.com on how to enter in a suitably socially distanced way!

Thank you!
FOSP

Year 3 - Heart of England

Year 3 had a fantastic time this week visiting the Heart of England Forest. We learnt all about where food comes from and the role seed dispersal has in providing food for us and animals in the forest.

We also learnt about the importance of pollinators and how they contribute to this process, the importance of plants for life and growth and how each plant varies through lots of interactive games in the forest.

One of the most enjoyable activities was pretending to be 'squirrels', hiding and finding acorns in the wood. This proved to be more challenging than anticipated!

The day was finished off with den making and roasting marshmallows around the fire!



Year 4 - Heart of England

Year 4 have had a fantastic day at the Heart of England Forest. Our theme was Vikings as that was our topic last term. It was amazing what we remembered! We worked as a team to build a life-sized Viking long boat. It was 25m long and 5 metres wide! We also made mini long boats that we burnt on the fire and imagined Bjorn's spirit going up to Valhalla (father of Gunnar). The sun shone all day and we had a fantastic time!



Safeguarding



Online resources for parents & carers

Childnet has a dedicated area to support parents and carers with information on key online safety topics, advice and activities to share with your child. www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

1. Key advice from us

Net Aware
Checklist of websites for children and young people. Includes advice on popular games, apps and social media.
www.net-aware.org.uk

2. Reviews and tools

Common Sense
Expert reviews, advice and age appropriate recommendations on games, apps, films and more.
www.commonsense.org

3. Get help and support

NSPCC
Free expert advice for parents and carers on keeping children safe online.
www.nspcc.org.uk

4. Get specific advice

Childline
Free confidential advice and support for children and young people.
www.childline.org.uk

5. Make a report

Report Harmful Content
Report harmful content online. Includes advice on how to report harmful content and how to stay safe online.
www.report-harmful-content.org

6. Get specific advice

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Free confidential advice and support for children and young people.
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Elf Day

We dressed as elves to raise money in aid of Alzheimer's.



Shakespeare Lions



SANTA IS COMING TO STRATFORD!!

As Shakespeare Lions we were thrilled to be asked by Santa to help him again this year when he hopes to visit Stratford. We know he is always very busy so it will be great to see him in December if he can make it. He is hoping to tour our streets and wave to as many of his fans as possible, as well as sitting himself at a few different locations at weekends.

Saturday 8 th December	Sited at Morrisons	10AM - 4PM
Thursday 10 th December	Stratford, Leisley Road	5PM - 7PM
Friday 11 th December	Trinity Mead/Bridgetown	5PM - 7PM
Saturday 12 th December	Street at Maccles	10AM - 4PM
Monday 14 th December	Clapham/Widdow	5PM - 7PM
Tuesday 15 th December	Maxxas Rd/West Green Dr	5PM - 7PM
Wednesday 16 th December	Birmingham Road	5PM - 7PM
Thursday 17 th December	Evansham Road/The Willows	5PM - 7PM
Sunday 20 th December	Stratford market	10PM - 4PM

Fuller details about routes and dates can be found on our website:
www.shakespearelions.com

This year Santa is very conscious of the need to keep himself, his elves and his fans as safe as possible. [So](#) he has asked us to make a number of changes. He is hoping to travel round the streets on his sleigh which is currently getting a makeover. We are all excited to see it as it is sure you are too! This year you will be able to track his progress online as he drives the streets. [So](#) you can be sure to look out of the window at just the right time! Given how busy he is, Santa won't be stopping on the routes this time and would ask that any fans stay 2 metres away from the sleigh and in groups of no more than six. There will be no sweets handed out this year and his elves will not be knocking on doors to collect donations. There will however be an elf on hand with a collection bucket if anyone wants to fill in coins, change or notes. An alternative of donating online is highlighted on our website. As usual, any monies raised will be used to support groups and individuals in our local area. Note, that whilst we are as keen as you to see Santa, he will be paying attention to government guidelines which could mean that his plans are subject to change. [So](#) keep a close eye on our website for further updates!

Shakespeare Lions is part of Lions International, a service organisation that operates worldwide with over 1.4 million members. Lions take action to make a difference, in our local areas and around the world, bringing kindness and hope where it's needed most.

Shakespeare Lions have been working in Stratford for over fifty years. They focus on delivering services in the local area in various ways including training in use of defibrillators, giving bingo sessions at local care homes and [helping Santa tour Stratford](#). They also carry out fundraising activities to raise money to support groups and individuals in Stratford. If you would like to contribute towards our work, please visit our website at www.shakespearelions.com