

# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Tickets are still available to buy for the Year 5 & 6 play from the school office

**Letters issued this week:** All Years - Newsletter

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cake Sale in aid of Dogs for Good 3.30pm Athletics Event at Bridgetown 4.00pm	Year 5 Enterprise Day at Stratford School Year 2 & 3 Mindfulness Session Year 4 Swimming Lesson Football Club 3.30-4.45pm FOSP Meeting Salmon Tail 8pm	Playtime in the Paddock Textiles Club 3.30-4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30-4.30pm Science Club 3.30pm-4.30pm Tennis Club 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 5 & 6 Play 7pm	Athletics Event at Stratford School 9.30am Rock Steady Music Academy Art Club KS1 3.30-4.30pm Art Club KS2 3.30-4.30pm Year 5 & 6 Play 7pm	Rock Steady Music Academy Sports Day 1.30pm

## News from the Headteacher

Today is the first day of summer and the longest day. Happy Summer Solstice.

Year Five visited Stratford High last Friday to be Career Detectives. They met many different people and learnt about careers they could aim for. They learnt what they might need in order to pursue that career in the future; academic levels and skills. Year Five had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the afternoon.

We welcomed our new Reception children this week for their 'Stay and Play' sessions. The children explored our EYFS unit, met each other, played with their parents and got to know Miss Gill. They listened to stories and also learnt more about Miss Gill's expectations. When the triangle tings everyone stops. We are all looking forward to the children being part of our school in September.

As you know teachers never stop learning and this week Mrs Ingate and Miss O'Connell joined a session on cross-curricular writing in Science. They came back buzzing and have lots of ideas on how we can promote Science, share resources and really develop children's writing. Miss White and Miss Gill have been on a mathematics mastery course. They are preparing for introducing maths mastery in Reception and Year One in September. We really want children to be inspired by maths, build resilience when problem solving and deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts. They are learning how to teach connections between mathematical ideas. I have also been out and about learning and attending a conference on 'Exploring the notion of Outstanding.' What does that look like? What are the ingredients needed for something to be outstanding? Try it, think about a time in your life when something was outstanding, which words come to mind to describe that experience?

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Homework survey. We had 80 responses, which is fantastic. We will be putting the results of the survey on our website. Meanwhile the homework working party have met for the first time and it was an extremely positive meeting. We are all very excited about planning homework which not only develops pupil understanding but creates a great relationship with pupils and parents. Our first meeting focussed on the results of the survey and then brainstorming ideas. What did come out quite strongly in our survey was that everyone agrees reading is extremely important and research definitely shows that it is the most powerful way to learn and gather information. The children also completed a survey and we are in the process of collating those results.

Next week is Sports Day and we would like the children to come in a T-shirt that matches their house colour. If you don't know your child's house please see the office. You too can dress to match and support your child's house. It should be a great afternoon. Bring a rug and get comfortable and cheer on everyone.

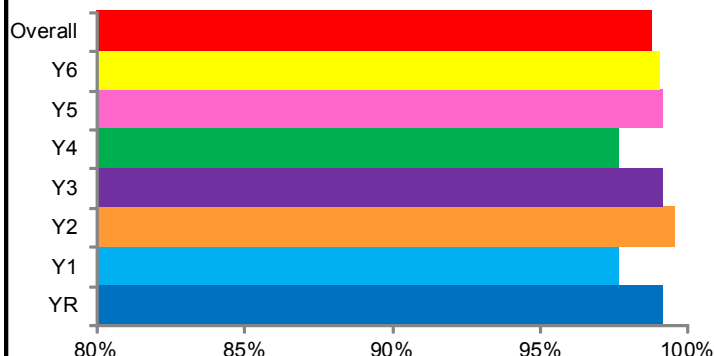
Thank you to those who have given bedding plants to enhance our school garden. We are really grateful. Please buy a pack of petunias, begonia, busy lizzies anything that will add colour. We are entering Stratford in Bloom again and our garden is taking shape but now needs that pop of colour. We also have another area which we are developing as a beach garden. If you have old buckets and spades, shells, grasses, stones we would welcome them.

Thank you to Miss Lewis who completes her teacher training with us today, congratulations on becoming a teacher. Year 2 have enjoyed their time with her and everyone at Stratford Primary wishes you all the best for the future.

"Let us dance in the sun, wearing wild flowers in our hair..." Susan Polis Schutz

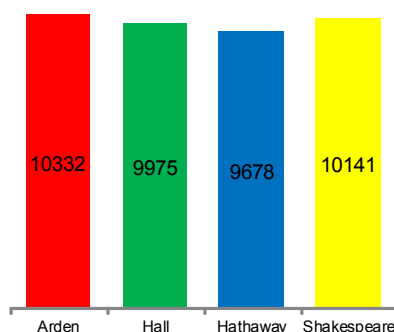
Mrs Humphriss - Headteacher

## Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 2, Well Done!

## House Points - Year to date



Congratulations  
**Hathaway**

you are this week's  
House Cup winners



## Normal Entrance Reopens

The normal entrance to and from the playground is reopening on Monday 25th June. Please do not use the car park to enter or exit the school playground from this date, the children are aware of this.

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst the painting work has been undertaken.

## Old Apple Chargers

Do any parents or carers have any old Apple chargers that they would like to donate? If you do then please could you hand them into the school office.

## Road Safety Year 3



On Wednesday 20th June Year 3 took part in a special road safety assembly. The class learnt the importance of crossing the road safely and rules that keep us safe such as stop look and listen. The session was great fun and incorporated lots of interaction and class games.

## Sports Day Friday 29th June 1.30pm Paddock

Please could you ensure that your child has the following items on the day:

*PE kit (school uniform shorts / house coloured t-shirt / trainers)  
A sun hat  
Individual water bottle (for the drinks break)*

Please note only year 6 pupils are allowed to bring their bicycles for the "Slow Bicycle Race".

There will be a designated area for parents to watch the races, unfortunately we cannot provide chairs but feel free to bring your own and/or picnic rugs.

The children will remain with their classes throughout the afternoon and will walk back to school with their class teacher. The children can then be collected from school in the usual way.

If the weather is not favourable, a decision to cancel will be made by midday and parents are asked to check the school website, email and texts, rather than phone school.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you on the day.

## Year 5 Career Detective Experience

On Friday 15th June, Year 5 had the privilege to go to a 'Career Detectives' Experience at Stratford-upon-Avon School, where we met a multitude of professionals from a variety of occupations. The children were split into pairs and then sat on tables with pairs from other local schools. The children then discussed and talked with the professionals about their respective jobs and how the key skills of maths, communication, time-keeping and organisation were so important to them. It was a brilliant afternoon and opened the eyes of the children in order to reduce the gender bias surrounding job roles. There were many different representations such as female police officers and engineers, as well as male nurses and more.

## FOSP Meeting

The next FOSP meeting will be on Tuesday June 26th at the Salmon Tail at 8pm, everyone welcome.



## How to Teach Emotion Management to Kids

Two of the most important skills we can teach children are how to identify their feelings and how to self-soothe when they are experiencing a strong emotion. These skills take time and practice to develop. Positive self-talk and deep breathing are two emotion-management tactics commonly used and practiced with children. Teaching self-talk encourages kids to talk to themselves in a quiet voice or inside their heads. Some examples are: "I need to take three breaths," "I can do this if I practice more," "I'm not going to let her get to me," "That was probably an accident," or "My Mum still loves me, even when I mess up."

Deep breathing is an effective way to connect the body and the mind in order to move from a fight-or-flight response to problem-solving. The "Flower Breath" is a simple breathing method kids can use. Ask your children to imagine smelling a beautiful flower, breathing in through the nose and breathing out through the mouth, and releasing any stress, strain, or emotion they might be feeling as they exhale.

## This Week in Year 2



It's been a lot of fun in Year 2 this week! On Monday we were busy in our garden with the help of Mrs Dale (Hannah's mum) planting tomatoes and marigolds. We enjoyed getting our hands all muddy and learning how to pot a plant correctly. We know we need to make sure we remember to water them daily! A big thank you to Mrs Dale for coming in to help.

On Wednesday it was our Lighthouse Keeper Lunch! Our morning was spent tasting different sandwich fillings and then deciding what scrumptious sandwich we were going to make. We then headed over the paddock to enjoy our picnic, lucky for us there were no pesky seagulls trying to steal our lunch like they did for poor Mr Grinling! A big thank you to Mrs Blackwall (Poppy and Molly's Mum) for coming into help too.

## Maths Challenge for Parents

The answer to the previous challenge was 4.

This week, find the value of each shape.

			55
			33
			65
			59
74	48	90	

Please email your answers to [admin2042@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2042@welearn365.com)